



# Halstead First Mennonite Church

September 24, 2023

*Family of Christ, grace and peace be  
with you as we gather to worship in  
the name of the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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## **Gathering Music** – Kent Dick

*I Love to Tell the Story* - Douglas

## **Welcome and Announcements** – Pastor Steve

September Birthday Blessing

## **Centering Music** – Kent Dick

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* – Boeringer

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty, claims us as God's very own!

**People: Rejoice in the Lord!**

Leader: Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love!

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, always!**

Leader: Good news! The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!

**All: Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again we say, rejoice!**

**\*Praise Song – Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah – VT #606**

G D G C G D7

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain whence the heal - ing wa - ters  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-

G D G Am7/C

land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 flow. Let the fier - y, cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 side. Death of death and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on

G/D D G D7 G

pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of hea - ven, feed me till I  
 jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er

D7 G Am7/C G/D D7 G

want no more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.  
 strength and shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.  
 give to thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

**\*Praise Song – Heart with Loving Heart United – VT #813**

1 Heart with lov - ing heart u - nit - ed, met to know God's ho - ly will.  
 2 May we all so love each oth - er and all self - ish claims de - ny,  
 3 Since, O Lord, you have de - mand - ed that our lives your love should show,

Let this love, in us ig - nit - ed, more and more our spir - its fill.  
 so that each one for the oth - er will not hes - i - tate to die.  
 so we wait to be com - mand - ed forth in - to your world to go.

He the head, we are his mem - bers, we re - flect the light he is.  
 E - ven so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.  
 Kin - dle in us love's com - pas - sion so that ev - 'ry - one may see

He the mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples, he is ours and we are his.  
 Still he grieves and still he suf - fers, for our self - ish - ness and strife.  
 in our fel - low - ship the prom - ise of a new hu - man - i - ty.

**Skit**

**Offering & Offertory** – Church Budget

*Jesus, Thou Art Mine* - Bach

**Scripture Readings**

**Children's Story** – Melanie Haspels

**Worship Song** – *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* – Lyrics Projected

**Worship Song** – *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me* – Lyrics Projected

**Scripture Readings**

**Pastoral Prayer**

# 644 Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL Irregular

Refrain      D      Em7/D      G/DA/D D      Bm      Bm7/A      G      A      F#m7

Heal-er of our ev-'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row, give us

Bm      Em7      F#7      G      Em      A      D      *Fine*

peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm      F#m/A      G

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F      Em      D/F#      G      Bm      A/C# G/B A      *To refrain*

peace and glad-ness. Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, Spir - it of all kind-ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing. Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

**Worship Song** – *You Say* – Lyrics Projected

## **Scripture Readings**

**\*Sending Song** – *How Beautiful* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Kent Dick

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* – Peterson

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sept. 24 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study  
6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups  
Sept. 27 5:00 pm Kids Club  
6:00 pm Supper  
6:45 pm Adult Bible Study  
8:00 pm Bell Practice  
Oct. 1 10:30 am World Communion Sunday  
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Secretary Notes:** The deadline for the October newsletter is Monday, September 25. World communion Sunday will be celebrated next week, October 1, during worship.

**Wednesday evening study for adults** began last week and continues until October 25 from 6:45-7:45 pm. Supper will be available at 6:00 pm for all. Pastor Steve will lead discussion following the viewing of a short video. Childcare will be provided in the youth area by Debbie Nightingale and Kalyn Ortman. If you have any questions, please let Debbie or Pastor Steve know.

**Fall has arrived so it is time to head to the Pumpkin Ranch again** for a few hours of fun and fellowship. We have a campfire reserved for Sunday, Oct. 8 from 3-7 pm. The church will provide hotdogs, chips, s'mores, and drinks. Admission is \$15 a person (10% discount by mentioning First Mennonite that day). If you need assistance with the entry fee, please talk with Brocia or Kaitlen. A sign-up is on the bulletin board to help plan for food. Invite your family and friends to join us! P & M is located at 311 16th Ave., Moundridge. If you are not interested or unable to join us at the Pumpkin Patch, please bring a dish to share and enjoy a potluck and games in the fellowship hall after church on October 8.

**MCC Meat Canning is Oct 24 & 25 this year!** To help buy turkey and cans, please designate your gift for "MCC Meat Canning" by October 8. To be part of the canning process, see Casey or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2023>

**Open to new participants:** *Healing & Hope*, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at [aaratzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or 316-619-4580 for more information.

**The Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off event** will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at Camp Mennoscah! Come join us for a day of celebration and activities as we initiate our extended season of remembering Camp's past and anticipating Camp's future. Go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) for more information and to register. You are invited!

**Grace Hill Mennonite Church invites everyone** to their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Hog Roast, September 24 from 5-7 pm. Kilometer 81 will play from 5:30-7:30 pm. Donations accepted for area food banks. Church address is 10218 SE 12<sup>th</sup> St., Whitewater.

**Bethel College: Sept. 26** – "Sing My Soul" high school choral festival at Bethel College, Dr. Henry Waters, director, with a short public concert at 1:30 p.m., *Memorial Hall*. **Sept. 28** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, featuring work by Gustav Holst, Percy Grainger, Jaime Texidor, Grace Baugher (who will be present at the concert) and Leonard Bernstein. **Sept. 29** – "Bold Color," acrylic paintings by Virgil Penner, opens in the *Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center* (reception Oct. 13). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**Call for volunteers – The Bethel College Alumni Association** is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Festival. Shifts are 1.5-2 hours long and need to be filled on Thursday, Oct. 12, 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or [bschmidt@bethelks.edu](mailto:bschmidt@bethelks.edu).

**Hesston College Theatre presents *Steel Magnolias* Sept. 28-Oct. 1** in the Keim center Black Box Theater. This comedic-drama focuses keenly on M'Lynn and the push/pull she has with Shelby, her headstrong, loving daughter. More information at [hesston.edu/theatre](http://hesston.edu/theatre).

**The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series** opens with Maya DeVitry on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Purchase tickets online at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise** May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is an 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com) / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at [www.tourwithweldon.com](http://www.tourwithweldon.com)

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Western District Conference:** We are called as Jesus's followers to share our experience as God's people and the transformative work of the gospel of Jesus in our lives. We pray for church plants and congregations exploring partnerships to do missions together in Western District Conference. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- **Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for a couple who has spent decades ministering in the Middle East, where they are part of a media team that works at "transforming lives with unstoppable hope." Pray for them and the 16 full-time animators; multiple trainers, who help people share the good news with their neighbors; and a social media team of three Arabic women, who address issues like human trafficking and child brides.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget balance @ 01/01/23 | 11,449.83          |
| January-July receipts     | 80,453.99          |
| January-July expenses     | <u>(82,520.50)</u> |
| Budget balance @ 07/31/23 | 9,383.32           |
| August receipts           | 8,491.02           |
| August expenses           | <u>(9,366.21)</u>  |
| Budget balance @ 08/31/23 | 8,508.13           |

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

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| <b>NURSERY TODAY</b>         | Ruth Mueller, Sara Smoker, Josie Whorton |
| <b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>      | Kent Dick                                |
| <b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>  |  |
| Hesston College (Designated) | \$767.00                                 |
| Church Budget                | 945.00                                   |
| Building Maintenance         | 50.00                                    |
| Wednesday Super              | 40.00                                    |
| <b>ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK</b>  | 97                                       |
| <b>OFFERING NEXT WEEK</b>    | MC USA                                   |
| <b>NURSERY NEXT WEEK</b>     | Jason Smoker, Shaun Ortman, Emmitt Jacob |