

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

March 18, 2018

Gathering Music

Cherish the Cross

Choir

Welcome and Announcements

David Mueller

Call to Worship

L: I see you, familiar faces, visitors, and guests. What brings you here?

P: **We want to see Jesus.**

L: I see you, all who are here for the first time, and all who have returned. What brings you here?

P: **We want to see Jesus.**

L: I see you and know that each one of you has been invited by God to this house of worship. Thank you for coming. Open your eyes and your hearts, for together we are here with Jesus. Praise the Lord.

P: **Together we will worship God.**

Centering Music

Breathe on me Breath of God

Choir

Praise Music

**O God, Who Gives us Life – HWB #483*

Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross – HWB #617

Open the Eyes of my Heart – Projected

Children's Story

Steve Wilcox

Offering and Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Bethel College

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Theme Song

From the Inside Out - Projected

Scripture Reading

John 12: 20-33 & Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (pgs. 1671 & 1227)

Message

Following the Plan

Pastor Steve

*Closing Song

I Sought the Lord – HWB #506

*Benediction

*Postlude

Blessed be the Lord - Paxton

Kent Dick

*Asterisk indicates to stand as you are able.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor Information Card from the pew pocket and place in the offering plate.

CALENDAR

March 18	2:30 pm	KMMC practice at Hesston Mennonite
March 20	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
March 21	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Praise Team
March 25	2:30 pm	KMMC practice at Hesston Mennonite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for Supper Clubs. If you are interested in participating or hosting, please sign up before April 1. Once groups are assigned, the hosts will communicate with their groups and set up a date and time for their group to get together. Participants are encouraged to help with sides and desserts for the meal.

Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers following Phil's dad's passing. Thank you also to Pastor Steve for his caring help. We appreciate it. Sincerely, Phil & Linda Aylward

A Child Protection Workshop is being offered at the MCC Center on March 22. It is "Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children". Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Neighbors Easter Box flyers were put in your church mailbox last week. The deadline for donations is March 21.

Refresh and Renew! Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat invites retirees and interested persons of all ages to join us April 23-25 for several days of renewal. Speakers will share about Vietnam, teen prison ministry, storm chasing and so much more! Coffee breaks will give you a chance to discuss further and enjoy a good chat. Contact Camp Mennoscah for a brochure or find it online at campmennoscah.org! We'll see you there for an amazingly good time.

You are more than just a carrot cutter and cookie maker! Camp Mennoscah is looking for those amazing people who can peel potatoes without losing a finger and who love being around youth and other fun people for our summer youth camps. No culinary certificate needed, just the ability to follow directions, a smile, and mental flexibility. Kitchen helpers can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290)! It's a new kitchen!

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WELCOMERS TODAY	Dale & Janet Ortman
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick
NURSERY TODAY	Sara Smoker & Debbie Nightingale
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	89
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget (designated)	\$4,892.00
MC USA	30.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Neighbors Store
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Bill & Anna Lee Ewert
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Shaun Ortman & Lauren Mueller

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Bethel College: March 25 – Closing reception for “The Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West” at Kauffman Museum, 1:30-5 p.m. (extended museum hours). Admission is free; come before or after the 3 p.m. program in Krehbiel Auditorium to see the exhibit and enjoy a Cowboy Cookie (former First Lady Laura Bush’s recipe!). **March 25** – “Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum” program with Jim Hoy, professor of English, Emporia State University, 3 p.m., “Kansas Legends and Folktales,” Krehbiel Auditorium.

This year’s Masterworks at Bethel College will be Mozart’s *Requiem*, Sun., May 6. The chorus is open to any interested singers, with rehearsals taking place in the two weeks before the concert. Contact Dr. William Eash, 316-284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu, for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

The final concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring *Smooth Hound Smith*, will be on Sunday, March 25th at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

On Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will complete its 2018 Winter Lecture Series with Curtis Schmidt speaking about “Bats of Kansas”. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6 p.m. in the Visitor’s Center. The cost of the lecture is \$5 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$10. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by 5 p.m. on Friday before the Tuesday lecture for supper reservations.

Lunch & Learn at MCC with Joanna Shenk! Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, Kansas to hear Joanna share about her new book, “The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK.” Lunch will be provided by Mojo’s Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by April 3.* For the first time, we’re offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit mcc.org/lunch-learn for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316.283.2720 or patsydirksen@mcc.org.

Voluntary Service Opportunity: The practice of hospitality to those who come to us as strangers and leave as friends is at the basis of our faith as Mennonites and Anabaptists. Volunteers at the International Guest House in Washington, DC, live this teaching of Jesus in their daily interactions with guests from all over the world. The work consists of keeping the household running (cleaning, baking, maintenance, and responding to needs of our guests). The breakfast and evening tea are particularly rewarding times for sharing in relaxed and informal ways. We have current need for short term volunteers beginning this summer who might serve at least two months. (Training requires at least two weeks). Free room and board and two days off per week to explore the city or surrounding areas. This 50 year-old ministry is under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. For information or an application, contact Sara at volunteer@igh-dc.com.

Looking for short-term housing in Kansas City for a weekend retreat? Rainbow Mennonite Church has developed a Rainbow Guest House that can be used for individuals or small groups. The house is located one block from Rainbow Mennonite Church in what used to be the Kansas City MVS house. During this past year the house has been transformed into a hybrid house that includes 2 full-time house managers and residents with private rooms available for short-term guests. Please visit [Rainbow Guest House - Rainbow Mennonite Church](#) for more information or to inquire about reservations.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Vacation Bible School: Please be in prayer for how you can help during VBS. Dates are May 29 – June 1.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC youth and their mentors, sponsors, teachers and pastors, as they seek to be disciples of Jesus in a complex and changing world.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.