

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

August 25, 2019

Gathering Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements David Mueller

Centering Music Cindy Siemens
August Birthday Offering

Call to Worship

L: Where God sends us,

P: we must go.

L: What God tells us,

P: we must speak.

L: When God rescues us,

P: we must rejoice.

L: When God calls us,

P: we can lean on God, our rock and refuge, and need never be afraid.

*Praise Songs

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – HWB #110

Take my Life and Let it Be – HWB #389

He Knows my Name - Projected

Offering and Offertory Scholarship Fund

Children's Story

Praise Song

Beautiful Things – Projected

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Steve

Scripture

Jeremiah 1:1-10 (pgs. 1168)

Message

Pastor Steve

Fear Not: Heeding the Call

Closing Song

Fear Not – Projected

*Benediction

*Postlude

Cindy Siemens

*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. 25 12:00 pm Lillian's Birthday Celebration
5:00 pm Ordination Service for Pastor Steve
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
Aug. 28 6:00 pm Teacher Night
Aug. 29 9:30 am Mom's Group
Sept. 1 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Notes: The deadline for the September newsletter is Monday, August 26. The September/October issue of *The Upper Room* magazine is available in the literature rack.

A birthday reception will be held TODAY immediately following worship for Lillian Vigneron. Lillian turns 92 today. Happy birthday Lillian!

An ordination service will be held for Pastor Steve TONIGHT at 5 pm. Pastor Wilmar Harder will be the guest speaker. Special music will be provided by the choir and bell choir. A meal will follow at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend!

Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, August 28 at 6 pm. All children's Sunday school teachers for the new school year are invited to a meal and devotions. Afterwards we will collaborate together and prepare the rooms for the new school year! Please let Debbie know if you plan to attend.

We will vote on the slate of officers for the 2019-20 church year on September 1 following worship. Candidates are:

Congregational Chair: Gregg Dick
Congregational Secretary: Leah Kawanguzi
Congregational Treasurer: Larry Regier
Care Ministry Chair: Ron Dick
Hospitality Ministry Chair: Kaitlen Ortman
Nurture Ministry Chair: Debbie Nightingale
Stewardship Ministry Chair: James Nightingale
Worship Ministry Chair: Denice Klassen
Mission Ministry Co-Chairs: Sandy Allen/Dwight Mueller
Vision Team Chair: Jason Smoker
Discernment Team Chair: David Mueller

Our Jr. High Youth Group will have their first meeting on Sunday, September 1 from 5-6:30 pm. They plan to meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday's each month and other occasional dates as well. Invite a 6-8th grader you know! The sponsors are Jesse Mueller, Jason Mueller and Lauren Mueller.

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!

PASTOR: Steve Wilcox

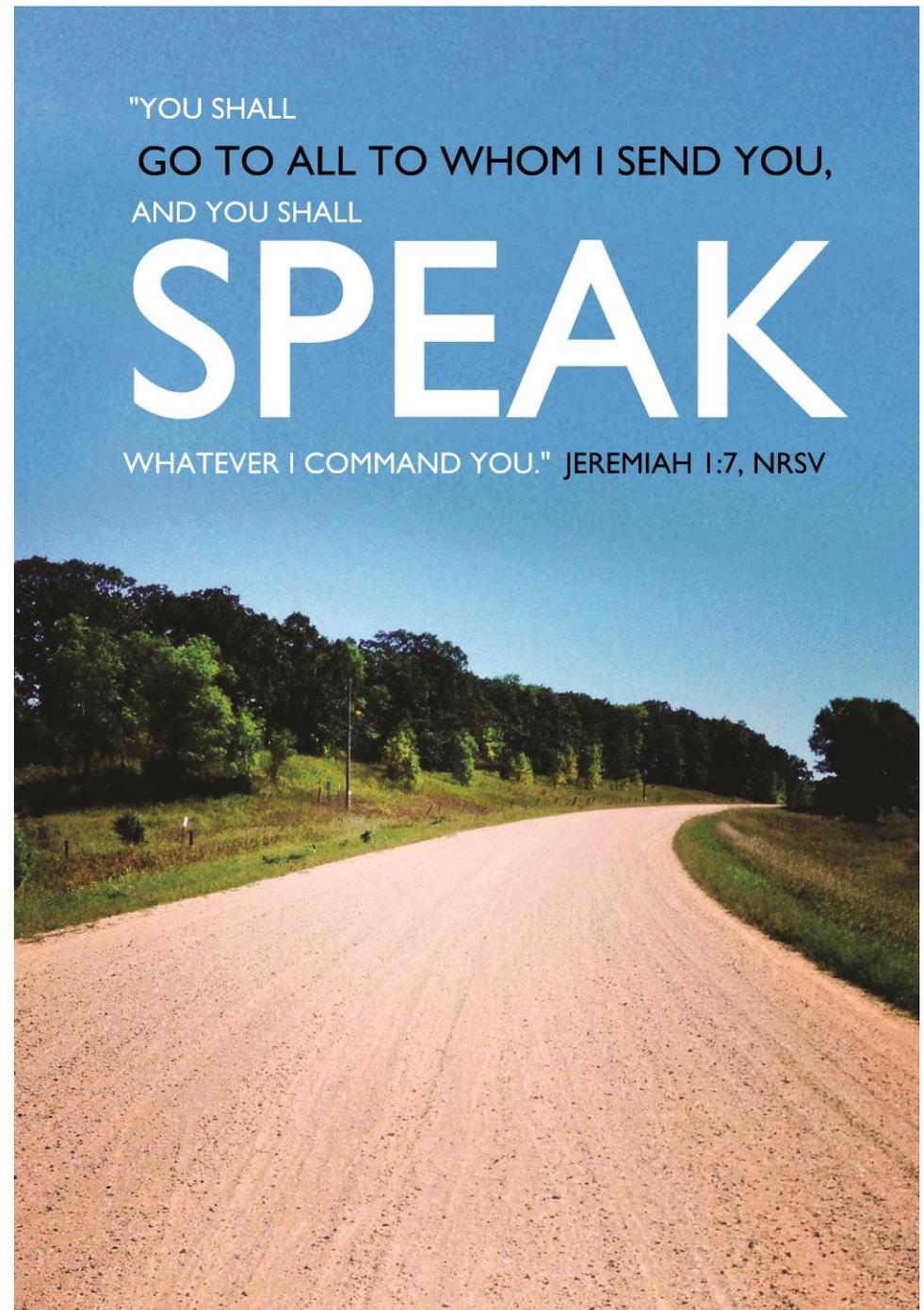
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WELCOMERS TODAY	Joyce Franz
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Cindy Siemens
NURSERY TODAY	Ruth Mueller & Melanie Haspels
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	77
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Western District Conference (Designated)	\$872.50
Church Budget	1,483.00
Church Maintenance	2,000.00
Youth Fund	1,000.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	MC USA
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Phil & Linda Aylward
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Shaun Ortman & Lauren Mueller



