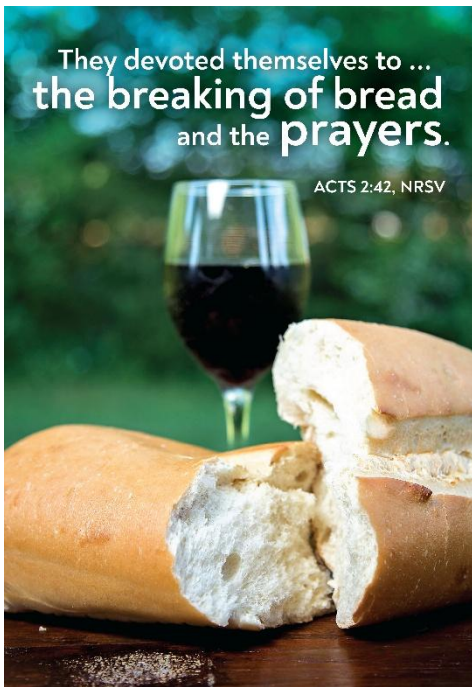




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

October 5, 2025

Welcome to this sacred moment of communion. As we share the bread and cup, may we remember Christ's love and sacrifice.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

Welcome and Announcements - Pastor Steve

Centering Music – Kent Dick

***Call to Worship** - Pastor Steve

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

People: Bless God's Holy Name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: And do not forget God's benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

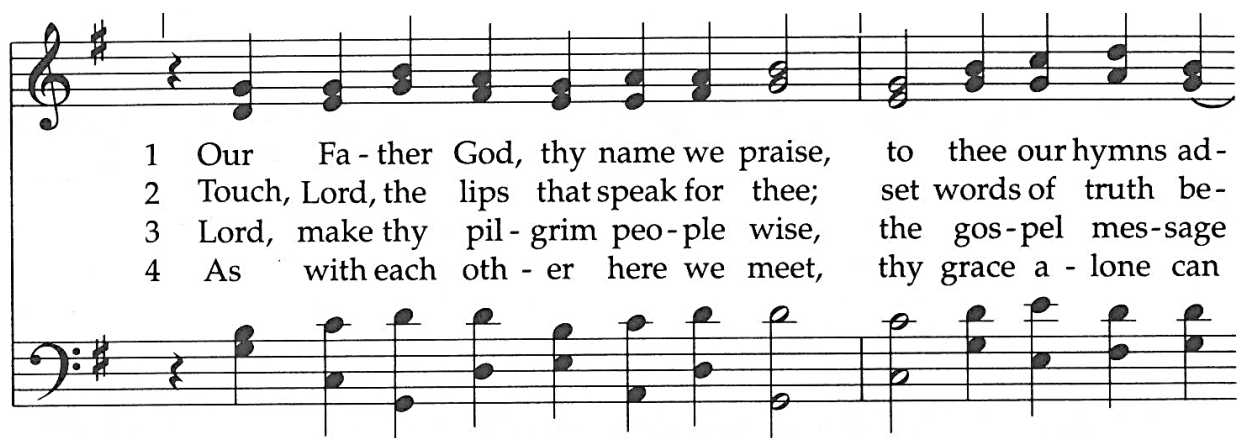
People: Who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

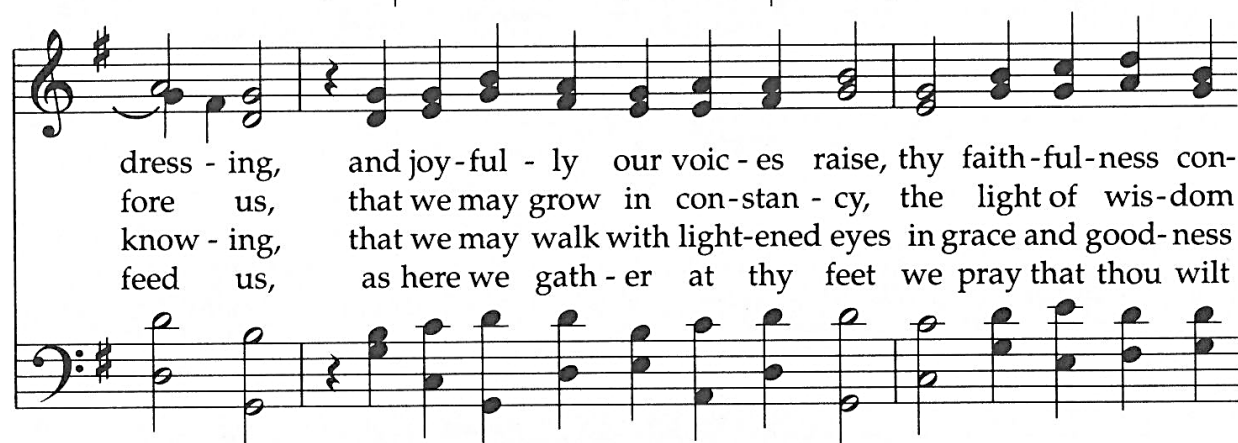
People: Who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Bless the Lord.

