

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

December 30, 2018

Gathering Music

Kent Dick & Pastor Steve

Joy to the World

Welcome and Announcements

David Mueller

December Birthday Offering

Centering Music

Choir

This Child

Call to Worship

L: The Word has become flesh; God now walks among us!

P: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.

L: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

P: All who believe are the children of God; brought together to experience the unity of the whole human race.

All: Praise be to God for the abundant love and shalom we now experience!

*Praise Songs

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:6-20 (pg. 1590)

Special Music

Choir

What Child is This

Praise Songs

Offering and Offertory

O Holy Night

Kent Dick & Gregg Dick
Mutual Aid Fund

Children's Story

Praise Songs

Special Music

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Pastor Steve

Scripture

Zechariah 9:9; John 1:14-18 (pgs. 1480, 1646)

*Closing Songs

*Benediction

*Postlude

*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

Dec. 31	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Party
Jan. 2	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Praise Team
Jan. 5	9:00 am	Verenike Making Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: **1.** Due to the holidays the January newsletter deadline has been extended to Wednesday, January 2. **2.** The Advent bulletin series this year were designed by Katie Nightingale. **3.** The January/February issue of the Upper Room is available in the literature rack.

We will have our annual New Year's Eve party at the church on Monday, Dec. 31 starting at 7 pm. Bring snacks to share and games to play! We will also have a White Elephant gift exchange, which is always a highlight of the night. Invite your family and friends!

Verenike Making: Join us Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9 am to make verenike for our annual Verenike Supper! We made nearly 2000 last year. The upcoming Verenike Supper will be held on Saturday February 23, 2019.

Looking Ahead for Wednesday Nights: Kids Club will meet this year from January 30-March 27 on Wednesday's at 5 pm (not meeting on March 13). The theme will be "Colossal Coaster World." The adult meeting dates and topic will be announced soon.

Bethel College: Centering Prayer will not meet Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) but will resume Monday, Jan. 7, 2019. **Dec. 31** – The Bethel College advancement/development office invites you to a holiday open house, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Come by to visit with staff, enjoy holiday treats and a warm beverage – and make your year-end donation. The office is on the main floor of the Administration Building on campus.

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WELCOMERS TODAY	Arnita Haury
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick
NURSERY TODAY	Sara Smoker & Melanie Haspels
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	96
CHURCH ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS EVE	150
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Mutual Aid Fund (designated)	\$1,407.00
Church Budget	1,228.63
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	MC USA
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Joyce Franz
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Shaun Ortman & Debbie Nightingale



love revealed

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Kauffman Museum is open through the holidays (closed Mondays, and Tues., New Year's Day): hours 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m. Visit the current special exhibit "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920."

Five Times Harder will perform a holiday concert at First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, KS on December 30 at 4:00 pm. They will perform a variety of Christmas music in styles ranging from classical to bluegrass to folk. No admission charge. Tom Harder is pastor at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS, and Lois Harder is Bridge Pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS.

Hello, future summer staffers! You can apply for a summer staff position at Camp Mennoscah at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps. Do it now! Positions are music, crafts, nature, lifeguard, office, and grounds/maintenance. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; we'll start interviewing in January! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions. We can't wait to talk to you about being on summer staff!

WDC congregations and members: Remember to share your feedback for the Mennonite Church USA Journey Forward process by the due-date of December 31! Use the online survey at <http://mennoniteusa.org/journey-forward/>.

Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings include: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, (2) a Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (U.S. resident) and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer, home based (U.S. resident). For more information, visit our webpage at www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment.

The first concert of 2019 at the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring *The Barefoot Movement*, will be on Sunday, January 13th 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. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for Iglesia Palabra Viva, a new WDC church-plant in Liberal, KS, as they reach out to share God's love with their community.
- Mennonite Mission Network: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.