

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

August 18, 2019

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**Gathering** Kent Dick

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him - Page*

**Welcome and Announcements** Arnita Haury

**Centering Music** Kent Dick

*Jesus, Still Lead On – Lau*

## Call to Worship

L: This is the place where saints worship.

**P: This is the place where we are baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit.**

L: This is the place where faith abounds.

**P: This is the place where Christ perfects us.**

L: This is a place where the Spirit completes us.

**All: Come worship with the saints and be baptized by the fire of the Holy Spirit.**

## \*Praise Songs

*Here in this Place – HWB #6*

*How Great Thou Art – Hymnal Insert & Projected*

*Draw me Close to You - Projected*

**Offering and Offertory** Western District Conference

*My Faith Looks up to Thee – Larson*

## Children's Story

## Praise Song

*You are God Alone – Projected*

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Steve

## Scripture

Luke 12:49-56 (pgs. 1619)

## Message

Pastor Steve

*Jesus, The Crisis*

## Closing Song

*Build Your Kingdom Here – Projected*

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

Kent Dick

*Great God of Glory – Paxton*

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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. 19	6:00 pm	Mission & Nurture Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Aug. 20	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Aug. 21	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Aug. 25	5:00 pm	Ordination Service for Pastor Steve
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Meal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**An ordination service will be held for Pastor Steve** on Sunday, August 25 at 5 pm. Pastor Wilmer Harder will be the guest speaker. Special music will be provided by the choir and bell choir. A meal will follow at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to RSVP for the meal so those planning will have an accurate count for the food.

**A birthday reception will be held** on Sunday, August 25 immediately following worship for Lillian Vigneron. Her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday is that day so plan to stop and wish her a good day!

**Please make the following change** (this is the correct address now!) in your email and your church directory. Leon & Janet Schmidt's new email is [lejasbhs59@gmail.com](mailto:lejasbhs59@gmail.com). Thanks.

**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).

**Kids Club resumes September 4th** for children 3 years to 6th grade. Our focus for the fall session will be serving others. We will learn all about how we can serve God by serving others locally and globally. Invite your family and friends!

**The 2019-2020 school year began last week.** Thanks to generous donors, the Halstead Interfaith Council presented a check for \$2,370.21, from local congregations and the Lions Club, to the Halstead-Bentley School District to help purchase school supplies for students whose families qualify by income level. Our congregation contributed \$485.21 through Sunday School offerings and \$620 donated on Sunday mornings, for a total of \$1,105.21. This is very much appreciated by the school district, the teachers, and the families.

**The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Thresher Golf Classic** will be Saturday, Sept. 14 at Sand Creek Station in Newton. All proceeds benefit Bethel College. For more information or to register (by Sept. 6 please) go to [www.bethelks.edu](http://www.bethelks.edu).

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**WELCOMERS TODAY**

**ORGANIST/PIANIST**

**NURSERY TODAY**

**ATTENDANCE AUGUST 4**

**OFFERING AUGUST 4**

Church Budget (Designated) \$3,159.09

MC USA (Designated) 454.00

Camp Mennoscah 30.00

Caring & Sharing Committee 200.00

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

**WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY**

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

Harley & Elaine Mohler

Kent Dick

Sara Smoker & Casey Jacob

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Scholarship Fund

Joyce Franz

Ruth Mueller & Melanie Haspels



*I came to bring  
fire to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Budget balance @ 01/01/19	12,413.10
January-June receipts	54,075.11
January-June expenses	<u>(59,550.37)</u>
Budget balance @ 06/30/19	6,937.84
July receipts	13,783.63
July expenses	<u>(10,528.97)</u>
Budget balance @ 07/31/19	10,192.50

## **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
- (metal pencil sharpeners supplied to MCC by Pauline Regier)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Harvey County Health Department** will be hosting a session at the Kansas Learning Center for Health, 505 Main, Halstead, about "Becoming a Trauma Informed Community" on Thursday, August 22 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. It is free to the community.

**TODAY (Sun., Aug. 18)** – Opening reception for Kauffman Museum's award-winning "K is for Kansas: An Exhibit Exploring Kansas from A to Z," 1:30-4:30 p.m. This is a come-and-go event, with introductory remarks at 2 and 3:30 p.m., refreshments and "Kansas lawn games" inside the museum. "K is for Kansas" is at the museum through Feb. 2, 2020; see [kauffman.bethelks.edu](http://kauffman.bethelks.edu) or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page.

**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.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 beginning at the MCC offices, 121 East 30<sup>th</sup>, North Newton. Register at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org). Both bikers and contributors are needed! If you are not a biker but wish to contribute to this MCC project, make your check payable to MCC; write "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line and send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

**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. Auction items are welcome as well. Contact Julie Brochtrup, at 620-345-2901 if you have an item to donate or would like to make a financial contribution.

**Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, KS** will be celebrating Pastor Rosie Epp's 40th year of ordination on Sunday, August 25. Pastor Rosie was ordained by the WDC on August 26, 1979 at Lorraine Ave. Mennonite Church, Wichita. The celebration begins at 9:45 with a presentation on Mennonite women in ministry, followed by a worship celebration at 10:45 am and a taco bar lunch. All are invited to join.

**Tabor College presents in concert** "For All Seasons" on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 pm in Richert Auditorium. Tickets available at [tabor.edu/tickets](http://tabor.edu/tickets).

**Work & Play Day! September 14** is the next Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah. Join us for service, a simple lunch, and some free time in the afternoon (your choice). Please register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290! We love our volunteers!

**The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions** for our October 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on **Positive uses of power**. For more information, go to: <https://themennonite.org/october-2019-call-submissions-positive-uses-power/> Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than September 2.

**Family Fun Night!! Mark your calendars** for an evening of light-hearted fun at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church (43 13th Ave., rural Inman, KS) on Saturday, August 31! All sorts of entertainment are in the works: A car show will begin at 5 pm. Children will enjoy playing in large inflatables (for free!) and have a good time with water games! At 5:30 pm a corn hole tournament will get underway (come at 5 pm to get your 2-person team registered to play with a \$20 entry fee). Half of entry costs will be awarded back in prizes and half the proceeds will go to Mennonite Central Committee's school kit project. Food trucks and booths will be selling tasty eats for supper and snacks. And while this much fun might seem "inconceivable" (hint, hint!), at 8:30 pm, we also invite you to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a family friendly evening movie projected on the big screen outside, "as you wish"... Bring friends and come for a relaxing evening of entertainment! Check Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church's Facebook page for more information.

**Save the date - Bethel College worship and arts symposium** focusing on multi-cultural worship - November 21-23. More information: <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium>.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Please keep Leah and Johnson Kawanguzi in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Johnson's brother. Also, be in prayer for them and Maliki as they await a decision from social services concerning Maliki's future.
- Western District Conference: As a new school year approaches, give thanks for the WDC Resource Library and the materials it offers for teachers, mentors, youth sponsors and pastors as they nurture faith formation in their congregations.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network is grateful to God and to Laura Schlabach who has served as interim executive director for JCS in Mongolia for the past year. Pray for Elisabeth Mensert who assumed executive responsibilities on July 1 and for Laura as she returns to former roles in the country where she has worked since 1993.