

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

September 1, 2019

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**Gathering** Kent Dick  
*Savior, Lead Us - Hughes*

**Welcome and Announcements** Chuck Haspels

**Centering Music** Kent Dick  
*I Need Thee Every Hour - Broughton*

## Call to Worship

L: Sing aloud, and shout for joy. Listen for the voice of God. Listen and be fed.

P: **You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

## \*Praise Songs

*Come Down, O Love Divine – HWB #501*

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord – Projected*

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior - Projected*

**Offering and Offertory** MC USA  
*Take the Name of Jesus with You - Landon*

## Children's Story

**Praise Song**  
*Blest are They – STJ #94*

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Steve

**Scripture**  
Luke 14:1-14 (pg. 1621)

**Message** Pastor Steve  
*Watching Jesus*

## Closing Song

*When we Walk with the Lord – HWB #544*

## \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** Kent Dick  
*God is Our Salvation - Nordman*

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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

Sept. 1	5:00 pm	Jr. High Youth Group
Sept. 3	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Sept. 4	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
Sept. 8	10:45 am	Christian Education Sunday
	12:00 pm	Carry-in Meal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Kids club starts this week!** We are looking forward to teaching the kids about how they can serve God by serving their family, friends, community, and the world around them. A free meal for families will follow. The regular Wednesday meals and Bible study will resume on Wednesday, September 18. *A sign-up sheet is posted for Sunday school classes or other small groups to organize meals for those weeks.*

**Christian Education Sunday is next week, September 8!** A fun morning of events is planned, including a carry-in meal following worship. Please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. Drinks, games and prizes will be provided! Don't forget to bring your MCC School kits!

**We will vote on the slate of officers** for the 2019-20 church year TODAY 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

**The family of Marilyn Schrag invites family and friends** to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, September 15. There will be an open house at the Halstead Senior Center from 1:30-3:30. No gifts please!

**Women interested in a Thursday morning Bible study** please contact Ruth Mueller at 620-951-4113. Please suggest studies you would enjoy.

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**PASTOR: Steve Wilcox**

[www.firstmennonitehalstead.org](http://www.firstmennonitehalstead.org)

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Office Hours: Tues. 9-2 & Thurs. 8-11, 12-3

<b>WELCOMERS TODAY</b>	Phil & Linda Aylward
<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Shaun Ortman & Lauren Mueller
<b>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</b>	107
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
College Scholarship Fund (Designated)	\$1,241.66
Church Budget	1,475.00
MC USA	50.00
Western District Conference	130.00
August Birthday Offering	25.00
<b>OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Church Budget
<b>WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Dale & Janet Ortman
<b>NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Lynda Schroeder & Leah Mueller

For all who  
 exalt themselves  
 will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who  
 humble themselves  
 will be exalted.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Keep Rosetta Auernheimer in prayer as she is struggling with failing health. She is currently at the Newton medical center where they are monitoring her.
- Western District Conference: Pray for all who gather at the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, and give thanks for women and girls who lead and participate in so many creative ways in WDC congregations.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Ruben Fellmann, Carissa Mast, Delia Mielke, and Cindy Headings (unit leader) make up Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs. Pray for them as they work with people with disabilities, families in homeless situations, and affordable housing organizations.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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](mailto: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](http://tabor.edu/tickets).

**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.

**Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Sept. 2 (Labor Day)**, but continues most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu)

**Sat., Sept. 7 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**. Meet at **7 a.m.** in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is partly on an unpaved (wood chip) trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

**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).

**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!

**First Mennonite Church, McPherson, KS** is offering bierocks for sale, available for pick up on Saturday, September 21 from 1-4 pm. Cost: \$30 per dozen / \$15 per half dozen. A portion of the proceeds goes to a local mission. Preorder by Saturday, September 14 - e-mail [firstmennonitemac@gmail.com](mailto:firstmennonitemac@gmail.com) or phone 620-241-4040. Please leave your name, number ordered, and a contact phone number.

**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. *A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for donations of snacks for a SAG stop in Halstead. Talk with Lynda Schroeder if you have questions.*

**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](http://campmennoscah.org) to let us know you're coming!

**Thank you for celebrating with us!** The Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church was a blast with approx. 175 people singing their hearts out. You raised over \$1000 for a new digital piano and sound system--a great way to keep singing and worshipping! Be ready for next year!

**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](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz). Questions, contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.

**Now in the Regier Art Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "In Bloom," ceramics by Natalie Brown, through Sept. 27; gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**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](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

**Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers this fall**, due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring. We are thankful for the many leadership volunteers who have stepped up this season and are ready to rebuild and restore homes. Even so, we need the help of our weekly volunteers who are the physical hands and feet of Jesus in Texas, South Dakota, California and more. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve a greater number of disaster survivors this season and we hope you will join us in our ambitious endeavor to bring more people home. "As I think of the thousands of pairs of hands that respond, rebuild and restore homes after a disaster, I am grateful." Kevin King, Executive Director for MDS. For more information or to serve please visit [mds.mennonite.net](http://mds.mennonite.net) or call 1-800-241-8111