

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

September 16, 2018

Gathering Music

Abram Rodenberg

Welcome and Announcements

Chuck Haspels

Centering Music

Call to Worship

L: Can you hear it?

P: What?

L: Wisdom is crying in the streets.

P: What does that have to do with us?

L: We are called to listen, to respond, and to obey.

P: We'll open our ears and our hearts to God's words.

All: Come, let us worship the God of wisdom and life.

*Praise Songs

We Would Extol Thee – HWB #74

Love the Lord – HWB Insert

He Knows my Name – Projected

Offering and Offertory

Western District Conference

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Pastor Steve

Praise Songs

Lord, Listen to Your Children – HWB #353

Scripture

Psalm 116:1-9; Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (pg. 955; 284)

Message

Pastor Steve

Loving God; and Being Heard

*Closing Song

Just as I Am – Projected

*Benediction

*Postlude

*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. 18	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Sept. 19	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (childcare available)
	8:00 pm	Bell Choir
Sept. 22	9:30 am	Cost of Poverty Experience

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have signed up for a discipleship group or are interested in learning more about them, there will be a meeting on September 27th at 7 pm. If you would like more details please see Pastor Steve.

Wedding Help Needed: Our church is hosting a wedding on Saturday, November 3. Courtney Reep and Mitch Buchman will be getting married here with Mitch Boese as the pastor. They are only using the sanctuary. We need a church representative to be present on Friday for decorating and the rehearsal and on Saturday for pictures and the wedding. We also need one person to do the sound. Please let Pastor Steve or Debbie know if you are interested in helping. There is a \$50 stipend. Thanks!

Our church will be hosting a Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) on September 22, from 9:30-11:30 am. Jocelyn Busick from Care Portal will be facilitating the experience. If you would still like to participate there is room. More volunteers to help with the presentation or serve food are needed. Volunteers should arrive at 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided afterwards. Invite others!

Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time will be show at the Kansas Learning Center in Halstead on Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm. RSVP's appreciated at www.learningcenter.org.

Join Hesston College and thousands of others around the world in celebration of International Day of Peace, Sept. 21, with several days of activities promoting peace. The cornerstone event will be the "Grant Us Peace" masterworks concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The free program will feature Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* by a college/community choir and professional orchestra. Go to hesston.edu/peaceday to see more Peace Day activities in which the public is invited to participate.

The Halstead Community Blood Drive will be Monday, Oct. 1 from 12:30-6:30 pm at the HHS Gym. Please visit rescrossblood.org to schedule an appointment or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Fall Festival at Bethel College will be held October 6. There is a flyer on the bulletin board for donations that are needed. Please take time to read it and provide what you can. Thanks!

Did you know? The WDC Resource Library is open 8 am-5 pm (Monday through Friday) in North Newton, KS. The librarian's hours have recently changed: M-W-F: 1-3:15 pm and T-TR: 8-9:15 am. Stop by or contact the library to find out what's new! crlib@mennowdc.org.

