

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

March 31, 2019

Through the Wilderness (A Lenten Journey)

Gathering Music	Kent Dick
<i>The Old Rugged Cross - Wilson</i>	
Welcome and Announcements	Chuck Haspels
Birthday Offering	
Centering Music	Kent Dick
<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Bradford</i>	
Sharing and Prayer	
Offering and Offertory	MC USA
<i>Ah, Holy Jesus – Brahms</i>	
Children's Time	Pastor Steve

Wilderness – Hungering, Thirsting, Wandering

Reading

Song: HWB #582 - *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Reading

Special Music: *Worn*

Reading

Song: STJ #49 - *Rain Down*

Finding Grace – Coming to Jesus

Reading

Special Music: *It is Well*

Reading

Song: *Here at Your Feet (Projected)*

Reading

Song: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior (Projected)*

Made New – Becoming a New Creation in Christ

Membership Transfer: Lauren Mueller

Reading

Song: *Beautiful Things (Projected)*

Reading

Sending Song: STJ #61 - *How can we be Silent*

Benediction

*Postlude

Kent Dick

Behold the King - Paxton

*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 31	2:30 pm	KMMC Practice
	5-7 pm	Foster Family Night
April 2	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast (at D'Angelos)
April 3	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Praise Team
April 7	3:30 pm	KMMC Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	KMMC Concert at Tabor College

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hospitality Ministry is planning a Foster Family Night from 5-7 pm TONIGHT. 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.

The Halstead Community Blood Drive will be Monday, April 8 from 12:30 to 6:30 pm at the Catholic Parish Hall, 414 Locust. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Halstead to make your appointment.

Thank you for your kind words, prayers and cards at the passing of my mother. They were appreciated very much. - Sara Dick

There will be a Pampered Chef fundraiser for our Care Closet on Facebook April 1-15. Contact Lynda Schroeder if you want a book. More details will be available later.

Camp Scholarships for Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp are available for children in our congregation and a friend. Mission Ministry will reimburse ½ of the registration. Turn in receipts to treasure Larry Regier and he will reimburse ½ of the amount. For more information on the camps, go to www.campmennoscah.org and <https://rmmc.org/>

Please join in the fun, fellowship, and worship as our church joins with the Bethel College Mennonite Church on May 4th and 5th at Camp Mennoscah for a retreat weekend. Arrive any time after 1:00 pm on Saturday and enjoy canoeing, fishing, disc golf, etc. during the afternoon. Saturday evening includes supper, hayrack ride, snacks and a campfire service. Enjoy breakfast on Sunday morning followed by a hymn sing, worship service, and lunch. Information, including the more detailed schedule, is on the bulletin board in the hallway and registration forms are located on the table in the foyer. Please talk with Gregg Dick if you have further questions.