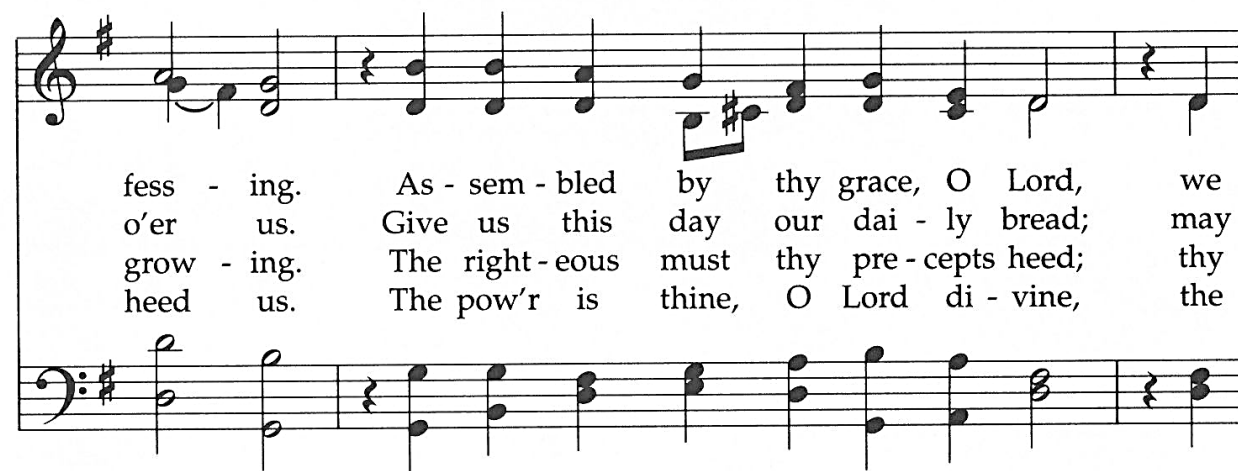
***Worship Through Singing – Our Father God, thy name we praise – HWB #32**



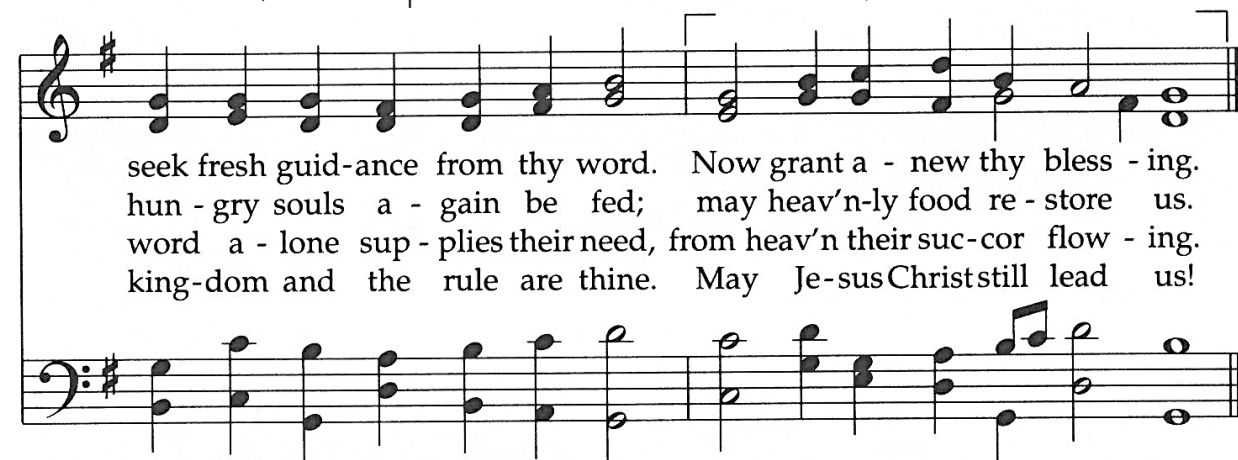
1 Our Fa - ther God, thy name we praise, to thee our hymns ad -
2 Touch, Lord, the lips that speak for thee; set words of truth be -
3 Lord, make thy pil - grim peo - ple wise, the gos - pel mes - sage
4 As with each oth - er here we meet, thy grace a - lone can



