

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

April 7, 2019

Gathering Music Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements Denice Klassen

Centering Music

Call to Worship

L: The one who parted the waters to save Israel will set our feet on dry land.

P: **We will walk forward in faith.**

L: The one who restored the fortunes of Zion will fill our mouths with laughter.

P: **We will dream of life renewed.**

L: The one who raised Jesus from the dead will do a new thing in our lives.

P: **We will rest in the peace of Christ.**

All: Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.

***Praise Songs**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – HWB #259

Beneath the Cross of Jesus – HWB #250

Worthy is the Lamb - Projected

Offering and Offertory Church Budget

Children's Time

Praise Song

Change my Heart Oh God - Projected

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

John 11:55-12:8 (pg. 1670)

Message

Pastor Steve

Knowing Jesus Changes Everything

***Closing Song**

Beautiful Things - Projected

***Benediction**

***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

April 7	3:30 pm	KMMC Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	KMMC Concert at Tabor College
April 8	9:30 am	Women's Mission Society
April 10	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Practice
	8:00 pm	Choir
April 11	9:30 am	Mom's Group
April 12-13		MCC Relief Sale
April 14	12:00 pm	Carry-In and Ministry Showcase
	3:30 pm	KMMC Practice
	7:00 pm	KMMC Concert at Bethel College

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

A carry-in meal and Ministry Showcase is planned for next Sunday, April 14 following worship. Please bring a dish or two to share for the meal. No desserts are needed! The Ministries of the church will have tables set up with information about each ministry and DESSERT at each table! Please plan to stay for the fellowship lunch and also to learn more about our church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate!

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

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/>

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WELCOMERS TODAY

ORGANIST/PIANIST

NURSERY TODAY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

MC USA (Designated)	\$1,098.00
Church Budget	535.00
Rejoice Subscriptions	66.40
Sound System	300.00
Wednesday Supper	45.00
My Coins Count	67.57

