

First Mennonite Church of Halstead

May 24, 2026

At VBS this week, we'll invite kids to discover the nature of God and explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - Edwards/Smith

Welcome and Announcements - Pastor Steve

Centering Music – Kent Dick

This Is My Father's World – Smith

Day 1: God Is Our Creator

Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 8:3-4, Psalm 139:13-14, Isaiah 64:8

Colossians 1:16-17, Ephesians 2:10, Psalm 19:1-2

***Worship Through Singing** – *All Creatures of Our God and King*
– Lyrics Projected

***Worship Through Singing – God of Wonders – VT #178**

Dsus Em7 C2 Dsus Em7

1 Lord of all cre - a - tion, of wa-ter, earth, and
 2 Ear - ly in the morn - ing, I will cel-e-brate the

C2 Dsus Em7 C2

sky, light. the heav-ens are your tab-er-nac - le.
 When I stum-ble in the dark - ness

Dsus Em7 C2

Glo - ry to the Lord on high!
 I will call your name by night.

Refrain G Dsus D Am7

God of won - ders be-yond our gal-ax - y, you are ho - ly,

C2 G

ho - ly. The u - ni-verse de-clar-es your maj - es -

Dsus D Am7 C2 Last time to Coda ⊕

ty; you are ho - ly, ho - ly.

C2

1

Lord of heav-en and earth, Lord of heav-en and earth.

2

C2

Am7

C2

Lord of heav-en and earth. Hal-le-lu - jah to the Lord of

Am7

C2

heav-en and earth. Hal-le-lu - jah to the Lord of heav-en and earth.

Am7

C2

Hal-le-lu - jah to the Lord of heav-en and earth. *To refrain*

Coda

Am7

C2

Repeat as desired

G2

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

Congregational Prayer - Pastor Steve

Day 2: God Know Everything

Psalm 139:1-6, Jeremiah 1:4-5, Matthew 10:29-31,
 1 Samuel 16:7, John 10:14-15

Worship Through Singing – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

– VT #98

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Great God of all glo - ry, great God of all light,

(C) (D) (G)
D \flat E \flat A \flat

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble, hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might,
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

(D)
E \flat

most bless - ed, most glor - ious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Worship Through Singing – *Goodness of God* – Lyrics Projected

Children's Time - Kaitlen Ortman

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

Day 3: God Is Our Safe Place

Psalm 46:1–3, Psalm 91:1–4, Isaiah 41:10,
Deuteronomy 31:6, Nahum 1:7, Psalm 142:5–6

Worship Through Singing - *Eye of the Storm* – Lyrics Projected

Worship Through Singing - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms -
 VT #160

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

(D) (G) (Am) (C)
 Eb Ab Bbm Db

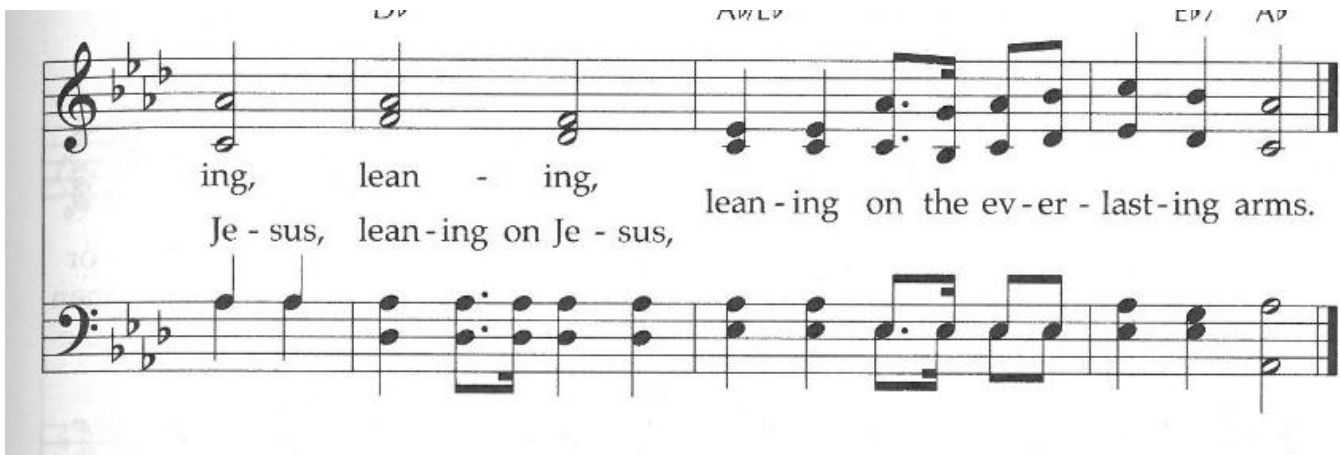
last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

