

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

May 12, 2019

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**Gathering** Bell Choir  
*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Steve

**Centering Music** Bell Choir  
*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

## Call to Worship

L: The Holy One knows each sheep, calling to us by name.

**P: We hear the voice of Jesus, calling us to follow him.**

L: The Holy One sees our need, feeding us with wisdom and truth.

**P: We know the voice of Jesus, leading us to goodness and peace.**

L: The Holy one protects and guides us, showing us the way to eternal life.

**P: Let us worship our Shepherd, who calls us here.**

**Special Music** Choir  
*You Raise Me Up*

**Speaker 1** Lois Loflin

**\*Praise Songs**  
*Lord of the Home* – HWB #490

**Children's Story** Speaker 2 - Debbie Nightingale

**Praise Song**  
*I was there to hear your Borning Cry* – STJ #89

**Offering and Offertory** Church Budget and WDC  
*O Worship the King* – Bell Choir

**Speaker 3** Ruth Mueller

**Praise Song**  
*I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* – HWB #651

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Special Music** Choir  
*How Great Thou Art & Majesty*

**Speaker 4** Melanie Haspels

**\*Closing Song**  
*Abide with Me* – Projected

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** 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

May 13	9:30 am	Women's Mission Society
May 14	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
May 15	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
May 16	9:30 am	Mom's Group
May 19	3-6 pm	Sebastian's Going Away Party

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A going away party will be held for Sebastian** at the church on Sunday, May 19 from 3-6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Camp Mennoscah is in need** of nurses for June 9-15 and June 23-29 as well as kitchen staff for June 9-15 and July 14-20. Openings are still available for all youth summer camps. Call 620-297-3290 or [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) for more information. Helpers can contact Oliva at [olvia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olvia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

**Service Trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.** A trip is being planned to go to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp to work with Mennonite Disaster Service felling and stripping bark off of trees that are infested with the Spruce Beetle. We plan to leave Sunday morning May 19, work Monday, Tuesday and till noon on Wednesday and plan to arrive back home late Wednesday night May 22. We would like to have a couple more volunteers and if possible would like to know by Wednesday May 15. Lodging, meal and transportation costs will be provided. If you are interested or have questions please call Dwight Mueller 316-282-7571, or visit with Larry Regier today at church.

**Bethel College:** **May 12** – Woven and Open Road joint concert, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*. **May 17** – Reception for the annual Senior Art Exhibit at Bethel College, 7-9 p.m., *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center* (exhibit is open through this week, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, with special extended hours Fri.-Sun, May 17-19.).

**You are invited to attend** the Bethel College Women's Association annual meeting, June 10, 7pm, at KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave, North Newton. Donna Becker will present an historical sketch titled *Her Light Still Shines*, which is about a woman who was integral to the Bethel College Women's Association. Refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome.

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**WELCOMERS TODAY**

Dick & Marj VanWye

**ORGANIST/PIANIST**

Cindy Siemens

**NURSERY TODAY**

Jason Smoker & Casey Jacob

**ATTENDANCE APRIL 28**

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**OFFERING APRIL 28**

MC USA (Designated)	\$1,275.00
Church Budget	240.00
Interfaith School Supplies	295.00
Rejoice Subscription	33.20
Church Shirts	53.60
Sound System	100.00

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

Offender Victim Ministries

**WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY**

Jim & Lois Loflin

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

Leah Kawanguzi & Debbie Nightingale



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**Opportunities to serve with MCC Nicaragua and Honduras** - Do you excel in an admin support role, helping to create & implement plans? Want to contribute to MCC's community development work in the Central America context? Bring your organizational expertise, assessment tools, accompaniment experience, Spanish language skills and a desire to learn -- right this way! MCC has 2 opportunities for you to consider, starting either July 15, 2019 (in Nicaragua) or January 6, 2020 (in Honduras). The close date for these positions is May 26. Visit [mcc.org/serve](http://mcc.org/serve) or contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) for more information.

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