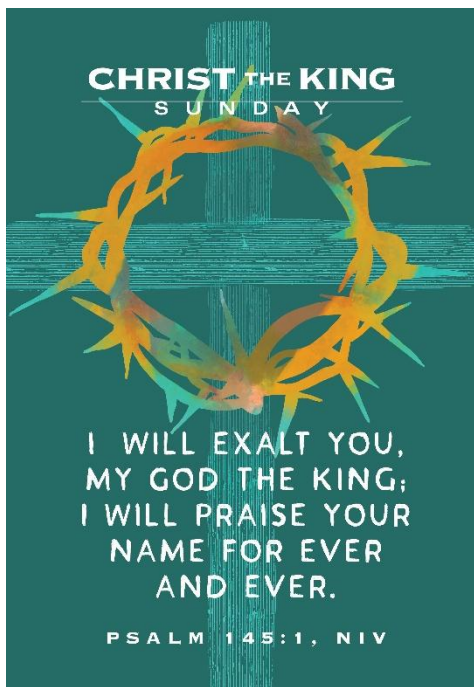




# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

November 23, 2025

*Today we honor Christ the King, the shepherd who gathers and rescues us, the one in whom all things hold together. Come, take your place among the gathered faithful, and offer your worship to the King of all.*

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**Gathering Music** – Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens

*O Worship the King* – Arr. by Joel Raney

**Welcome and Announcements** - Melanie Haspels

**Centering Music** – Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens

*Hymns of Grateful Praise* – Arr. by Mary McDonald

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice! The Lord is King, and He is the King over all the earth.

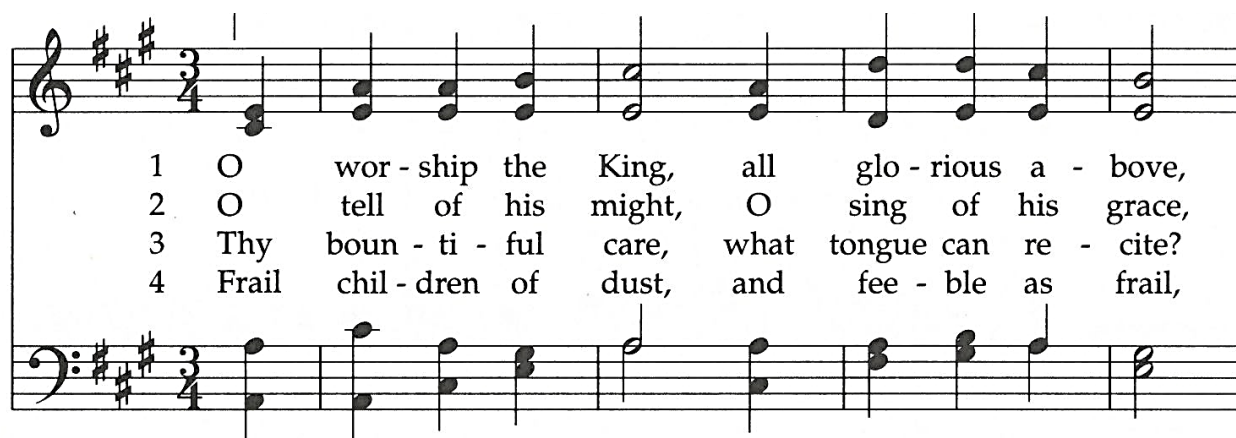
**People: Rejoice, the Lord is King, and He establishes a kingdom of justice and righteousness.**

Leader: He is the King who invites us to His table and calls the children and the vulnerable into His kingdom.

