

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

August 26, 2018

Gathering Music

Lauren Mueller

How Great is Our God

Welcome and Announcements

David Mueller

Centering Music

Lauren Mueller

Here I am to Worship

August Birthday Offering

Call to Worship

L: Whom do you seek here in this place?

P: **We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.**

L: Who has told you of God?

P: **Jesus Christ, God's Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.**

L: Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

P: **We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day. AMEN.**

*Praise Songs

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – TB #330

Lord I Need You – Projected

My God - Projected

Offering and Offertory

College Scholarship

What a Friend we have in Jesus

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Pastor Steve

Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - Projected

Scripture

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 (pg. 368)

Message

Pastor Steve

A Vision, a Hope, a Challenge, a Declaration

*Closing Song

O Jesus, I have Promised – HWB #447

*Benediction

*Postlude

Lauren Mueller

Go my Children, with my Blessing

*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. 27	12:00 pm	Newsletter Deadline
	6:00 pm	Mission & Nurture Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Aug. 29	6:00 pm	Teacher Supper & Work Night
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting is canceled
Aug. 30	9:30 am	Mom's Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: The deadline for the September newsletter is Monday, August 27, at noon. Brochures for "Life Enrichment" at Bethel College are on the literature table.

All children's Sunday school teachers who have volunteered to teach or help for the next year are invited to a supper and work night on Wednesday, August 29 beginning at 6:00 pm. A light supper will be provided for you. Following the meal we will have devotion/discussion/prayer and time to complete your volunteer forms. After that, you are free to prepare your room and coordinate with the teachers for the year.

Kids Club begins on September 5 from 5-6 pm. Invite children (ages 3 years to 6th grade) you know to attend. The theme is *Game On*. Talk with Kaitlen or Melanie if you have questions.

Thank you: The family of Amanda Nightingale would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and food given to us last week following the death of Amanda. We appreciate it very much!

Mark your calendars for September 12 at 6 pm! We will begin our Wednesday fellowship meals and adult Bible study that evening. We will have a speaker, Rosie Epp, speak on her experiences at the border and immigration for our first session.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an evening clerk & housewares manager for 30-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations; trains and supervises volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. We're also hiring a clothing sorter & receiver for 12-16 hours/week. Both full job descriptions and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton), via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at newtonetceterashop.com. *Applications are due Monday, September 10, 2018*, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

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WELCOMERS TODAY

Dale & Dorothy Dick

ORGANIST/PIANIST

Lauren Mueller/Ruth Mueller

NURSERY TODAY

Sara Smoker & Debbie Nightingale

CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

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OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Western District Conference (designated)	\$1,116.00
Church Budget	765.00
Scholarship Fund	75.00
Care Portal	120.00
Amanda Nightingale Memorial	25.00

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

MC USA

WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY

Bill & Anna Lee Ewert

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Leah Kawanguzi & LuAnn Laswell



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