

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

October 14, 2018

Gathering Music

Kent Dick

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him – Page/Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Debbie Nightingale

Centering Music

Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy

Call to Worship

L: For hope in times of despair,

P: we call upon the name of God.

L: For faith in times of doubt,

P: we call upon the name of God.

L: For comfort in times of grief,

P: we call upon the name of God.

All: To you Lord we direct our thoughts.

Praise Songs

**O Christ, in Thee my Soul – HWB #510*

Who am I – Projected

O Lord, You're Beautiful – Projected

Offering and Offertory

Church Budget

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit - Buxtehude

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Worship Music

Choir

The Prayer

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9 (pgs. 1830)

Message

Pastor Steve

True & Noble

*Closing Song

Good, Good Father – Projected

*Benediction

*Postlude

Kent Dick

Praise Him! Praise Him! - McDonald

*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

Oct. 14	6:45 pm	Celebration: An Evening of Singing
Oct. 16	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Hospitality Meeting
Oct. 17	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (childcare available)
	8:00 pm	Music Practice
Oct. 21	5-7 pm	Hog Roast
Oct. 23	6:00 pm	Mission & Nurture Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Nov. 10		Mission Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for *Celebration: An Evening of Singing* on TONIGHT beginning at 6:45 pm. We will enjoy singing together and then meet for refreshments and fellowship. Invite your friends!

Our Annual Hog Roast will be Sunday evening October 21 from 5-7 at the Gazebo in the Scout Park. Bring lawn chairs. Enjoy a pulled pork dinner and music by 'Kilometer 81' (the Ken & Amy Regier Family). Proceeds will support New Hope Shelter in Newton & ongoing relief efforts at Academia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico which serves children kindergarten thru 10th grade and was severely damaged by hurricanes in 2017. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the church.

Did you know that you can listen to the sermon each week on our website, www.firstmennonitehalstead.org? Also, the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be found there too. Check it out!

The SMCHA Banquet will be held Oct. 18 at 6 pm at Memorial Hall at Bethel College. For more information see the flyer in the hallway.

The first concert of the 2018-19 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Phoebe Hunt & The Gatherers, will be on Sunday, **Oct. 14th** at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will present a pre-fall tour concert entitled "Grant Us Peace" at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, on Thursday, **Oct. 18**, at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Pine Village: 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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WELCOMERS TODAY	Harley & Elaine Mohler
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick
NURSERY TODAY	Leah Kawanguzi & LuAnn Laswell
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	120
MC USA (designated)	\$1,030.00
Church Budget	1,260.00
Wednesday Night Meal	134.00
September Birthdays	10.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Hog Roast
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Joyce Franz
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Kaitlen Ortman & Sandy Lewis

whatever is: *true.*
noble.
right.
pure.
lovely.
admirable.
excellent.
praiseworthy.
philippians 4:8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will be held Friday, **Oct. 19** at 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church of Newton, KS fellowship hall. Join us to enjoy a Smothered Pork Burrito dinner by Chef Carlos Lujano. (*Meatless burritos available by request*). A program will follow: a dance performed by Iglesia Casa Betania's children, IBA graduation, student testimony and some words by IBA Director, Marco Güete. You will also have an opportunity to participate in a free will offering to support the program financially. Contact Violeta at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342 for more information.

Bethel College: Oct. 21 – Bethel College Philharmonia concert, 3 p.m., featuring faculty soloist Seth Girton, cello, vocalist Addie Regier, and music by Bartók, Bruch, Higdon, Honegger and Lennon & McCartney; Memorial Hall. **Oct. 21** – Menno Simons Lecture with Rachel Waltner Goossen, Washburn University, 7 p.m. The series topic is "Sexual Identities and Leaders in the Faith," with additional lectures Mon., Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Keynote speaker John Garland will testify to God's faithfulness at the "Telling the Jesus Story" Year of Evangelism event Oct 26-27. You will be encouraged to shape and share your own Jesus story at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, 1524 Dowdy Ferry Rd, Dallas, TX. Consider riding the van from Newton, KS with others. More information and register at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

Only a few spaces are left at the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats, October 26-28 and November 2-4! Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290. It's a relaxing and fun-filled time to spend time with other croppers and crafters, as well as spend some time in God's creation!

The annual Harvey County Rural School Reunion will be held on Sunday, **Oct. 28** in the Grand Central Newton area Senior Center, 122 E. 6th, Newton, starting at 12:30 pm. Please bring table service and a dish to share. Drinks will be furnished. All that are interested in rural schools are invited. For more info call Carol Rose, 316-835-2821.

Send a team from your congregation to "Cultivating Generous Congregations," a seminar hosted by Everence on Friday, November 9, 5 pm through Saturday, Nov 10, 4 pm at Cross Winds Conference Center, 8036 N Hoover Rd, Hesston, KS. This two-day course is for those who believe in their congregation's capacity for greater generosity; have a desire to become more comfortable talking, preaching and teaching about money; are willing to redefine and expand the channels through which giving can take place in their congregation; and understand that money and giving are important aspects of discipleship and pastoral care. Registration fee is only \$50 per ministry team. (The normal fee of \$250 has been significantly reduced thanks to a generous grant from Lake Institute.) For more information and to register (by Oct. 30), contact Mitch Stutzman at mitch.stutzman@everence.com or 316-283-3800 or visit our [event page](#).

Resilience: Nepal - Join MCC on an epic trekking journey through Nepal, April 1-19 of 2019. Participants will spend twelve days hiking through Nepal to see how MCC partner organization Shanti Nepal is working with community strengths at the grassroots level to address vulnerabilities to natural disasters and visit KOSHISH to see how they're supporting mental health and rehabilitation for those living with severe trauma and psychosocial distress. MCC is seeking college students, trauma studies researchers and practitioners, mental health professionals, engineers and ANYONE who enjoys hiking and is interested in learning more about what resilience looks like in the context of MCC in Nepal! Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/nepal-learning-tour for more information.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Melissa Clarkson, Garris and Liara and all the family that surrounds them, in your prayers.
- Western District Conference: Pray for pastors beginning a variety of new ministry assignments in WDC congregations this fall.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency's Conflict Transformation program and its success in training peer mediators in high schools. Pray for the youth who build peace in violent situations, and for trainers Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen as they work alongside SADRA's director, Oscar Siwali.