

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

March 24, 2019

Gathering Music Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements Lynda Schroeder

Centering Music

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to the fabulous feast that God has prepared!

P: We come hungry, thirsty, and searching for God.

L: God is near, full of power and glory.

P: We are here to be fed by God's word.

L: Lift up your hands in praise!

P: We will sing with joy on our lips.

L: Bless God, who upholds us with God's strength.

P: We will bless God as long as we live!

*Praise Songs

Great is Thy Faithfulness – HWB #327

Step by Step – Projected

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) – Projected

Offering and Offertory Neighbors Store

Children's Story Lynda Schroeder

Praise Song

Beautiful Things - Projected

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Steve

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8 (pgs. 1619; 899)

Message Pastor Steve

The Gift of Time

*Closing Song

From the Inside Out - Projected

***Benediction** Pastor Steve

***Postlude** Cindy Siemens

*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 24	2:30 pm	KMCC Practice
March 25	6:00 pm	Mission & Nurture Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council
March 27	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir
March 28	9:30 am	Mom's Group
March 30	9:00 am	Church Clean-up Day
March 31	2:30 pm	KMMC Practice
	5-7 pm	Foster Family Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: The deadline for the April newsletter is Monday, March 25. Thanks!

A Church Spring Cleaning Day will be held on Saturday, March 30 beginning at 9 am. The Stewardship Ministry invites everyone to participate to clean up the church building. See James Nightingale if you have questions.

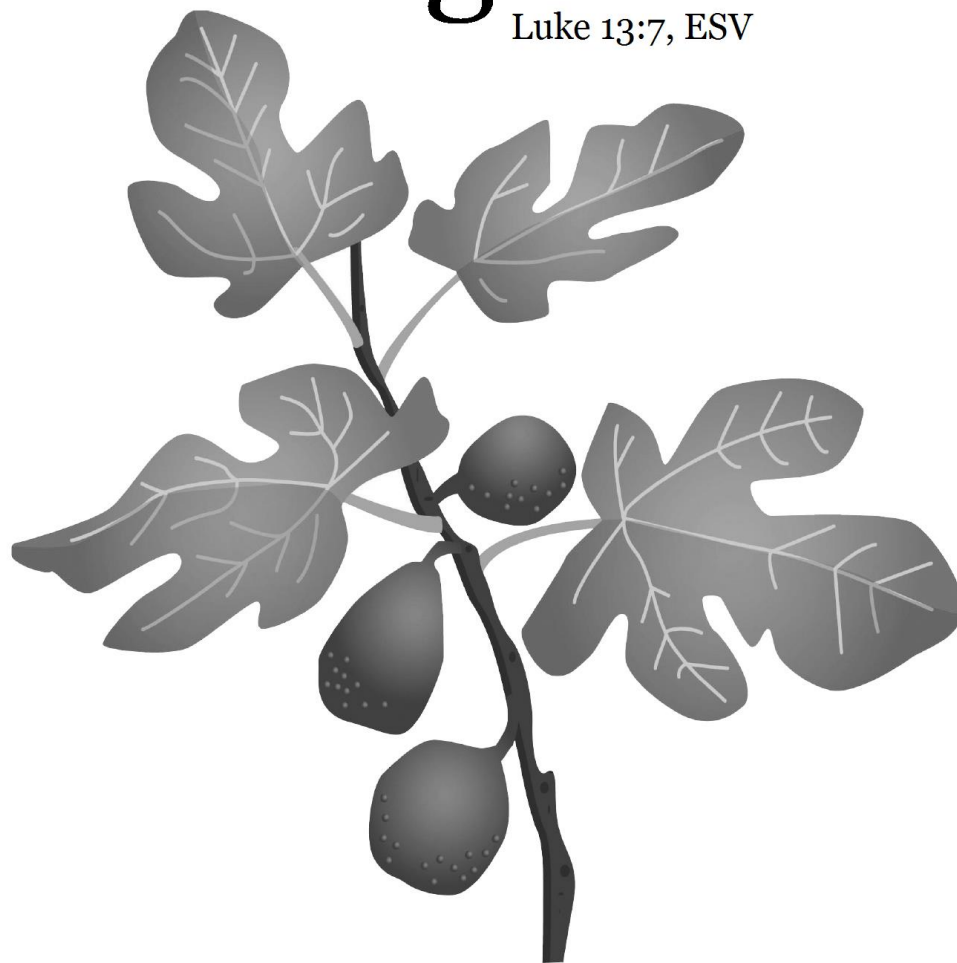
A sign-up sheet has been posted for anyone interested in purchasing a First Mennonite T-shirt or sweatshirt. Please sign up by March 24. Pricing may be a little different than listed on the sheet. See Kaitlen if you have any questions.

