

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

April 28, 2019

Gathering Kent Dick
Rejoice, the Lord is King – Page/Payne

Welcome and Announcements Lynda Schroeder
April Birthday Offering

Centering Music Sebastian Horn

Call to Worship

L: Even in the midst of our questions.

P: We will praise the Lord.

L: Even with fears of what might be.

P: We will praise God for God's mighty deeds, according to God's surpassing greatness.

L: We come with faith that is growing in spite of this.

P: Praise God with song and dance.

L: Let us offer worship and praise to the living God, the Risen Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

P: Let everything that breathes praise God. Praise God!

*Praise Songs

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain – HWB #264

Majesty – Projected

Hallelujah to the Lamb - Projected

Offering and Offertory MC USA

Children's Time

Praise Song

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above – HWB #54

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

Psalm 150 (pg. 983)

Message

Pastor Steve

Praise Him!

*Closing Song

Praise Him, Praise Him! – HWB #100

*Benediction

*Postlude

Festive Praise - Larson

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

April 28	5:30 pm	Heart & Hope of Foster Care at Hesston Mennonite Church
May 1	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
May 4-5		Camp Mennoscah Weekend
May 5		No Services in our church building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: The May-June issue of *The Upper Room* devotional is available in the literature rack.

Next Sunday, May 5, we will not be meeting together in our church building due to the Camp Mennoscah weekend. The offering schedule has changed because of this. We will combine the Church Budget and Western District Conference offerings on May 12.

The kitchen step ladder is missing. If you borrowed it or moved it, please return. It is used frequently in the kitchen. Thanks!

The Nurture Ministry is providing Circles of Grace training TODAY following the children's story during worship. All children in grades K-6 are encouraged to attend. Circles of Grace is used to teach safe boundaries and is required by our Safe Sanctuary policy.

The “Fear not little flock” woodcarving that is displayed in our sanctuary was loaned to Western District Conference for six months. This woodcarving was given to our church from Pastor John Gaeddert in 1989 upon his retirement. WDC is having a display of artwork from various churches over the next 6 months. Please feel free to stop by the conference office anytime to view the loaned artwork!

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	Marilyn Schrag
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick & Sebastian Horn
NURSERY TODAY	Sara Smoker & Lauren Mueller
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	129
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Harvey County Health Ministries (Designated)	\$1,412.10
Church Budget	315.00
Care Committee (Funeral lunch)	400.00
Interfaith School Supplies	125.00
Memorials – Evelyn Regier	1,115.00
Memorials – Karolyn Unruh	330.00
Church T-shirts	51.50
Sound System	100.00
Western District Conference	25.00
OFFERING MAY 12	Church Budget & Western District Conference
WELCOMERS MAY 12	Dick & Marj VanWye
NURSERY MAY 12	Jason Smoker & Casey Jacob



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Attention Mennoscah Retreat folks! We have a slight schedule change for Saturday: first, there is a service opportunity (spreading mulch around the whale) early Saturday afternoon (around 2), and Saturday supper (cookout) will now be from 5 to 6 pm. The hayrack ride will also move ahead (likely around 6:15) - so we can play Family Feud!!! So - please plan accordingly! If you have questions, please contact Gregg Dick.

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. Deadline for returning registrations is Monday, April 29.

Centering Prayer, Agape Center in the Richert House (across the street from Bethel College Mennonite Church, College Ave. in North Newton); Mondays, noon-1 p.m. All are welcome – no previous experience with Centering Prayer required.

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 or call 620-297-3290. Willing hearts and happy hands are all that are needed!

Work & Play Camp at Camp Mennoscah Renewed! With small numbers for our September Work & Play Camp these past few years, we're trying something new. The service project camp is now 4 Saturdays throughout the year--April 27, May 25, September 14, and one in October. Days will run from 8:30am-2:30pm, leaving you 4 hours at the end of the day to enjoy the wonders of camp (or complete more projects or head home). Service projects are available for many skills and abilities. A simple lunch will be provided. These weekends are for all ages; under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. Please let us know you are coming--we'll add you to the meal count! Call us at 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org.

Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah still have openings!

Gather your friends and tell them about the great things we do--campfire, river play, crafts, singing, nature, friendship bracelets, and more fun stuff! Camp is the sort of thing to share with everyone. Our summer theme is Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers. Register online at campmennoscah.org!

Bethel College: May 2 – Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*. **May 4**, 6:30 a.m., Kauffman Museum parking lot First-Saturday bird walk – Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. **May 5** – Bethel College Masterworks concert, *Faure's Requiem*, 3 p.m., *Memorial Hall*.

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.

Looking for a way to save some money while you attend MCUSA Convention in Kansas City this summer? Do you like working with children in an upbeat environment? The Children's Program for MCUSA Convention held in Kansas City, MO July 1-6, is looking for eager volunteers to spend part of their convention time volunteering with children 5th grade and under. We need people willing to work with elementary aged children, toddlers and infants, or willing to lead interest stations. Both associate and part-time volunteers are still needed. If you are interested in any of these lovely opportunities, please email Renee Reimer at: ReneeEReimer@gmail.com with your interest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget balance @ 01/01/19	12,413.10
January-February Receipts	18,069.37
January-February Expenses	<u>(20,663.16)</u>
Budget balance @ 02/28/19	9,819.31
March Receipts	8,050.00
March Expenses	<u>(10,089.72)</u>
Budget balance @ 03/31/19	7,779.59

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Please keep the Unruh and Regier families in your prayers as they continue to adjust to life without their loved ones.
- 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.
- Western District Conference: Pray for church planters in WDC as they listen for God's leading and nurture new believers.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Matthew and Toni Krabill are preparing for ministry through Mennonite Mission Network where they will work alongside Janie and Neal Blough at the Paris Mennonite Center. Pray for the Krabills as they raise support for a life of faithful discipleship in France.