

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

August 4, 2019

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**Gathering** Kent Dick  
*The Love of God*

**Welcome and Announcements** Lynda Schroeder

**Centering Music** Kent Dick  
*O Rest in the Lord* – by Mendelssohn

## Call to Worship

L: God calls to us from the wilderness of our lives.

P: **We cry out to God to save us from all that we fear.**

L: God satisfies all who hunger, and gives water to all who thirst.

P: **We hunger and thirst for God.**

L: Come and give thanks, for God is good.

P: **We come to worship the God who calls us.**

## \*Praise Songs

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* – Projected

*Rejoice, the Lord is King* – HWB #288

*Be Thou my Vision* - HWB #545

**Offering and Offertory** MC USA & Church Budget  
*Aria* – by Lau

**Children's Story** Lynda Schroeder

**Praise Song**  
*Jesus, Be the Center* – Projected

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Steve

**Scripture**  
Hosea 11:1-11; Colossians 3:1-4 (pgs. 1407; 1834)

**Message** Pastor Steve  
*A Love Story: Betrayed and Beloved*

## Closing Song

*Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling* – HWB #491

## \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** Kent Dick  
*Postlude in F* – by Moore

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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

Aug. 6	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
	6:00 pm	Nurture Meeting
	7:00 pm	Hospitality Meeting
Aug. 7	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Aug. 9	7:00 pm	Old Settlers Great Race
Aug. 11	10:30 am	Community Worship in Scout Park
Aug. 12	12:30 pm	Halstead Blood Mobile

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please make the following change** in your email and your church directory. Leon & Janet Schmidt's new email is [lejabhs59@gmail.com](mailto:lejabhs59@gmail.com). Thanks.

**Bethel College's Life Enrichment brochures** for the fall semester are available on the literature table.

**Brochures for Free Developmental Screenings** for preschool children are available on the literature table.

**Community Blood Mobile:** Our church is responsible for the Blood Mobile on August 12 from 12:30-6:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

**We will not be having a worship service** in our church on Sunday, August 11. We will gather with the community for a combined Old Settlers worship in Scout Park **beginning at 10:30 am**. *We WILL have Sunday school*. The adults will have a fellowship time in Stauffer Hall and the children will continue their regular classes.

**Our church will have our annual school kit drive** in conjunction with Christian Education Sunday on September 8. Be shopping those back-to-school sales for your school kit items! Bags will be available at the church. A list of school kit items is found on the insert page of today's bulletin. If you'd like to make your own bags directions can be found at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org).

**Are you looking for a summer sewing project?** Mennonite Central Committee is running low on school kit bags! You can review the guidelines and instructions at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag>. Please contact Kate Mast at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316-283-2720 with any questions.

**RSVP now for MCC Lunch & Learn on August 15:** Come to MCC for lunch and to hear from participants who recently went on the MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour. They will share about their experiences and reflections on the trip. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation will start shortly after. A suggested donation of \$10 is welcome to help cover the cost of lunch. Please plan to join us for lunch, all are welcome. RSVP by Monday, Aug. 12 to [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720, MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, KS 67117.

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**WELCOMERS TODAY**

**ORGANIST/PIANIST**

**NURSERY TODAY**

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

**OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Camp Mennoscah (Designated)

Church Budget

July Birthday Offering

LaDean Ratzlaff Memorial for MCC

**OFFERING AUGUST 18**

**WELCOMERS AUGUST 18**

**NURSERY AUGUST 18**

Jim & Lois Loflin

Kent Dick

Jason Smoker & Kaitlen Ortman

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\$1,429.00

3,655.00

50.00

40.00

Western District Conference

Harley & Elaine Mohler

Sara Smoker & Casey Jacob



I led them  
with  
*corals*  
of  
*kindness,*  
with the  
*bands*  
of  
*love.*

Hosea 11:4, ESV

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sing for Camp Mennoscah!** We're having our annual Camp Sing celebration of a stunning summer of youth camps on August 11 at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church in Inman, KS. We'll start with a storytime from 5:45pm - 6:05pm, followed by joyous singing at 6:30pm. After joyfully worshiping in camp songs and hymns, we'll share in popcorn, pop and conversation. All are invited, whatever your age or skill!

**The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah** will be September 1-2. The theme for the retreat is Living Peacefully! Come support each other and enjoy fellowship, music, and worship. This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family and friends. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Get away from BUSY and relax! Sound great?** Come join us at the 2019 Women & Girls Retreat September 6-8 at Camp Mennoscah. YOU choose what you want to do: Bible study, singing, art, yoga, mental health and spirituality, swimming, refugee reflections, games, or free time! Friday night we will decorate cookies! The schedule and registration forms are available [at http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/](http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/). Tammy Duvenal Unruh, debate/forensics coach from Newton, KS will speak on the topic of being Fearless (II Tim. 1:7). This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Register by Aug 26.

**Pine Village will host its 8th Annual Bierock Supper** on Friday, August 23 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Come enjoy delicious homemade bierocks for only \$6.50! Every meal includes a bierock, baked beans, potato chips, a pickle and a dessert. Hot, fresh, packaged bierocks also will be available to purchase by the half dozen and dozen, while they last. You can preorder packaged bierocks starting at 1 p.m. on August 16th by calling 620-345-2900. Packaged bierocks will be available for pick up on Tuesday, August 20 in the Wellness Center. All proceeds will benefit the 2019 Benefit Day Project – the updating of the Gathering Place and the original Assisted Living! Come enjoy an evening of great food and fellowship! Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the other upcoming Benefit Day events: Sept. 29 – Benefit Day Variety Show; Oct. 1-24 – Benefit Day Online Auction; Oct. 24 – Benefit Day Dinner & Live Auction.

**An outreach opportunity that involves JUMP**, Justice and Unity Ministry Project, is available in Topeka, KS. They will meet August 23 to discuss and formulate advocacy strategies. More information is available on the bulletin board if you are interested.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Keep Abram and Emily Rodenberg in your prayers as they begin their life together as a newly married couple.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in times of change and uncertainty.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Marisa Smucker, who has been working for Mennonite Mission Network's Church Relations team, began serving as the Mennonite Voluntary Service program director in June. Pray that God will provide wisdom, energy and joy for Marisa as she serves in this capacity.

## **MCC SCHOOL KIT CONTENTS**

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in X 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. All metal sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com or Bazic.com or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long. If you cannot find all metal sharpeners please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.