dress - ing, and joy - ful - ly our voic - es raise, thy faith - ful - ness con -
fore us, that we may grow in con - stan - cy, the light of wis - dom
know - ing, that we may walk with light - ened eyes in grace and good - ness
feed us, as here we gath - er at thy feet we pray that thou wilt



fess - ing. As - sem - bled by thy grace, O Lord, we
o'er us. Give us this day our dai - ly bread; may
grow - ing. The right - eous must thy pre - cepts heed; thy
heed us. The pow'r is thine, O Lord di - vine, the



seek fresh guid - ance from thy word. Now grant a - new thy bless - ing.
hun - gry souls a - gain be fed; may heav'n - ly food re - store us.
word a - lone sup - plies their need, from heav'n their suc - cor flow - ing.
king - dom and the rule are thine. May Je - sus Christ still lead us!

***Worship Through Singing** – *Holy Forever* – Lyrics Projected

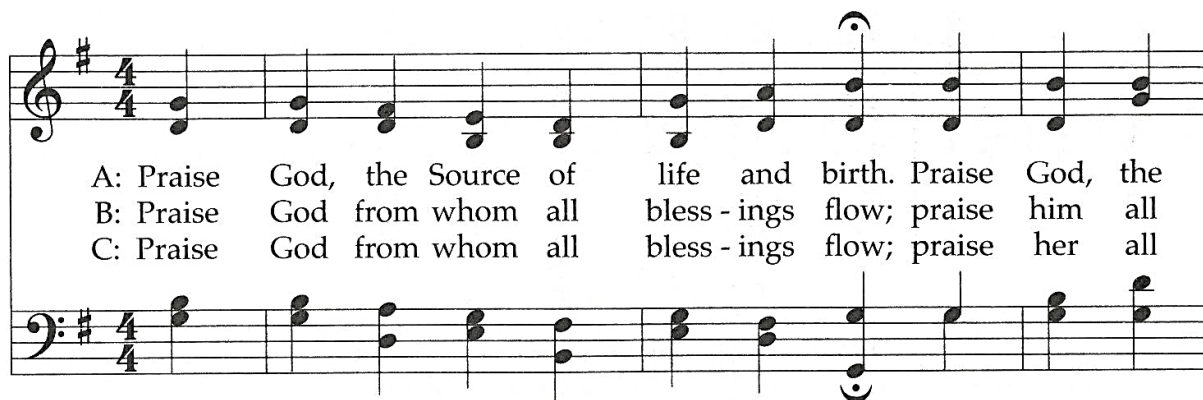
Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

Scripture Reading – Acts 2:42-47 (p. 1694)

Children's Time – Pastor Steve

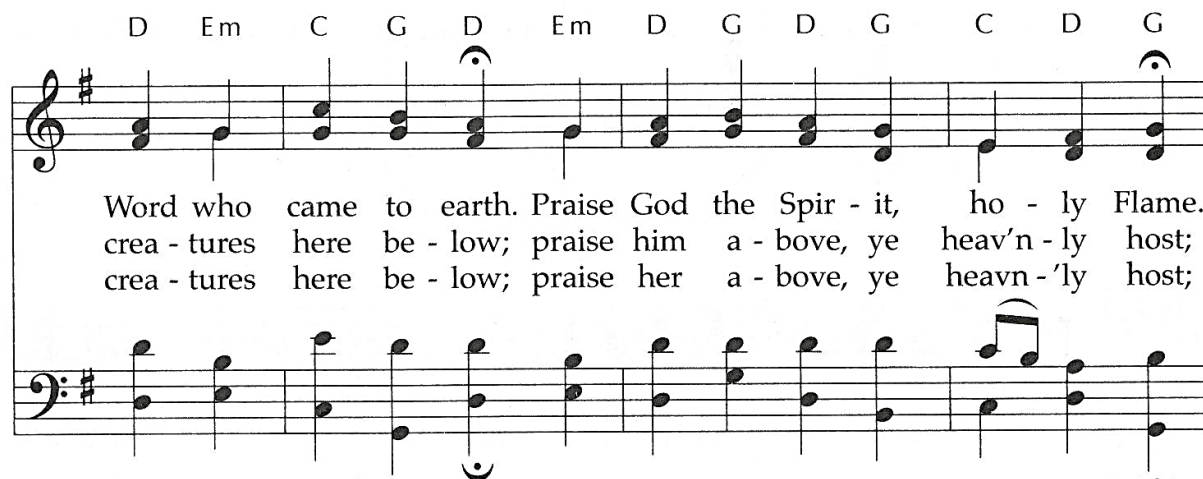
*A nursery is available in the basement for
children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.*

