

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

November 18, 2018

Gathering Music

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Debbie Nightingale

Centering Music

Cindy Siemens

Call to Worship

L: Let us proclaim the source of our hope and strength.

P: Our lives belong to God, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: Let us rejoice in the foundation of our faith.

P: There is no rock like our God.

L: Let us put our trust in God alone.

P: No one shall deceive us.

All: We will worship the living God.

*Praise Songs

Holy, Holy, Holy – HWB #120

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart – Bulletin Insert

Holiness - Projected

Offering and Offertory

All Creatures of our God and King

Church Budget

Bell Choir

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Praise Song

I Will Exalt Thee

Bell Choir

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9 (pg. 1830)

Message

Right and Pure - Establishing Structural Integrity

Pastor Steve

*Closing Song

From the Inside Out – Projected

*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. 21 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Nov. 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are collecting MCC Relief Kits as our Christmas offering this year.

Please gather your items and bring in a sack or box during worship on December 2. Kit contents include (NEW items only):

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz.; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote®)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 29 in x 60 in)
- 2 wide-toothed combs (6–8 in)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Items Missing: Carol Rose is missing a pie cutter, pie stacker and two pie pans. Please put in the kitchen on top of the refrigerator. Thanks!

The Halstead Community Blood Drive will be Monday, Dec. 3 from 12:30-6:30 pm at the Catholic Parish Hall. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

The topic for the November luncheon of Eat. Learn. Grow, sponsored by SafeHope, is Court Advocacy. Bring your lunch to 316 North Oak in Newton on Nov. 28 at 12 pm to hear all about it.

Bethel College: 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.

All area churches are invited to attend the Winter Luminary Walk, “The Prairie Sleeps” at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The walk will be from 5:30 to 8 pm on Nov. 23, 24 & 30, and Dec. 1. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-15. Reduced advance tickets can be purchased at dyckarboretum.org or the arboretum office for \$5 and \$2.

Giving Tuesday is November 27 - Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations **Witness** & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, **Dwell** in just & loving relationships, and **Connect** to God's mission in the world. You may make an online contribution at <http://mennowdc.org> or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

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WELCOMERS TODAY	Bill & Anna Lee Ewert
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Cindy Siemens
NURSERY TODAY	Sara Smoker & Marilyn Mueller
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	96
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Harvest Mission Projects (designated)	\$2,159.00
Church Budget	440.00
Church Maintenance	3,100.00
MCC Meat Canning	150.00
Neighbors Thanksgiving	50.00
Mission Supper Food Leftovers	304.00
Wednesday Night Supper	78.00
Harvest Mission Supper -Saturday Evening	4,243.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Western District Conference
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Marilyn Schrag
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Lynda Schroeder & LuAnn Laswell

rejoice
in the Lord ALWAYS

pray
about
everything WITH
THANKSGIVING

think
truth, honorable, just
pure, lovely, commendable

peace
of will be with
God YOU!

philippians 4:4-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS to hear Brass Christmas with the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh on December 9 at 7 pm.

Christmas Gathering for Volunteers of All Years! Volunteers of all sorts from all years are invited to come to Camp Mennoscah on December 15 at 2:30pm-ish for a time to have conversation and cookies! Add this time of relaxation to your holidays!

MC USA Executive Board has decided to retain both the corporate shell and mission of The Mennonite, Inc. – and will not be “terminating an entity.” Because there is no longer need for an immediate change to the MC USA bylaws, and there is no formal agreement of merger to discuss at this time, we are canceling the special Delegate Assembly meeting scheduled for November 26. Please contact Shelley Buller at ShelleyB@MennoniteUSA.org, 316-281-4257, if you have any questions. --David Boshart, Moderator - Mennonite Church USA

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.

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.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift this year? Consider buying one of the resources on our wish list in honor of your loved one! The Resource Library is excited to partner with Faith & Life Bookstore for this project. Visit our list & purchase online OR visit the wishing tree in the store. All items purchased will be delivered to the library and added to the collection in January. <http://faithandlifebookstore.net/wdc-resource-library-wish-list/>

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Melissa Clarkson, Garris, Liara and all the family that surrounds them, in your prayers.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God’s direction for the future.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is seeking temporary resident status in Ukraine. Pray for patience with the bureaucratic process and that God will open the way for a document that gives her greater freedom for ministry.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Budget balance @ 01/01/18	10,929.63
January-September Receipts	83,929.47
January-September Expenses	<u>(83,037.65)</u>
Budget balance @ 9/30/18	11,821.45
October Receipts	7,487.75
October Expenses	<u>(9,656.51)</u>
Budget balance @ 10/31/18	9,652.69