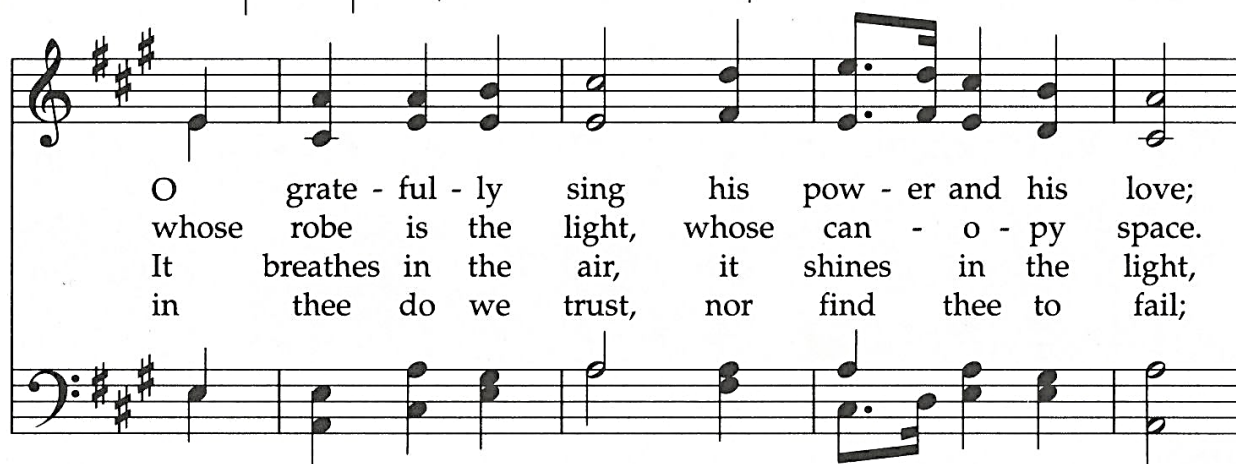
**People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, who is King of kings and Lord of lords.**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise. Let us worship God together.

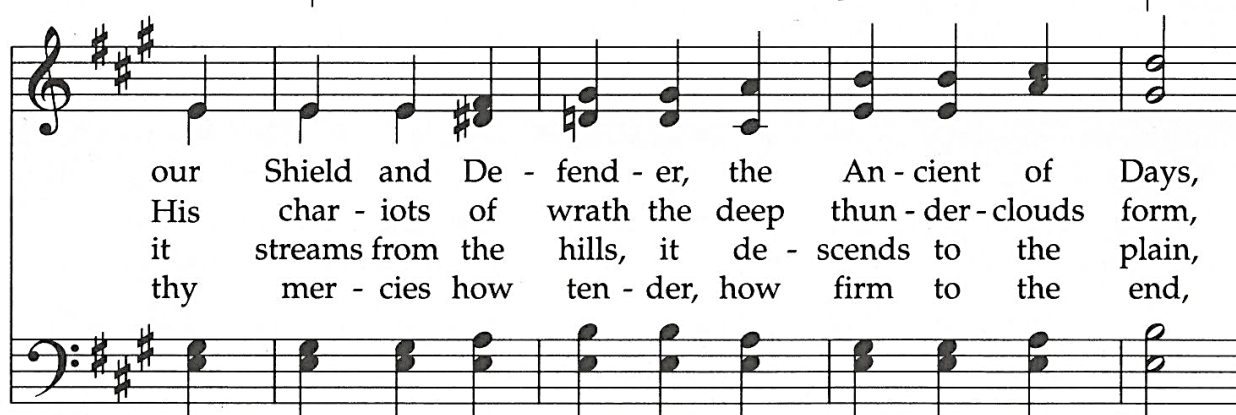
**\*Worship Through Singing – O worship the king – HWB #66**



