

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

November 25, 2018

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## Gathering Music

Kent Dick

*Now Thank we all our God – Karg-Elert*

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Steve

## Centering Music

Kent Dick

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow – J.C. Bach*

## Call to Worship

L: Let's enter God's dwelling place.

**P: Let's worship in the house of God!**

L: Let's enter with thanksgiving and praise.

**P: Let's worship with the joy of the Lord!**

L: Let's worship with our words and our lives.

**P: Let's live as the household of God!**

## \*Praise Songs

*Come, Ye Thankful People – HWB #94*

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven – HWB #65*

*He is Exalted - Projected*

## Offering and Offertory

Western District Conference

*Thanksgiving Prelude - Saxton*

## Children's Story

Melanie Haspels

## Prayer of Praise and Concern

## Praise Song

*As I Went Down to the River to Pray – STJ #79*

## Scripture

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:37-38 (pgs.1550; 1694)

## Message

Pastor Steve

*Baptized (Anabaptist Beginnings)*

## \*Closing Song

*Come, Just as You Are – Projected*

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

Kent Dick

*We Give Thee Thanks - Rand*

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\*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. 26	6:00 pm	Nurture & Mission Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Nov. 27	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Nov. 28	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Nov. 29	9:30 am	Mom's Group
Nov. 30	4:30 pm	Cookie Bake
Dec. 1	8:30 am	Leaf Raking Project
Dec. 2	8:30 am	Waffle Breakfast
	10:45 am	Tree Decorating Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Secretary Notes:** The deadline for the December newsletter is Monday, November 26 at noon. Thanks!

**Cookie Bake Day will be Friday, November 30** beginning around 4:30 pm. Families are asked to bring prepared cookie dough ready for baking. The cookies will be sold December 2 during and after the waffle breakfast with proceeds supporting angel tree children.

**Leaf raking next Saturday morning December 1!** Meet at the church at 8:30. With enough help, we hope to be done around noon. Bring a rake, tarp etc. If you or someone you know would benefit by us raking their lawn, sign-up on the bulletin board across from the water fountain, or contact Alan Mueller 316.215.5063 or Dwight Mueller 316.282.7571.

**The Annual Waffle Breakfast** will be held next Sunday morning, December 2 from 8:30-9:30 am in Stauffer Hall. Join us for waffles and all the fixings and raise money to help Halstead residents with Utility Bills.

**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.

**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)

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**WELCOMERS TODAY**

James & Debbie Nightingale

**ORGANIST/PIANIST**

Kent Dick

**NURSERY TODAY**

Lynda Schroeder & LuAnn Laswell

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

96

**OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Church Budget (designated) \$4,448.00

Wednesday Night Meal 118.00

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

MCC Relief Kits

**WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY**

Marilyn Schrag

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

No Nursery this week!



make disciples of all

~ **NATIONS** ~

baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
**and of the Holy Spirit,**  
teaching them to observe everything

**I HAVE COMMANDED YOU,**

~ ~ ~  
And remember,

**I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,**  
to the end of the age.

**MATTHEW 28:19-20**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**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. 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](http://dyckarboretum.org) or the arboretum office for \$5 and \$2.

**Bethel College: Nov. 30** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., with music celebrating the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein, Memorial Hall. **Dec. 1** – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Meet at 8 a.m. in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th, No. Newton. **Dec. 1** – Five Places of Christmas, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920"), refreshments, sale items in the museum store, and a "sneak-preview mini-exhibit" from a collection recently donated by artist Mary Lou Goertzen. Bethel College Women's Assoc. will have "Star of Bethlehem" themed activities and holiday food and gift items for sale in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**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.

**Night in the Barn:** Everyone is invited to attend and experience Night in the Barn, presented by Tabor Mennonite Church from 5 – 8 pm during the first two weekends in December (Dec. 1 & 2 and Dec. 8 & 9). Please note the new location of Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 E 70th, Newton, KS - just off of K-15 between Newton and Goessel). Come and interact with the characters, animals, sights and sounds of this timeless tale. Enjoy this walking tour of the Nativity with family and friends. The suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and snack. Come and share in the wonder of the Christmas Story! If you have any questions, call (620) 367-2721.

**The third concert of the 2018-19 Prairie Window Concert Series,** featuring Lindsay Lou, will be on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4 pm at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets. \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**Virtual author "visit"** at the Conference Resource Library on December 4. Hear from author Jacqueline Woodson as she shares her about new picture book "The Day You Begin" at 10:00 am and her novel "Harbor Me" at 12:00 pm. These presentations are geared for children and youth but everyone is welcome! 2517 N. Main in North Newton.

**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!

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Keep Melissa Clarkson, Garris, Liara and all the family that surrounds them, in your prayers.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for all the congregations of WDC, and the unique gifts and perspectives that each one brings to our conference.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Participants with Journey International, a Mennonite Mission Network program, are serving in Benin and Ecuador. Pray for God's love to flow through Requiyah Johnson, working with children at *La Casa Grande*, and for Maura Longenecker and Samantha Miller, working with refugees and children in Quito.