PASTOR: Steve Wilcox

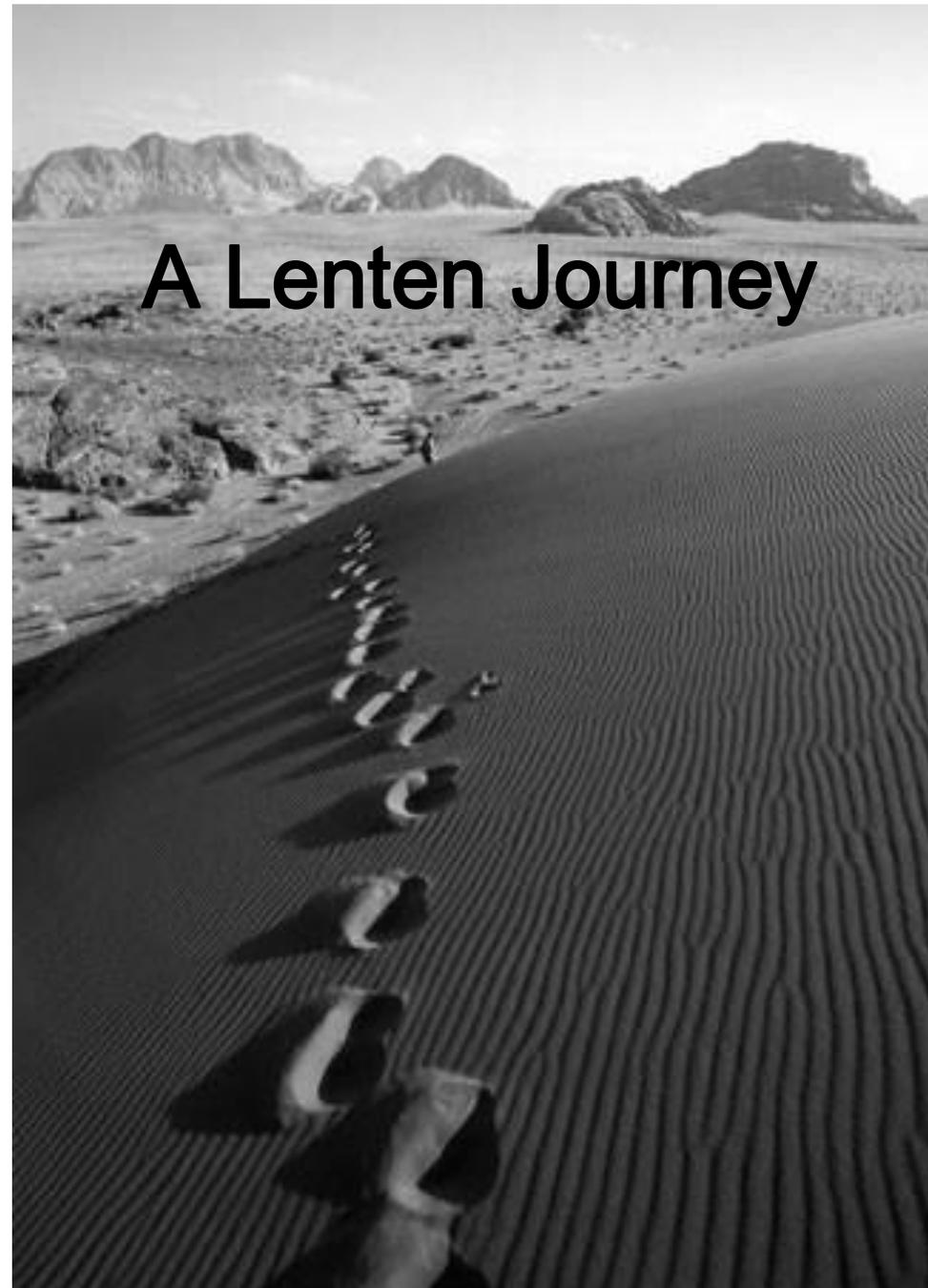
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WELCOMERS TODAY	Joyce Franz
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick
NURSERY TODAY	Leah Kawanguzi & Casey Jacob
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	120
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Neighbors (Designated)	\$2,669.54
Sound System	450.00
Church Budget	195.00
Bethel College	95.00
Wednesday Supper	20.00
My Coins Count	85.18
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Church Budget
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Dale & Janet Ortman
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Leah Kawanguzi & Casey Jacob



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.

Bethel College: April 1 – Bethel College Jazz at Mojo's has been cancelled. **April 6** – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Meet at 7 a.m. in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep. **April 7** – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum: "Down to the Countryside: Perspectives on the Chinese Cultural Revolution," a panel of Zhuojin Jiang, Jim Goering and Esther Kreider Eash, moderated by Raylene Hinz-Penner, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum (in connection with the special exhibit "Campaign for a New China"). **April 7** – Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.

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.

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.

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.

Western District Conference encourages your regular financial support for your congregation and for WDC as we share together in God's work in 2019. In his book *A spirituality of fundraising*, Henri Nouwen writes "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about...The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough... Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine." Contributions to WDC may be made online at <http://mennowdc.org> or sent to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

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!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Please keep Rosetta Auernheimer in your prayers as she was taken to Moundridge hospital this morning with a low hemoglobin count. They are doing tests at this point to try and find out what is wrong. Prayers for healing, comfort, and a diagnosis are welcomed.
- 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 WDC members attending adaptive leadership training at Kansas Leadership Center (Wichita, KS) in 2019, as they apply this learning to a variety of different ministry contexts and leadership challenges.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania; are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God's love to flow through them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget balance @ 01/01/19	12,413.10
January Receipts	7,966.70
January Expenses	<u>(10,386.01)</u>
Budget balance @ 01/31/19	9,993.79
February Receipts	10,102.67
February Expenses	<u>(10,277.15)</u>
Budget balance @ 02/28/19	9,819.31

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The Kansas Relief Sale will be held April 12-13 at the Hutchinson Fairgrounds. Sign-up sheets and baking items are located in the hallway. Please talk with Jim & Lois Loflin or Alan & Marilyn Mueller if you have questions.

The Halstead Interfaith Council will donate funds to the Halstead Bentley School District for school supplies for families who qualify by income level. In our schools, 42% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunches. We may contribute to this project starting now, until the end of April. If you wish to contribute, please write your check to First Mennonite Church and indicate in the memo line, Interfaith School Supplies. Thank you for supporting our students and families!

SWAP volunteers urgently needed: MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for volunteer groups and individuals. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Individuals or groups, including families, adults or youth can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

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.)