Worship Through Singing - Praise God (Doxology) - VT #71



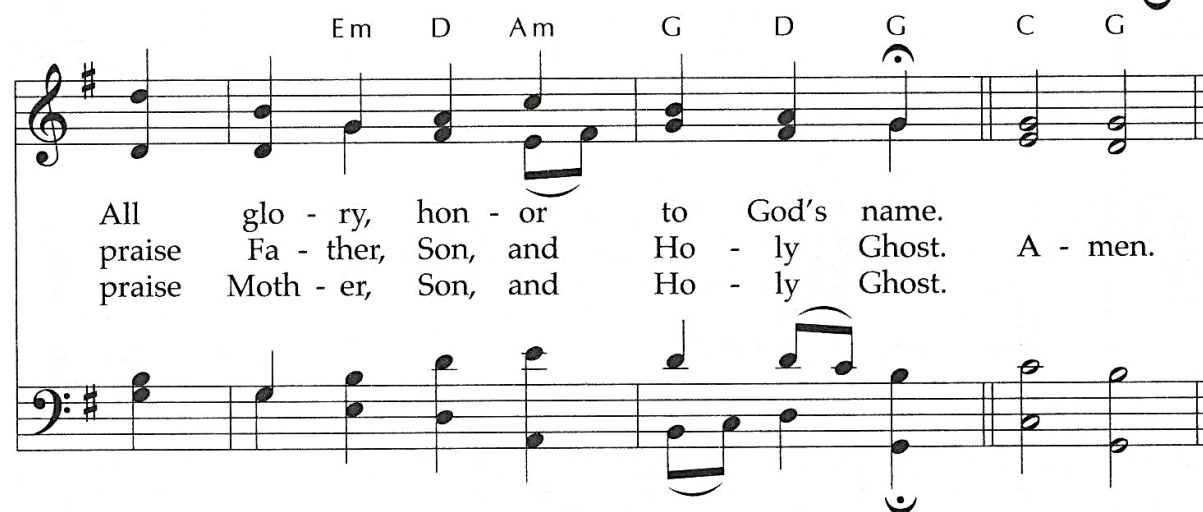
A: Praise God, the Source of life and birth. Praise God, the
 B: Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him all
 C: Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise her all

D Em C G D Em D G D G C D G



Word who came to earth. Praise God the Spir - it, ho - ly Flame.
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
 crea - tures here be - low; praise her a - bove, ye heavn - 'ly host;