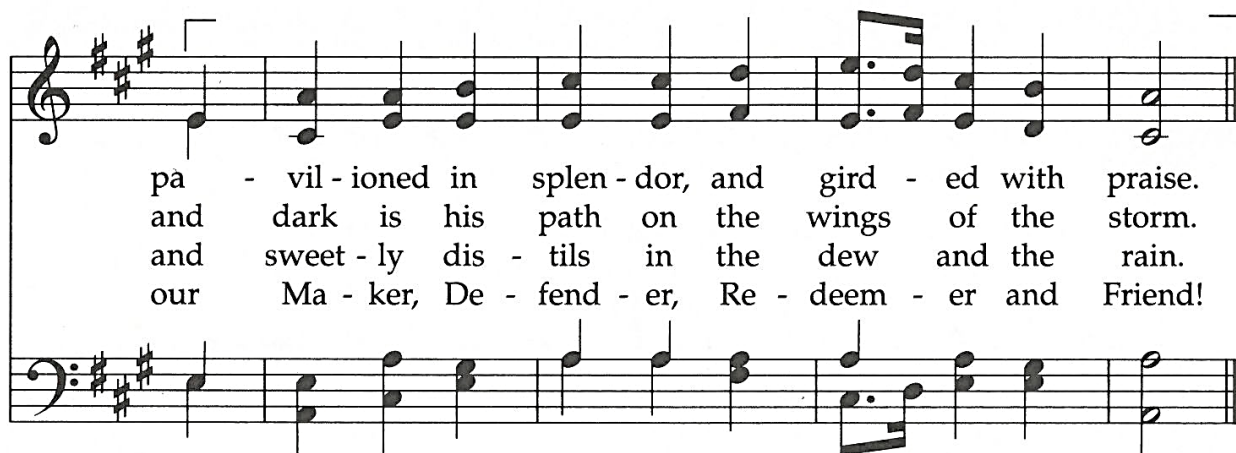
1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,  
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
3 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



O grate - ful - ly sing his pow - er and his love;  
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



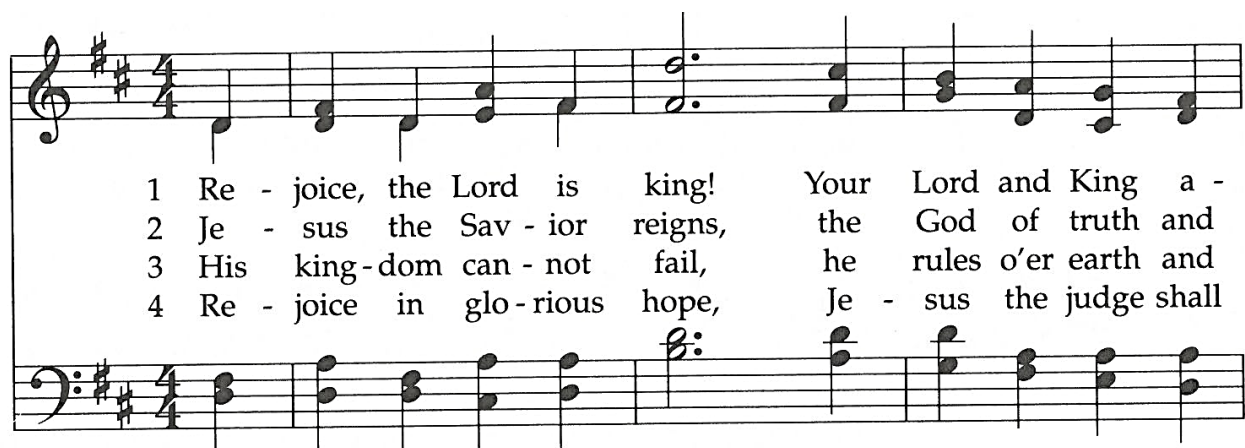
our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,