PASTOR: Steve Wilcox

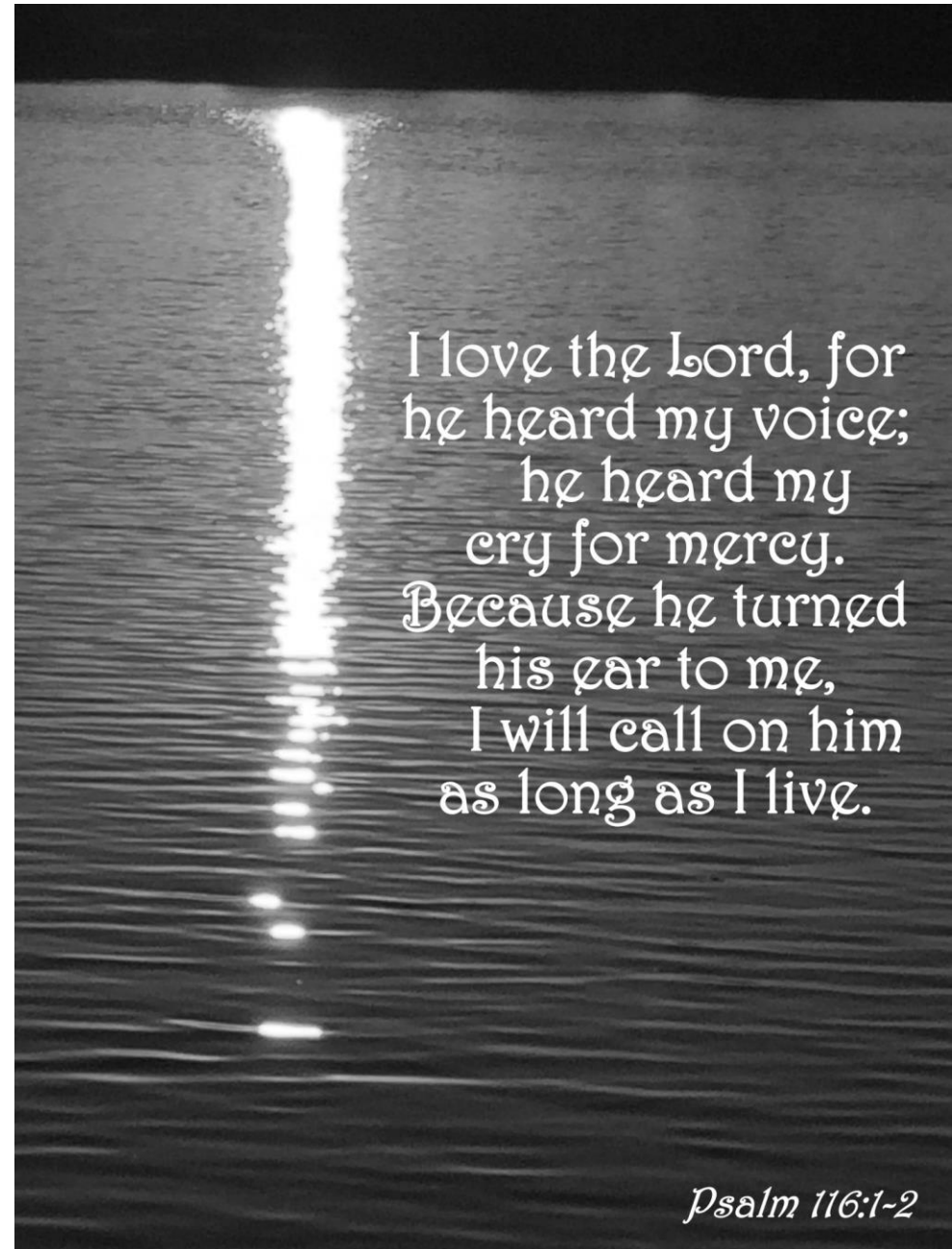
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Office Hours: Tues. 9-2 & Thurs. 8-11, 12-3

WELCOMERS TODAY	James & Debbie Nightingale
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick/Abram Rodenberg
NURSERY TODAY	Kaitlen Ortman & Debbie Nightingale
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	100
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget	\$3,410.00
MC USA	833.00
Church Maintenance Fund	125.00
Amanda Nightingale Memorial	75.00
VBS	300.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Hesston College
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Dick & Marj VanWye
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Shaun Ortman & Lauren Mueller



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Fun times at Work & Play Camp, Sept. 21-25! This is our service-oriented retreat with tasks for all skill levels and ability. All ages are invited to come for a full or partial retreat. No fees but donations are welcome. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290!

Come to camp on Sunday, September 23, as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Events are part of Work & Play Camp starting Sept. 21. Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10am on Sunday with The Whale dedication at 5pm and annual meeting following. Register online.

Camp Mennoscah will have a booth at Bethel College's Fall Festival on October 6. The booth will feature monstrous monster cookies, water, and camp souvenirs for sale. Stop to say howdy, buy a cookie (or tee shirt) and head off to your next Fall Fest adventure!

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Pine Village: Pine Village's Benefit Day Sloppy Joe Lunch & Bake Sales will be Friday, September 21 from 11-6 p.m. Lunch will start at 11 a.m. in the Wellness Center and will wrap up at 1 p.m. Take home boxes will be available for those on the go. This year's bake sale, we will offer Pie by the Slice. Individual slices of pie will be sold for \$2.25. A small item garage sale will also be featured from 11-6 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Be sure to stop in and grab some delicious treats to take home to the family! Also, be sure to mark your calendar for the final Benefit Day Event – Dinner & Auction on Thursday, October 25th. All proceeds from all the Benefit Day events go towards total kitchen renovation. Your continued support is always greatly appreciated!

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See the World-Famous Oberammergau Passion Play in Bavaria, Germany in 2020. Join tour host Pastor Weldon Martens of Grace Hill Mennonite Church on a ten-day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland for the ***Oberammergau Passion Play***, August 15-25, 2020. The *Passion Play* first held in 1634 is held every ten years. We will see the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest, German Castles, and enjoy a Rhine River Cruise. Daily devotions led by Pastor Weldon. The tour is limited to 25 travelers. See the tour brochure and register at www.travelwithweldon.com or contact Pastor Weldon for a brochure or information at weldon.martens@gmail.com or 402-202-9276.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Melissa Clarkson as she continues to struggle with difficulties related to the tumor in her brain. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and healing for Melissa.
- Pray for both Pauline Regier and Lois Loflin who are recovering from knee surgeries. May they find peace and continued improvement on the journey toward recovery.
- Western District Conference: Pray for church planters in WDC, as they seek to nurture the seeds of new communities of faith.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox and their daughters, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are beginning another school year in Spain. Pray for the girls as they relate to classmates, and for Brian and Noelia as they work with parents and students in the English school they established.

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