On March 31st, the Hospitality Ministry is planning a Foster Family Night from 5-7 pm. We will serve spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. After supper, we would like to give the parents a chance to fellowship while the children enjoy several activities downstairs. If you can help with food prep, clean up, or childcare, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Everence will hold informative Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton and Hutchinson. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The North Newton presentation will be held at 3179 N. Main St. on Tuesday, April 2 (6:30 p.m.). The Hutchinson presentation will be held at 524 E. 30th Ave. on Thursday, April 11 (6:30 p.m.). Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary (but a fun-loving heart helps). Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! (PS--The kitchen is now air-conditioned.)

"I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree..."
 Luke 13:7, ESV



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WELCOMERS TODAY

Phil & Linda Aylward

ORGANIST/PIANIST

Cindy Siemens

NURSERY TODAY

Jason Smoker & Brocia Mueller

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

118

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Bethel College (Designated) \$1,433.00

Church Budget 1,270.00

Sound System 450.00

My Coins Count 3/10/19 82.95

My Coins Count 3/17/19 84.38

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

MC USA

WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY

Joyce Franz

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Leah Kawanguzi & Casey Jacob

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Bethel College: March 24 – Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. **Currently in the Regier Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center – “Dichotomies II: Images of Fantasy and Reality,” photography and photo abstraction by John Ellert. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 2-4 p.m. Sundays. Artist reception Thurs., March 28, 6-8 p.m. at the gallery. **March 29** – Bethel College Organ Recital Series: Donna Hetrick, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. This DMA recital features works by Praetorius, Soler, J.S. Bach, Howells, Messiaen and Robert Schumann. **April 1** – Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I & II, 6 p.m., Mojo’s Coffee Bar in Schultz Student Center.

Nancy Sprowell Geise, author of the biography, *Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story*, will share about the Holocaust survivor's story and her relationship with him, at Hesston College on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception and chance to meet the author will follow the presentation.

MCC Lunch & Learn on April 2, 12 pm – 1 pm at MCC in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA’s a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Join us to learn more! Lunch will be provided, by donation, please RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

Men and Boys Retreat is April 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. It is a retreat for all ages of men and boys. Brad Roth will be our speaker for the weekend. There is no pre-registration, but lodging is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Saturday supper is the first meal provided. Questions? Contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.

All interested singers are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks presentation of Faure’s Requiem, Sun., May 5. Rehearsals begin Monday, April 22. For more information, contact William Eash, 316-284-5316, weash@bethelks.edu

Pine Village will host its 15th Annual Anchors Banquet on Friday, April 5th at 6 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Tickets are \$100 and on sale now. All proceeds go toward growing the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation; the Anchors Banquet is the single fundraiser for the Foundation. Featured entertainment will be one you won't want to miss as both the men's and women's choirs from Bethel College - Open Road & Woven – will be co-entertaining us. Dinner will be a plated meal catered by Keith's Catering and service will be conducted by the Moundridge High School FFA and FCCLA students. Tickets can be purchased through Pine Village by calling 620.345.2901 or stopping by Pine Village at 86 22nd Ave., Moundridge.

Explore the global issue of fast fashion by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at MCC in North Newton on April 9 at 7 p.m. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents *The Ruth Moody Band* at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 9, at Bethel College's Memorial Hall. Moody is member of The Wailin' Jennys. Purchase tickets at hesstonbethel.org. In addition to the concert, Moody and singer-songwriter, Anthony da Costa will offer a song-writing and arranging workshop on Wednesday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Memorial Hall. Seating is limited for the workshop, so if you would like to attend, please email holly.swartzendruber@hesston.edu by April 1. If you have an original song you would like to perform at the workshop, please include a video file or link to the song to be considered.

Retirees Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24! We can't wait to see retirees of all ages for a time of renewal with sessions on everything from trips to Central America and Ukraine to Reader's Theater and a steel drum concert. There is time to take a break or go for a walk or have coffee and conversation. Singing and Bible studies included! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Bring friends!

Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah coming soon! Our first Work & Play Day of the year is April 27. We'll start work projects at 8:30 am and end at 2:30 pm, just in time for you to spend the rest of the afternoon playing. A simple lunch will be served. Please register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- We give praise for the successful surgeries Jeff Ewert had this week, while we continue to pray for a full recovery to health. Pray also for the family that surrounds him may they find peace and strength during this time.
- Continue praying for Allen and Karolyn Unruh as they adjust to Karolyn's declining health due to cancer. Pray that God will be near them giving peace and strength and that they will be surrounded by those who love and care for them.
- Western District Conference: Pray for students and tutors in WDC congregations participating in IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano), grassroots theological education programs sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.