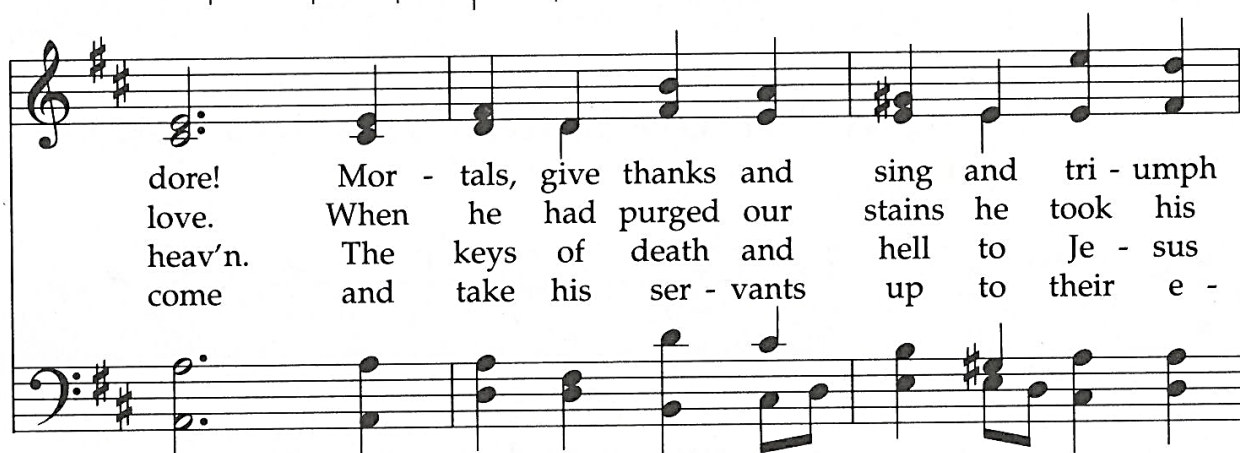
pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.  
our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend!

**\*Worship Through Singing – Rejoice, the Lord is king – HWB**

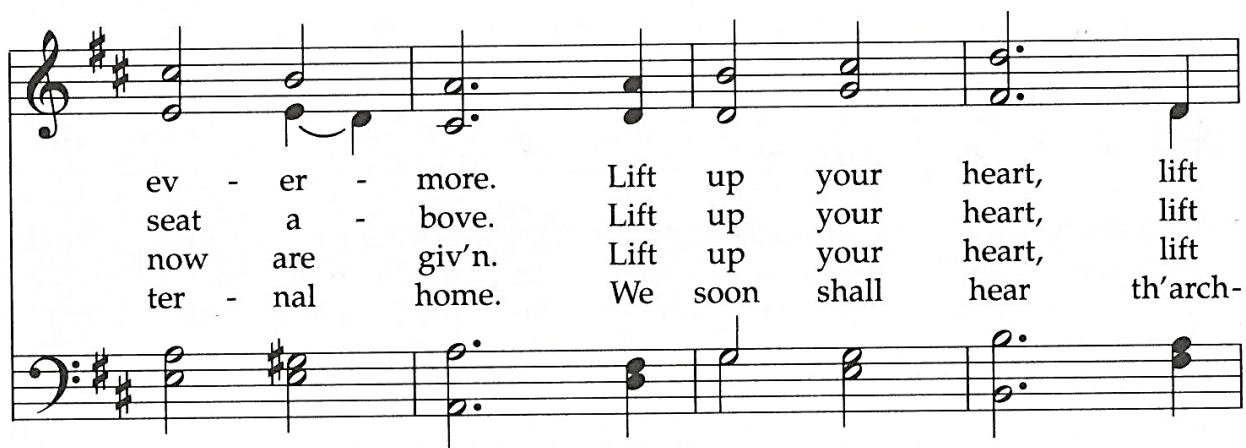
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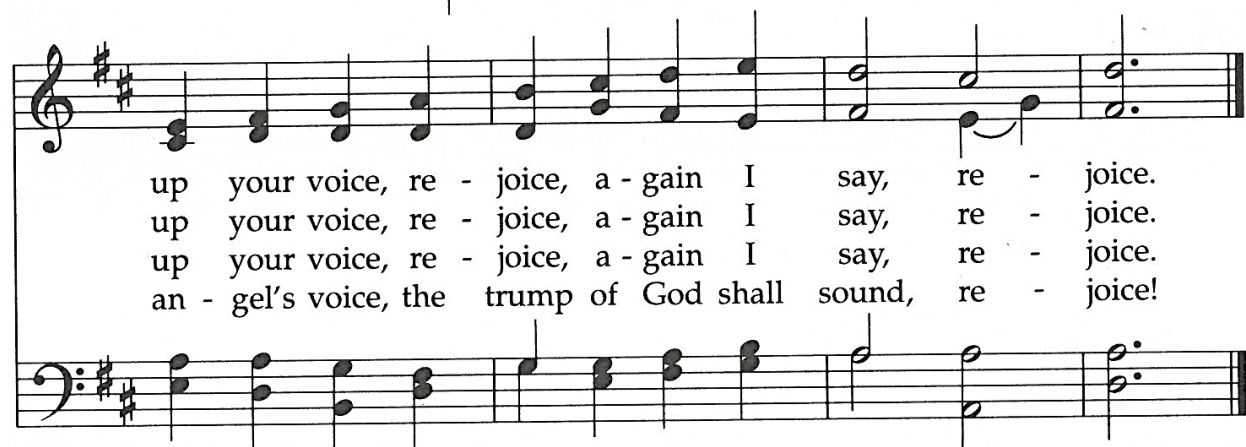
1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and King a -  
 2 Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and  
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, Je - sus the judge shall