(G/D) (D7) (G) Refrain
 Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

(C) (G) (D) (G) (D) (G)
 Db Ab Eb Ab Eb Ab

lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on



Offering & Offertory - MC USA

The Everlasting Arms - Smith

Kent Dick

Day 4: God Is Love

John 3:16-17, Romans 5:6-8, 1 John 4:7-10,

Psalms 136:1-3, Romans 8:37-39

Worship Through Singing - *Jesus Strong and Kind* - Lyrics

Projected

VBS & Volunteer Prayer

***Sending Song** - *King of Love My Shepherd Is* - Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** - Kent Dick

All Creatures of Our God and King - arr. Fedak

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 25	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
May 26	9:00 a.m.	VBS
May 27	9:00 a.m.	VBS
May 28	9:00 a.m.	VBS
	7:00 p.m.	Hospitality meeting
May 29	9:00 a.m.	VBS
	7:00 p.m.	VBS program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for the June newsletter is tomorrow, May 25. Thanks!

We invite you to join us this Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m. for our VBS Closing Celebration. The children will share the highlights from the week and sing their favorite songs. A cookie fellowship will follow. If you would like to help provide cookies, there is a sign-up sheet on the table by the big tree near the mailboxes.

Mark your calendar for the church picnic potluck on Sunday, June 7, beginning at 5 p.m. The picnic will be held at James and Debbie Nightingale's house (2819 N. Spring Lake Rd., Burrton). Bring a dish or two to share and your lawn chair and join us for an evening that's always a good time. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the church.

If you are interested in helping lead worship through singing, playing an instrument, or assisting with song selection for our Sunday morning services, we would love to have you involved. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Steve today!

From the Church Treasurer: If you are over 70 ½ years old and have an IRA, you can take advantage of significant income tax savings by donating directly from your IRA with a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD). **Farmers—both active and retired—did you know** you can donate grain directly to the church? In many cases, this can result in a ~10-30% tax savings when compared with selling the grain and then writing the church

a check. Please talk with David if you have any questions about donating either with an IRA or with grain.

The Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, of which Kent Dick and Gregg Dick are a part, will perform their program "Movie Magic" on Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston, and on Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Newton. The concerts are open to the public and free of charge.

The Halstead Interfaith Council will donate funds to our Halstead / Bentley School District for backpacks and school supplies for families in need. Congregation members from all our community churches are invited to contribute. If you would like to donate to this fund, please write your checks to First Mennonite Church and designate Interfaith School Supplies. We may make our donations any time until the end of May. Thank you for helping to support our students and their families.

Mission Mosaic - The most current Mission Mosaics from Mennonite Mission Network are here. The Mosaic is a prayer directory that includes International Workers & Partners, Service Programs, Volunteer opportunities, and more! They are placed randomly in the pew backs and also on each information table. Feel free to take one home with you and use it along with the monthly Prayer Vine. Workers we support : Givens-page 23, Stutzmans-page 25 and the Woodward-Breckbills-page 27.

Camp Mennoscah Update: Only one month before youth camps begin! Most needed are a head cook for Pre-Junior 1 (June 21-25), and a nurse for Junior 2 (July 19-24). Please contact Camp Mennoscah at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Hesston College Update: Hesston College will host the annual Lark Open golf tournament on Saturday, May 30, at Hesston Golf Park. Check-in opens at 7:30 a.m. for the four-person scramble event with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The tournament features many team and individual prizes, hole-in-one prizes and raffle prizes. For more information visit hesston.edu/lark-open-info. The deadline to register is May 27.

Bethel College Update: Sun., May 24 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Sara Judge Keckeisen, Topeka, “The Cost of Conscience: One Mennonite Family’s Experience in World War I,” 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Jim and Lois Loflin as Jim has experienced some health issues lately. Pray for his healing and a full recovery.
- Pray for Gio as he transitions home to his family, school, friends and community.
- Pray for Tom Rose following a recent surgery. Pray for both him and Carol as they navigate the outcome of the surgery.
- Pray for Scott, one of Cody and Jessica Dyck’s customers, as he battles cancer.
- Pray for VBS this week!
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations as they accompany youth and young adults to register peace convictions and conscientious objection to war in the face of increasing militarism and automatic draft registration beginning December 2026
- Mennonite Mission Network: The Venezuela Global Mission Partnership supports the Network of Mennonite Missions of Venezuela. Pray for their ministries in church planting, biblical and theological education, and food distribution to people in need.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Betsy Davis, Ruth Mueller, Emmit Jacob
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Building Maintenance	\$1,356.12
Church Budget	6,182.47
Harvey Co Health Ministries	75.00
Interfaith School Supplies	125.00
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	90
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Harvey County Health Ministries
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Jason Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Kalyn Ortman