

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

November 4, 2018

Gathering Music Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Steve

Centering Music Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship

L: With our whole being, heart, mind, soul, and strength, let us love and praise God!

P: With all of our being, we will love and praise God! For God is faithful forever, helping, freeing, loving, protecting!

L: Let us sing praises to our God as long as we live!

P: Praise the maker of heaven and earth! Praise God who is faithful forever!

*Praise Songs

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You – HWB #71

They'll Know We are Christians by our Love – Projected

How Deep the Father's Love for Us - Projected

Offering and Offertory MC USA

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Praise Song

Love the Lord Your God - Projected

Scripture

Mark 12:28-31; Ruth 1:6-18 (pg. 1575; 411)

Message

Love Commands

Pastor Steve

*Closing Song

Heart with Loving Heart United – HWB #420

*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

Nov. 7	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Nov. 8	9:30 am	Mom's Group
Nov. 9	6-8 pm	Foster Parent Event at Buhler
Nov. 10	5-7 pm	Mission Supper
Nov. 12	9:30 am	WMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday evening meals will continue! We will have Wednesday evening suppers from 6-7 pm on November 7 and 14. Various music practices will follow.

The Mission Supper will be held this Saturday, Nov. 10 from 5-7 pm. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for food donations and volunteer help! The money raised will be shared between our two MMN partners and Care Closet/Care Portal.

The Stewardship Ministry is planning on a church clean-up day on Nov. 17. More details will be shared soon.

CarePortal Event: A Foster Parent Appreciation and Recruitment event will be held at Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church, 415 N. West, Buhler, KS, on Friday, Nov. 9 from 6-8 pm. If you are a current foster or adoptive family, or a family who is interested in foster care or adoption, you are invited! The meal will begin at 6 pm with entertainment and childcare provided. Please RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foster-parent-appreciation-and-recruitment-event-tickets-51148902745>

Plan to attend the MCC Meat Canning in North Newton Nov. 14-17! A sign-up sheet is on the Mission bulletin board.

Social Security and retirement income workshop scheduled for November: Everence will hold an informative workshop on Monday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. *Social Security and retirement income planning* will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 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.

Everyone welcome! First Mennonite Church Youth, Newton, KS will have a Turkey Dinner Fundraiser on Nov. 7 from 5:30-7 pm. Menu is smoked turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry salad, rolls and pumpkin dessert. Donations go for Mennonite Convention 2019.

You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network worker Wayne and Jeannie Larson on Wednesday Nov 14th from 2-3 pm. We will have coffee, and hear a presentation from Wayne about work in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