dore! Mor - tals, give thanks and sing and tri - umph  
 love. When he had purged our stains he took his  
 heav'n. The keys of death and hell to Je - sus  
 come and take his ser - vants up to their e -



ev - er - more. Lift up your heart, lift  
 seat a - bove. Lift up your heart, lift  
 now are giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift  
 ter - nal home. We soon shall hear th'arch-



up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
 up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
 up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
 an - gel's voice, the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

**Offering & Offertory** – Church Budget

*Give Thanks* – Arr. by Zach James

Cindy Siemens

**Scripture Reading** - Luke 23:33-43 (p. 1641)

**Children's Time** – Casey Jacob

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

**Worship Through Singing** – *King of Kings* – Lyrics Projected

**Congregational Prayer**

**Message** – Pastor Steve

*A King Unlike Any Other*

**Response Song** – *King of Love* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Closing Prayer**

**\*Sending Song** – *Wonderful Merciful Savior* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Kent Dick & Cindy Siemens

*Majestic Praise* – Arr. by Dick Bolks

\*Please stand if you are able

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

|         |            |                                   |
|---------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nov. 23 | 5:00 p.m.  | Joyful Noise practice             |
|         | 6:00 p.m.  | Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups       |
|         | 6:00 p.m.  | Women's Bible Study               |
| Nov. 24 | 7:00 p.m.  | Church Council meeting            |
| Nov. 30 | 8:15 a.m.  | Waffle Breakfast                  |
|         | 10:30 a.m. | Christmas Tree Decorating Service |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We're decorating the sanctuary for Christmas today** following the worship service! If you can stay a few extra minutes, we could use your help to pull the boxes from storage and assemble our trees and wreaths before Advent begins next week. All are welcome and no experience is necessary!

**It's time to renew our group subscription** to *Anabaptist World* magazine. If you would like to renew your subscription or begin a subscription, please let Melanie know by today, Sunday, Nov. 23. The price for one year is \$49 and can be paid to the church (put *Anabaptist World* in the memo line if paying by check). The church also receives a copy of the magazine which is available in the library.

**Next week's bulletin will be done on Wednesday** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please have bulletin items to Melanie by noon on Nov. 26

**Join us for our annual Waffle Breakfast next Sunday, November 30,** from 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. in Stauffer Hall. We will have waffles, bacon, sausage, and all the fixin's! Cost will be by donation with proceeds going to assist people in the Halstead community with their utility bills.

**Join us next Sunday, November 30, for our Christmas Tree Decorating Service.** This service will include singing Christmas songs by request and bringing items needed by MCC with which to decorate our Christmas tree. Requested items this year include new infant sleepers (6-12 months), new onesies (6-12 months),

bar soap and wide-toothed combs. Monetary gifts are welcome as well.