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Dale & Janet Ortman

Cindy Siemens

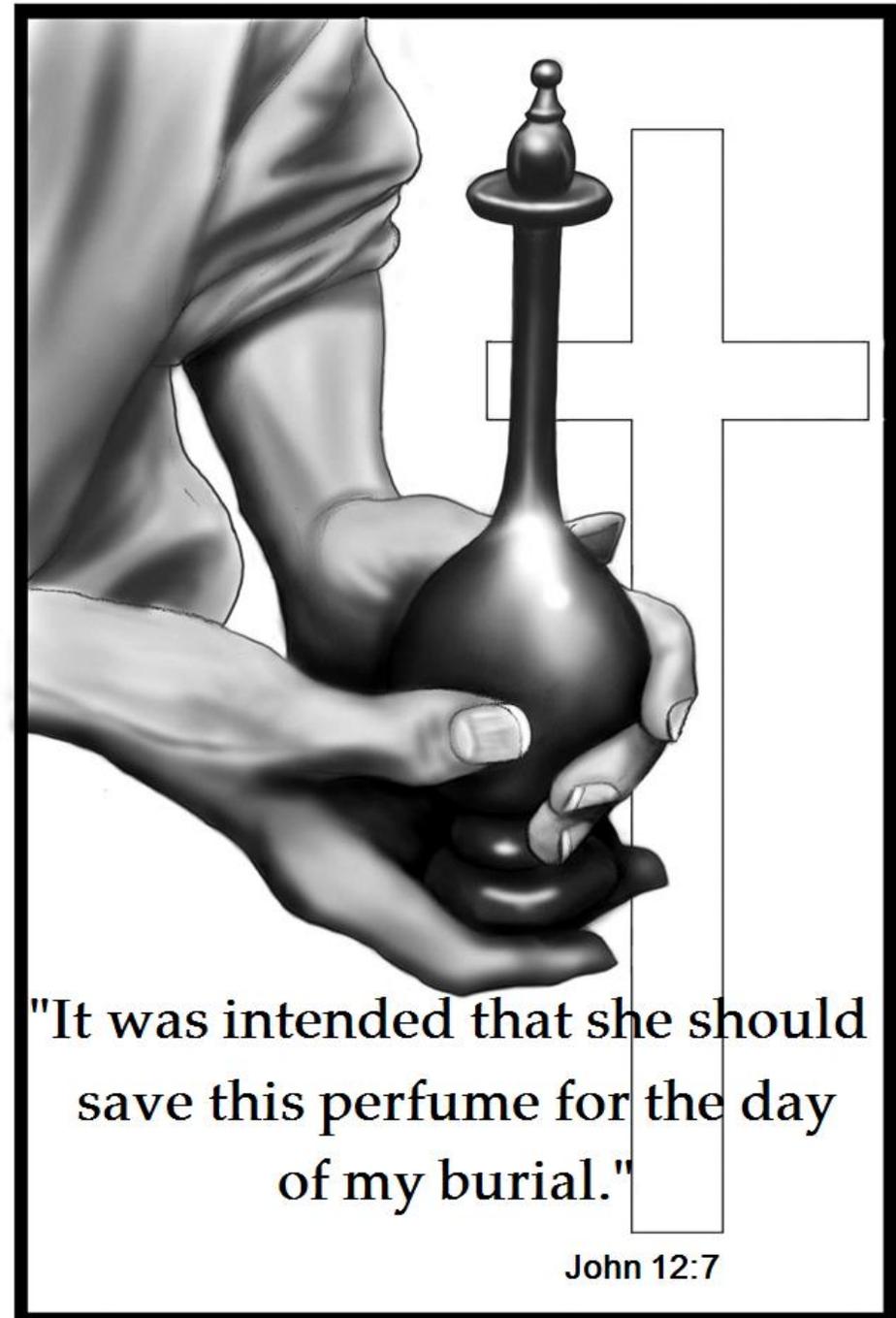
Shaun Ortman & Debbie Nightingale

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Western District Conference

Dale & Dorothy Dick

Lynda Schroeder & Melanie Haspels



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Evelyn Regier in prayer as she has been placed in Hospice with declining health. May God fill her with strength and health, surrounding her with the love of family and friends.
- Karolyn Unruh continues to struggle with lung cancer and her condition is becoming worse. Keep her and Alan in your prayers as they walk this difficult road. May God's peace, comfort, and strength be on them.
- Rosetta Auernheimer has been diagnosed with colon cancer and had a mild heart attack last week. Please pray for her and her family as they make decisions going forward. Pray also for her health and strength at this time.
- Continue your prayers for Cleo & Faye Koop as decisions are being made for Faye's care.
- Keep Juanita and Francisco Machado in your prayers as Juanita has developing kidney failure. They have served in Spain as church planters with Mennonite Mission Network and will need to end their term in the near future. Our congregation has supported Machado's in recent years.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors and church members gathering at Camp Mennoscah this week for a retreat on "Who Cares About Climate Change? Pastoral Responses to Denial and Despair."
- Mennonite Mission Network: Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network have been working with the Mennonite churches in the area around Iquitos, Peru. Recently, their request for visa renewal was denied. Pray for God's comfort and guidance as they discern next steps.

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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.

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.

KAY Community Service Day is coming up on Wednesday, April 17 and Halstead School students would be happy to help in any way if anyone would be in need- yard work, cleaning, just visiting or playing games, etc. They will plan to send about 5-6 kids to work from 9:00 AM- till whenever they finish or could adjust the time to later if that would work better. Please contact Claire Clifford at - cclifford@usd440.com if you are interested.

Churches in Harvey County are invited to join together for an evening of hope! The Heart and Hope of Foster Care will be held at Hesston Mennonite on Sunday, April 28th from 5:30-7:30 pm. A panel of speakers (hopefully some of our own!) will share stories about how they support and encourage foster care in various ways. Supper and childcare provided. This event is open to all. Please register at: www.eventbrite.com, and search "The Heart and Hope of Foster Care" for Hesston, or find the link on our facebook page.

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!

The public is invited to the dedication of “The Protector” sculpture at the Halstead Heritage Depot and Museum, 116 East First Street, TODAY at 2pm. The spring opening of the museum will happen as well from 2-5 pm. The new exhibit is outstanding models of Santa Fe engines and rolling stock. Refreshments served.

Bethel College: 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. **April 13** – Elijah Brockway senior string bass recital, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel. **April 14** – The KIPCOR Film Series presents This Little Light, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **April 14** – Bethel College Men’s Ensemble joins the Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Krista Detor, will be on Sunday, April 7 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127.

The first issue of the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force newsletter was recently distributed to all members. If you'd like to get alerts when future issues are posted online, send your name & email address to wdc@mennowdc.org, indicating it is for Israel-Palestine Task Force newsletter.

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.

Everence will hold an informative Medicare workshop at its office in Hutchinson. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The 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.

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.

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!

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an outdoor gear & clerk manager for 35-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations, trains and supervises volunteers, prepares volunteer projects and work spaces, helps manage the sales floor, and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and application are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton), via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, April 15, 2019, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.