

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

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**Gathering** Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens

*We Shall Behold Him* – arr. Verhaalen

*The Risen Christ* - Sergisson

**Welcome and Announcements** Chuck Haspels

**Centering Music** Choir

*You Raise Me Up*

## Call to Worship

L: Look life is here,

**P: even when the tomb is empty.**

L: Listen, love is calling

**P: even when death is all around.**

L: Believe, for hope reigns victorious;

**P: this is the gift of resurrection.**

L: This is the miracle of Easter.

**P: Hallelujah! Amen.**

## \*Praise Songs

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – HWB #280

*This Joyful Eastertide* – HWB #276

## Pastoral Prayer

## Worship Music

*Crown Him*

*Hallelujah! Resurrection Day*

Ensemble I

Choir

**Offering and Offertory** Harvey County Health Ministries

*The Easter Song*

Pastor Steve & Ruth Mueller

## Children's Time

## Special Music

*Glorify Thy Name*

Ensemble II

## Praise Song

*Beautiful Things* - Projected

## Scripture

John 20:1-18 (pg. 1685)

## Message

*Come to the Tomb*

Pastor Steve

## \*Closing Song

*Lift Your Glad Voices* – HWB #275

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

*Hallelujah!* - Handel

Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens

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\*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 22	6:00 pm	Nurture & Mission Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council
April 24	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
April 25	9:30 am	Mom's Group
April 27	5:30 pm	Dutch Blitz & Snacks
April 28	5:30 pm	Heart & Hope of Foster Care at Hesston Mennonite Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Secretary Note:** The deadline for the May newsletter is Monday, April 22. Thank you!

**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](http://www.campmennoscah.org) and <https://rmmc.org/>

**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!

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#### **WELCOMERS TODAY**

#### **ORGANIST/PIANIST**

#### **NURSERY TODAY**

#### **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

#### **OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Western District Conference (Designated)	\$1,371.00
Church Budget	735.00
Interfaith School Supplies	100.00
Evelyn Regier Memorial	50.00
Rejoice Subscriptions	33.20
Church T-Shirts	207.25
Sound System	100.00

#### **OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

Bill & Anna Lee Ewert
Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens
Ruth Mueller & Sandy Lewis
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MC USA
Marilyn Schrag
Sara Smoker & Lauren Mueller



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Game night!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27 at 5:30 pm. We will play Dutch Blitz (and other games). Please bring a snack to share and your friends!

**Our deep appreciation to everyone** for the cards, calls, food and memorial donations at the death of Evelyn. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are appreciated very much. –Duane & Pauline Regier

**Thank you to everyone for helping** with the food, serving and clean-up at the funeral dinners this past week. The Caring & Sharing Committee appreciates your help very much!

**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.

**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](http://www.eventbrite.com), and search "The Heart and Hope of Foster Care" for Hesston, or find the link on our facebook page.

**Bethel College: April 24** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble season finale concert, with special guests from Eisenhower High School, Goddard, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall. (PLEASE NOTE: Date and time are different from some previously printed calendars.) **April 25** – Reception for the annual Student Art Exhibit at Bethel College, 6-8 p.m., Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **April 27** – Neil Smucker senior flute and saxophone recital, 3 p.m., Administration Building chapel.

**All interested singers** are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks performance of Faure's *Requiem*, Sun., May 5. First rehearsal: Mon., April 22, 6:30 p.m. in the choir room in Luyken Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus (other evenings are April 23, 25, 29 & 30, May 2 & 3; dress rehearsal May 4, 2:30 p.m.).

**Pine Village will host a Dementia Education Class** on Saturday, April 27. This informational class will be held from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center on the Pine Village campus. The class teaches the basics of dementia, including how it works, its stages and what resources are available to family and caregivers. The Series is taught by Pine Village team members Jenna Lehrman, Director of Nursing, and Shelby Shaw, Administrator. The Series is open to the public and free to attend, but space is limited. If are interested in attending, please sign up by calling 620.345.2901.

**Hesston College's annual Pen to Paper to Performance** playwriting festival will showcase the work of seven local playwrights at 7 p.m., April 26 and 27, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater on the Hesston College campus. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$4 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door only starting at 6:15 p.m. each night. Seating is limited, so early arrival is encouraged. Each night's performance will also include a 30-minute pre-show by the student-led On A Lark improv comedy troupe beginning at 6:30 p.m., and Salted Creamery ice cream served during intermission.

**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](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)!

**We're looking for you!** Camp Mennoscah is peeking around corners and checking our mail to find nurses for our camp weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29 and kitchen staff for June 23-29. We also have a few single openings for kitchen staff on some weeks. Nurses can receive a stipend or a camper discount. Kitchen staff can receive a camper discount up to full fees. Free tee shirts for all nurses and kitchen staffers! Email [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290. Willing hearts and happy hands are all that are needed!

**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](http://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.

**The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series**, featuring blues musician Guy Davis, will be on Sunday, April 28th 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. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Please Keep the family of Karolyn Unruh in prayer as she went home this week to be with her Lord Jesus. May the family find comfort in the arms of Christ as they mourn her passing and celebrate her life.
- Continue prayers for the family of Evelyn Regier as she went home to be with her Lord on April 8. Please keep them in prayer as they adjust to her being gone.
- Please be in prayer for Deb Beachy, Brocia Mueller's mom, as she continues her battle with breast cancer. Pray specifically that her platelet count will remain in the acceptable range so she can continue her current treatment.
- Please pray for Breanna, daughter to Andrew & Melisa Kaldenbach. Brenna has an inactive thyroid and needs more tests. Pray for healing and a correct diagnosis. Also for peace for the family as they wait for answers.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet next Saturday to guide the mission and priorities of our conference.
- Mennonite Mission Network: On Friday, Mennonite Mission Network's Sent conference will begin at The Beloved Community Mennonite Church in Denver, Colorado. Pray for this three-day event that will bring together Mennonite Church USA leaders to seek God's plan for energizing existing congregations and planting new ones in the context of the 21st century.