**During the month of November,** the Hospitality ministry will be gathering items for care packages to send to our college kids in December. If you would like to contribute items for the care packages, here are some ideas: chips & salsa, Ramen noodles in cups, fruit snacks, Reese's peanut butter cups, sour Skittles, tortilla chips, Tostitos jarred cheese dip and diet Dr. Pepper. Items can be put in the plastic tub under the coat rack. Thank you for blessing our college kids!

**The Hospitality ministry has purchased a few lap blankets** for those that may get chilly during the worship service. If you would like one to be near your pew area, please talk with Kaitlen. Extras will be kept in the small nursery at the back of the sanctuary.

**All women and girls, along with their guests, are invited** to a Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 6, at 10 a.m. We will spend some time finding joy through fellowship and conversation with those at our table. Please RSVP on the bulletin board by November 30. If you'd like to help decorate a table or provide food, please add your name to those areas on the sign-up sheet.

**Our church will host the bloodmobile on December 8** from noon – 6 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Center. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help work a shift or provide some cookies.

**Give back on Giving Tuesday at MCC, Dec. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m.!** Bring your family and friends to this casual, come-and-go, all-ages event. Pack hygiene kits, tie comforters, make a cardboard comforter block craft, and enjoy snacks. You can also kick off your holiday shopping by picking gifts for your friends and family from the MCC Christmas Giving Guide. Talk with Brocia if you have any questions.

**Bethel College Updates: Sun., Nov. 30** – German Hymn Sing at Kauffman Museum, 3 p.m. in the museum auditorium. **Tues., Dec. 2** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Wed., Dec. 3** – Singalong to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, 11 a.m., Bethel College

Mennonite Church. Scores provided. **Wed., Dec. 3** – Senior Art Exhibit opens, featuring ceramics by Bethel College student Abby Chappell Deckert. The exhibit is open through Dec. 12 (reception TBA) in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Thurs., Dec. 4** – Jazz Holiday Gala, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. **Sat., Dec. 6** – Five Places of Christmas, featuring Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College Women's Association at Goerz House, both on the Bethel campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Other locations are Carriage Factory Gallery, Harvey County Historical Museum and Warkentin House, all in Newton. **Sun., Dec. 7** – 40th annual Lighting of the Green, 8 p.m. on the Bethel College campus.

**Camp Mennoscah Retreat Center Update:** We are thrilled to announce that the room HVAC units have all been installed, allowing the retreat center to be sealed against freezing temperatures and blowing snow...one more sign of the significant progress being made to get the building operational again in time for 2026 summer camps! Your financial investment remains vital as we work on suspended ceilings, light fixtures, systems testing and more. Text "CAMP" to 620-755-2583 to get details on ways to offer your time, talent or treasure.

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Pray for Cody and Jessica Dyck and Duane Cummings as they navigate life without Mary following her recent passing.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for generous financial contributions that support WDC congregations and our shared ministry within WDC.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Anicka Fast, who serves with Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference, is working on the first volume of the Global Anabaptist Forebears series, a joint effort between Boston University's Center for Global Christianity and Mission, Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. Pray for inspiration and stamina as Anicka edits the series, conducts history-writing workshops and seeks funding.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

**NURSERY TODAY**

Shaun Ortman, Jason Smoker, Eli Wilcox

**PIANIST/ORGANIST**

Cindy Siemens & Kent Dick

### **OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Anabaptist World               | 98.00    |
| Building Maintenance           | 1,351.39 |
| Church Budget Offering         | 2,720.00 |
| MCC Christmas Tree             | 200.00   |
| Mission                        | 805.00   |
| Western District Conference    | 1,386.07 |
| Mission Supper (Nov. 15, 2025) | 5,052.75 |

### **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

89

### **OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

MCC Christmas Tree

### **NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

No nursery due to Tree Decorating Service

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Balance @1-1-25   | 239.32       |
| Jan.-Sept. Receipts      | 111,412.94   |
| Jan.-Sept. Expenses      | (106,099.76) |
| Budget Balance @9-30-25  | 5,552.50     |
| October Receipts         | 9,647.07     |
| October Expenses         | (13,177.07)  |
| Budget Balance @10-31-25 | 2,022.50     |