

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

November 11, 2018

Gathering Music

Choir

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Welcome and Announcements

Arnita Haury

Centering Music

Kent Dick

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness - Page

Call to Worship

L: Lord we come before you, not alone, but in the company of one another.

P: **We share our happiness with each other, and it becomes greater.**

L: We share our troubles with each other, and they become smaller.

P: **We share one another's griefs and burdens, and their weight becomes possible to bear.**

L: May we never be too mean to give, nor too proud to receive.

P: **Together we are Christ's body, His hands and feet to the world.**

*Praise Songs

We Gather Together – Choir with Congregation

Help us to Help Each Other – HWB #362

Good, Good Father - Projected

Offering and Offertory

Harvest Mission Projects

Where Cross the Crowded Ways – Birchwood

Moment in Mission

Jason Smoker

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Praise Song

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service – HWB #369

Scripture

James 1:26-27; Isaiah 1:17 (pg. 1881; 1061)

Message

Pastor Steve

Standing with Each Other

Prayer of Blessing

*Closing Song

Lord, We Bring to You our Children – STJ #90

*Benediction

*Postlude

Kent Dick

God is our Refuge - Price

*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

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| Nov. 12 | 9:30 am | WMS |
| Nov. 13 | 7:45 am | Early Birds Breakfast |
| Nov. 14 | 6:00 pm | Supper |
| | 7:00 pm | Bell Choir |
| | 8:00 pm | Praise Team |
| Nov. 14-17 | | MCC Meat Canning |
| Nov. 17 | 9:00 am | Church Clean-up Day |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stewardship Ministry is planning a church clean-up day for Nov. 17 beginning at 9 am. Ministries are encouraged to discuss tasks that need attention and plan to work in that area. All are encouraged to attend and help in the area of your choice. Thanks!

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

Thank you to everyone who purchased ornaments and supported the Kids Club mission project this fall. The kids raised over \$350 to send to Habtom and Heather Kebede in Ethiopia. The funds will enable them to purchase sports equipment to use at the camp where they're involved in sports ministry. We're thankful for the congregation's interest and engagement with our children!

Bethel College: Nov. 11 – Organ Recital Series: Hentus van Rooyen, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel. **Nov. 18** – Bethel College Women's Ensemble Fall Concert, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel. **Nov. 30** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., with music celebrating the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein, Memorial Hall.

Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "Terms" by Stephanie Lanter, through Dec. 6. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 2-4 p.m. Sunday (closed Nov. 22-25 for Thanksgiving break).

The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force encourages you to get to know your Jewish neighbors as our MC USA delegate resolution, "Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine" invites us to do. If you live near Wichita KS, you have an opportunity to take a fun first step by attending Congregation Emmanu-El's Deli Day. Enjoy some New York-style Jewish cuisine, take a tour of the synagogue, and maybe make a new friend. Nov 11, 11 am - 5 pm (dine-in 11 am-2 pm), 7011 E Central, Wichita KS. Questions? Call 316-684-5148.

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WELCOMERS TODAY

ORGANIST/PIANIST

NURSERY TODAY

CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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| MC USA (designated) | \$1,098.00 |
| Church Budget | 1,580.00 |
| Meat Canning | 100.00 |
| Sunday School | 75.00 |
| Neighbors | 50.00 |
| Mission Supper | 50.00 |

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Dale & Dorothy Dick

Kent Dick

Jason Smoker & Melanie Haspels

108

Church Budget

Bill & Anna Lee Ewert

Sara Smoker & Marilyn Mueller

LEARN TO
DO GOOD;
SEEK
JUSTICE,
CORRECT
OPPRESSION.

ISAIAH 1:17, ESV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

New Hope Shelter is asking everyone to consider adopting a child or family this year during the Christmas season. You may call 316-803-1800 for more information. Gift card trees will be at both Dillon's locations in Newton and in Dillon's in McPherson. These cards provide survivors with gas, food and other basic needs. Also, a donations needs list is posted on the bulletin board.

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.

Pizza Gathering with a touch of recruiting! Camp Mennoscah invites everyone interested in being on summer staff to Papa John's in Newton at 6:15 pm-ish on Nov 14. We'll shoot the breeze about camp (and other stuff), chat about being on summer staff, and eat pizza! Can't make it? Check out the information and online application atcampmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps. Or give us a call at 620-297-3290 to speak to Olivia!

Skate Night with Mennonite Camping Association! Those interested in being on summer staff or counseling for the 2019 summer at any of the MCA camps are invited to join in the skating craze at Skate South in Wichita on Tuesday, Nov 13, from 7-9 pm. Raffle drawing for camp swag at 8 pm! Sponsored by Camp Mennoscah, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Camp Friedenswald, Menno Haven and Amigo Centre.

First Mennonite Church, 1161 E. Ave A, McPherson, KS, invites you to a German Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday Dec 1 from 5-7 pm. The menu will be veronika with ham gravy, bohne berrogi with cream sauce, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback and cherry moos. The dinner is by donation and the baked goods are priced.

Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) invites you to enjoy Five Places of Christmas to be held Dec. 1 from 10 am - 4 pm. Located at Bethel College, Luyken Fine Art Center, BCWA's theme is "Star of Bethlehem ". Children (and those young at heart) can make their own star ornaments. All can find homemade candies, peppernuts, baked goods, and handcrafted gifts. Other locations this year are Warkentine House, Carriage Factory Gallery, Kaufman Museum and the Harvey County Historical Society Museum and Archives. Please help with your presence and donations of baked goods, including peppernuts and candies. Donations can be delivered to Luyken Fine Art Center Friday Nov. 30 from 3-5 pm Or Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8-10 am.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Continue to hold Melissa Clarkson, Garris, Liara, and family before God.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board meeting next Saturday, as they lead WDC in its mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the joy Alisha and Joshua Garber find as they participate in the ministries of the Barcelona Mennonite Church and share the good news of Jesus with the wider community in Spain. Pray that they may find a balance between serving others and nurturing family relationships.