PASTOR: Steve Wilcox

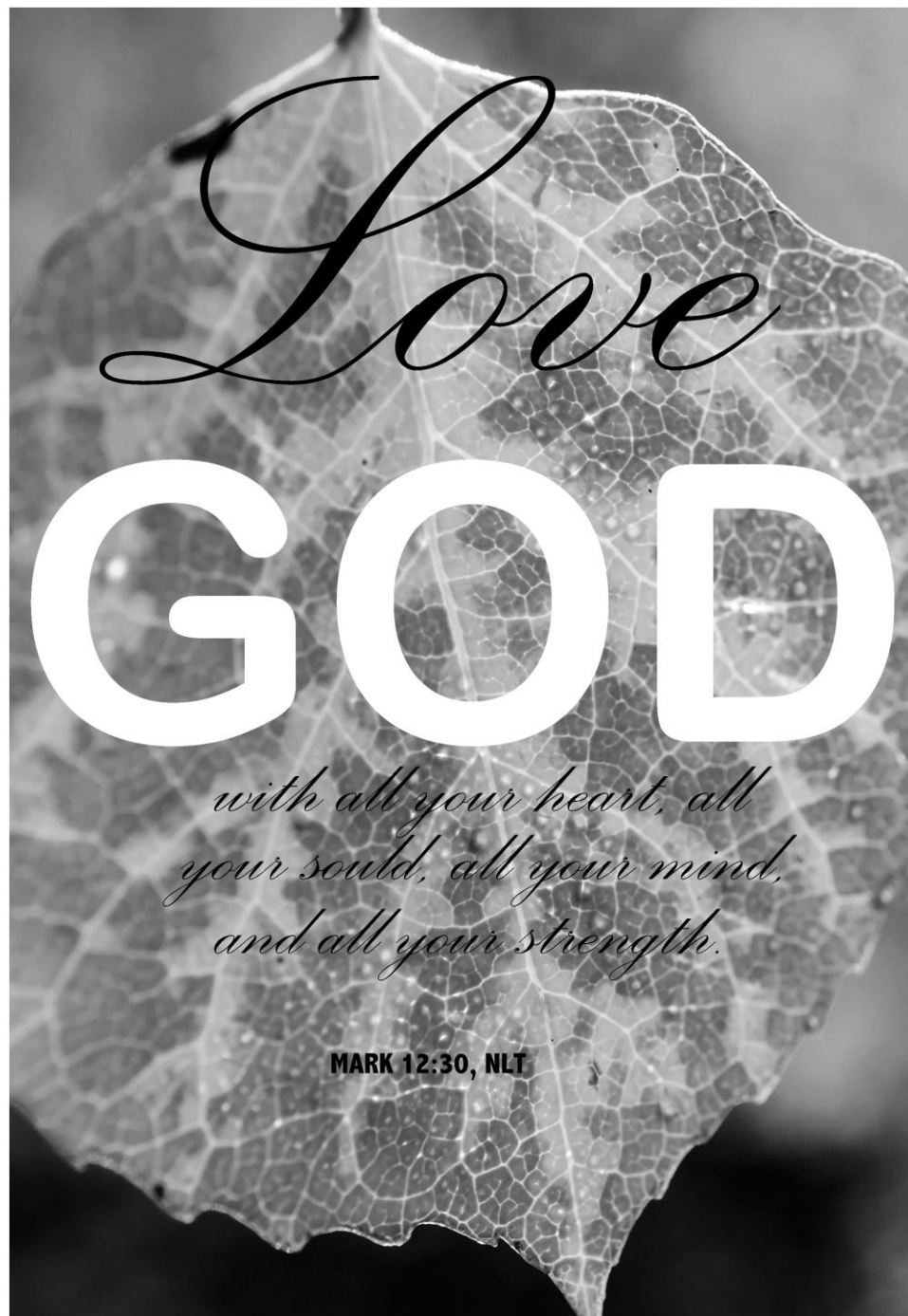
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WELCOMERS TODAY	Dale & Janet Ortman
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Cindy Siemens
NURSERY TODAY	Shaun Ortman & Lauren Mueller
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	98
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Western District Conference (designated)	\$886.00
Church Budget	1,105.00
Meat Canning	100.00
Kids Club	10.00
Wednesday Night Meal	156.00
October Birthdays	55.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Mission Projects
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Dale & Dorothy Dick
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Jason Smoker & Melanie Haspels



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Bethel College: Nov. 4 – The KIPCOR Film Series presents *Digital Disconnect: How Capitalism is Turning the Internet Against Democracy*, 2 p.m.; talkback follows with Jennifer Cole, co-founder of depICT Media, Wichita; *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. **NOTE EARLIER START TIME** **Nov. 4** – Bethel Sings, featuring the Women’s Chorus, Men’s Ensemble, Woven, Open Road, Concert Choir, and soloists, 4 p.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*. **Nov. 4** – Staley Lecture with Safwat Marzouk, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center* (2nd lecture Mon., Nov. 5, 11 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium). **Nov. 11** – Organ Recital Series: Hentus van Rooyen, 4 p.m., featuring music by J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Langlais, Vierne and Hakim, *Administration Building chapel*.

César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference, will visit in Kansas in November. All are welcome to meet him at a reception on Tuesday, Nov 20, at the Mennonite Church USA offices at 718 North Main Street, Newton, KS. Refreshments will be served from 9:30 - 11:30 am, and at 10:00 am. César will speak about Mennonite World Conference. Over 100 Anabaptist/Mennonite-related national churches, including Mennonite Church USA, are members or associate members of Mennonite World Conference.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Continue to hold Melissa Clarkson, Garris, Liara, and family before God.
- Pray for Ralph Janzen as he transitions back to living at home after being in a care facility. Pray for continued improvement in his health as well.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for congregations who have used WDC Mustard Seed grants to reach out to their neighbors to promote health initiatives, share food and hospitality, and welcome children!
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons who minister through educational ministries in Cambodia. May they share the good news of Jesus’ love among Buddhist students through words and through modeling healthy family relationships.