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)

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Rosetta Auernheimer in prayer as she experienced a minor heart attack this past week.
- Keep Linda Aylward's great-great nephew, Lewis Ramsey, in prayer. He was born at 24 weeks on August 7. He was severely underweight and has been struggling. Praise God that he has gained 7 oz. now, but he has a long way to go.
- 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: Give thanks for the Tabor Mennonite Church congregation as they dedicate a new fellowship hall today, and for Pastor Stephen Wilcox at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, KS, as they celebrate his ordination this afternoon.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Benin where post-election violence has killed more than a dozen people. Pray for peace and for the well-being of all citizens as the economy worsens. Pray also for Mission Network partners – Benin Bible Institute, Bethesda Hospital, and *La Casa Grande* children's village.

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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 are available on the back table. A list of school kit items is found on the insert page of the bulletin. If you'd like to make your own bags, directions can be found at mcc.org.

Immigration Justice and You: WDC Immigration Task Force invites 1-2 people from every congregation to share in an immigration networking event Thursday, August 29, 7-8:30 pm at 2517 N Main St, North Newton, KS (WDC offices). Share what your congregation is doing toward immigration justice. What do you wish you were doing? What kind of resources does your congregation want and need on this topic? If you are at a distance, contact Nancy Funk to receive a link to join via Zoom.

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.

New Storage Building Dedication, September 4 at 10 a.m. – It's not every day that MCC gets a new building! Please plan to join us as we give thanks for the generous gifts that made the building possible and to bless the ongoing work that takes place at MCC by dedicated volunteers. A warehouse can seem boring at first glance, but it is actually an essential part of making MCC's work happen around the world. Donuts and coffee will be served the dedication service. Questions? Please call 316.283.2720.

Everence will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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.

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.

Sun., Sept. 8 – KIPCOR Film Series, Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back follows with James Wilson, director of New Hope Shelter, Newton, and a member of the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will be organizing a series of free public events, Sept. 8-22, on campus and in the Newton community, in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. Activities include film screenings, "swords into plowshares" demonstrations by Colorado Springs-based RawTools, and a lecture by Palwasha Kakar. See kipcor.org or call 316-284-5217 for more information.

The 29th 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.

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 or call us at 620-297-3290! We love our volunteers!

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 beginning at the MCC offices, 121 East 30th, North Newton. Register at 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.

Come Celebrate Another Great Year at Camp Mennoscah! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 22, for Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Self-guided camp activities available beginning at 2:00 p.m., with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Also, enter your name to win one of several Camp Mennoscah prizes! Please register online at campmennoscah.org to let us know you're coming!

Comforter Mini Blitz, September 27 & 28 at MCC in North Newton! If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Bring your friends and family! Before you know it, you'll have helped to spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Hours for the event are Friday, Sept. 27 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 28 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find out more at mcc.org/comforter-blitz. Questions, contact katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

Get involved with something BIG – record breaking BIG! MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316.283.2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.