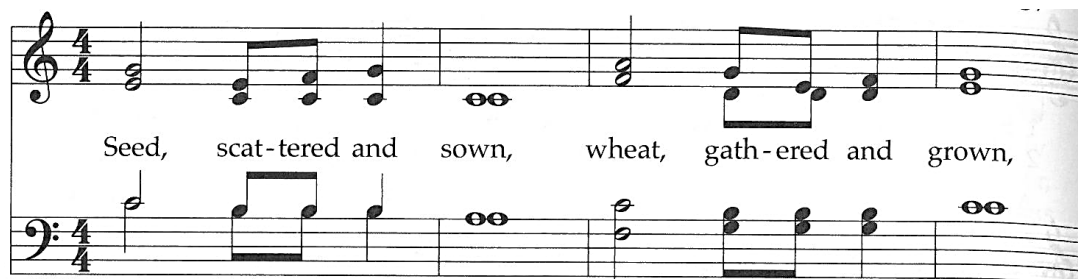
Em D Am G D G C G



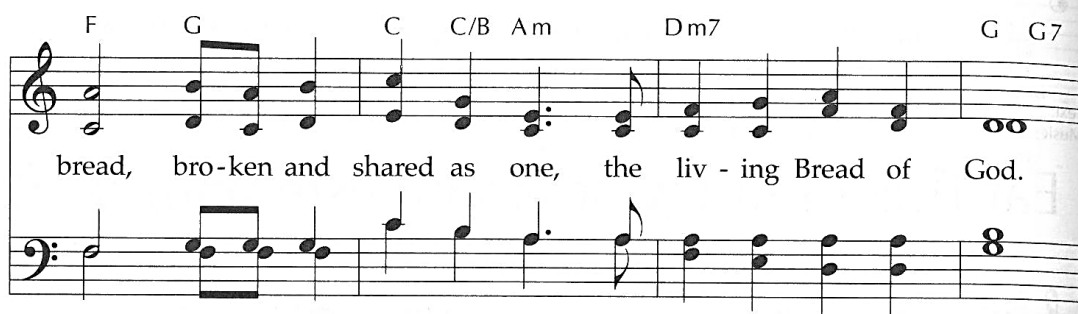
All glo - ry, hon - or to God's name.
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.
 praise Moth - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Worship Through Singing – Seed Scattered and Sown – VT

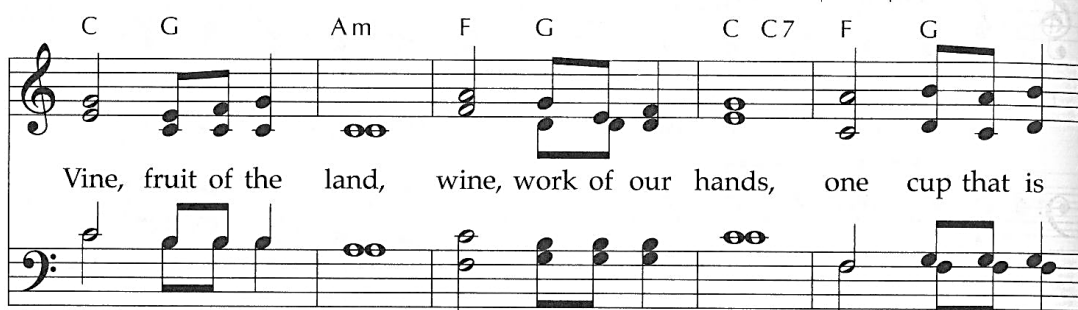
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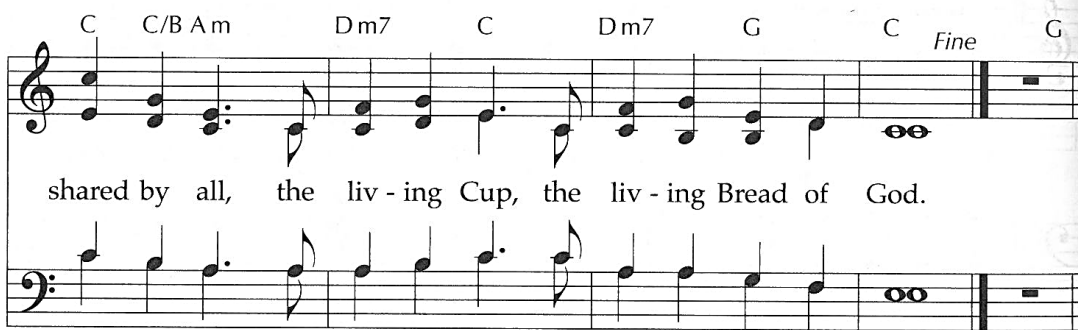
Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,



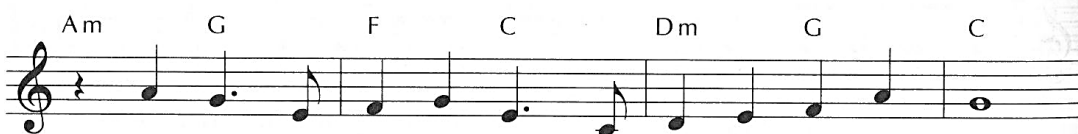
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv - ing Bread of God.



Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is



shared by all, the liv - ing Cup, the liv - ing Bread of God.



- 1 Is not the bread we break a shar - ing in our Lord?
- 2 The seed which falls on rock will with - er and will die.
- 3 As wheat up - on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,



To refrain

Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
 The seed with - in good ground will flow - er and have life.
 so may the church of God be gath-ered in - to one.

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

Teaching, Leading and Sharing: The Rhythm of Word Table and Offering

Communion – How Beautiful – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song – I Give You My Heart – Lyrics Projected**

***Benediction**

***Postlude – Kent Dick**

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct. 5	10:30 a.m.	Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Oct. 7	7:30 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
Oct. 8	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
Oct. 12	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	3:00 p.m.	P & M Pumpkin Ranch outing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study continues this Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6:45 p.m. following supper at 6:00 p.m. The study will run through Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The Bell Choir will be practicing on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 8:00 p.m. We plan to play during the worship service on Oct. 12.

Our Annual Hog Roast will be Sunday, October 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Scout Park. A pulled pork meal will be available by donation, and music will be provided by the local bluegrass group *Prairie Highway*. Invite your friends, bring your lawn chairs, and be part of an enjoyable evening at the park. Proceeds from the meal will go to Camp Mennoscah.

The Mission Ministry invites you to help them complete a 500-roll, toilet paper challenge during the month of October for the Neighbors Store. Bring your rolls of any kind of toilet paper and place them under the coat racks at any time during the month of October. The recipients of our last toilet paper challenge were very appreciative. Let's bless them again!

Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, (868 N. Maize Rd.) invites you to their 40th anniversary celebration October 11-12. Former pastors Marvin Zehr (Jeannie), Matt Friesen (Teri), Linda Ewert (Morris), Doug Luginbill (Paula), Brett Dewey (Esther) and Carole Stevens (representing Dave) will all be sharing personal stories on Saturday from 2 - 3 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship from 3 - 5 p.m. On Sunday morning, Hopeful Blues will begin playing at 9 a.m. and the worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will conclude with a catered lunch from Chipotle for all our guests.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet will be held on October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave., Burrton, KS). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. RSVP by October 11 to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com or text or call 620-532-4408. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and can be paid at the door or online at www.swissmennonite.org.

Bethel College Updates: Thurs., Oct. 9 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Now through Oct. 27** - “Made for you by a professional seamstress,” fiber art by Karen Reimer, on display in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Oct. 19-20**, Dr. Kat Hill will give the annual Menno Simons Lectures.

Camp Mennoscah Updates: Calling All Helpers! The retreat center at Camp Mennoscah has provided many folks with the opportunity to participate in a multitude of camp activities and we are looking to jump start the renovation project with new management, fresh volunteers, and renewed financial assistance. To complete the project, we need your help, whether you have construction skills or not! We’d like to create a list of people who we can email for specific workday projects as they come up. Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 with your name and email address if you are willing to help and we will send out info for projects a week or two in advance of work to be done. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for “Retreat Center.”

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Elaine Mohler and her family as they mourn the passing of her husband, Harley. May the family find peace in their interactions and comfort in God and each other as they gather to say goodbye.
- Praise God that Ron Auernheimer’s brother, Doug Aurenheimer, is now cancer free!
- Pray for Marilyn Auernheimer’s friend, Theresa, who has developed an infection following surgery. Pray for her healing.
- Ron Auernheimer's brother-in-law, Doug Woodard, passed away suddenly this week. Please keep his family in prayer as they work through this sudden loss. May God's comfort and peace be present to them during this time.

- Western District Conference: Give thanks for the rich variety of study materials available in the WDC Resource Library, and pray for WDC congregations hosting Bible studies and book discussions to strengthen Anabaptist witness and courageous faith as followers of Jesus in today's world.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network, who were not able to renew their visas to continue ministry in Chad. Pray for them and their three children as they move to Montbéliard, France, for the coming school year. Pray that the family can make a smooth adjustment and that they can contribute to La Prairie Mennonite Church's ministry to Muslim immigrants.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Jason Mueller, Ruth Mueller Megan Ortman
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Birthday	170.00
Church Budget	960.00
Building Maintenance	100.00
MCUSA	974.01
Wednesday Supper	113.00
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	111
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Hog Roast - Mission
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Sara Smoker, Tia Regier, Josie Whorton