



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

June 14, 2026

*We come with spiritual hunger, O
Lord. Feed us until we are filled.*

Gathering Music - Cindy Siemens

I Give You Praise – Cindy Berry; *Go Ye!* – Cindy Berry

Welcome and Announcements - Debbie Nightingale

Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean – Robert Lowry

Call to Worship –

Leader: When Naomi instructed Ruth to seek rest at the feet of her redeemer, she acted in faith.

People: In our times of uncertainty, we bring our requests to the feet of Jesus.

Leader: Boaz saw Ruth and declared, "All my people in the town now that you are a woman of noble character."

People: Lord, may our lives reflect Your grace, and may we be known for our love.

Leader: The Lord provides for those who seek refuge in Him.

People: Therefore, we will rest in His provision.

All: The Lord is our Redeemer, our strength, and our shield. Let us lift our voices in joyful adoration!

*Worship Through Singing – God Is Here Among Us – VT #62

WONDERS HERE

G D Em B7

1 Gott ist ge - gen - wär - tig. Las - set uns an - be - ten
 2 Gott ist ge - gen - wär - tig, dem die Che - ru - bi - nen
 1 God is here a - mong us: come with a - do - ra - tion,
 2 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

C G D G

und in Ehr-furcht vor ihn tre - ten. Gott ist in der
 Tag und Nacht ge - bü - cket die - nen. "Hei - lig, hei - lig,
fer - vent praise and ex - pec - ta - tion. God is here with -
be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

D Em B7 C G

Mit - te. Al - les in uns schwei - ge und sich in - nigt
 hei - lig!" sin - gen ihm zur Eh - re al - ler En - gel
in us: known be - yond be - liev - ing, soul in si - lent
Spir - it, with trans - fig - ured splen - dor; love and hon - or

D G C D G

vor ihm beu - ge. Wer ihn kennt, wer ihn nennt,
 ho - he Chö - re. Herr, ver - nimm uns - re Stimm,
awe re - ceiv - ing. God will name and will claim
will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

schlag die Au - gen nie - der; kommt, er - gebt euch wie - der.
 da auch wir Ge - rin - gen uns - re Op - fer brin - gen.
those be - held as low - ly, mak - ing all things ho - ly.
let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

3 Herr, komm in mir wohnen;
 lass mein Herz auf Erden
 dir ein Heiligtum noch werden.
 Komm, du nahes Wesen;
 dich in mir verkläre,
 dass ich dich stets lieb und ehre.
 Wo ich geh, sitz und steh,
 lass mich dich erblicken
 und vor dir mich bücken.

3 *Gladly we surrender
 earth's deceitful treasures,
 pride of life, and sinful pleasures.
 God, we gladly offer
 thine to be forever,
 soul and life and each endeavor.
 Thou alone shalt be known
 Lord of all our being,
 life's true way decreeing.*

***Worship Through Singing – Hosanna (Praise is Rising) – Lyrics Projected**

Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference
People Need the Lord – Arr. Fred Bock Cindy Siemens

Scripture Reading – Ruth 3:1-18 (p. 414-15)

Children's Time – Brocia Mueller

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

Worship Through Singing – For the Fruit of All Creation – VT

#124

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vest of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev' - ry na - tion, thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that a - stound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Worship Through Singing – *There Is a Redeemer* – Lyrics
Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve
When the Empty Are Filled

Response Song – *People Need the Lord* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song - Blessed Assurance - VT #435**

D G D

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a
 2 Per - fect com - mun - ion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest. I in my

A E7 A D

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight. An - gels de - scend - ing
 Sav - ior am hap - py and bless'd, watch - ing and wait - ing,

G D Em A7 D

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain G D

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my

G A/E A A7 D G

Sav - ior all the day long. This is my sto - ry, this is my

D Em A7 D

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

The Lord Bless You and Keep You – Arr. Jan Sanborn

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

June 15	6:30 p.m.	Mission Ministry meeting
June 16	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry meeting
June 21	5:00 p.m.	Golf Outing at Wedgewood Golf Course

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rose on the organ is in honor of Marj Gundy's 90th birthday today! Happy Birthday Marj!

Adults: Join us for Sunday School this summer! A combined adult class will meet in Stauffer Hall June 7 through August 30. Pathfinders will also meet in their basement classroom. The schedule for the combined adult class is below:

- June 14: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- June 21: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- June 28: Guest speaker Grace Parker Sutter from WDC's "Kids Meet Christ" program
- July 5: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- July 12: Guest speaker Lyle Miller from Everence
- July 19: FMC supported missionaries – the Givens family or possible fellowship Sunday if they are unavailable.
- July 26: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 2: FMC supported missionaries – the Woodward-Breckbill family
- Aug. 9: Old Settlers Sunday – NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Aug. 16: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 23: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 30: Fellowship Sunday with refreshments and class planning.

The summer Sunday School mission project is Zone 33 Student Ministries. Several of our youth attend regularly on Wednesday nights and it's a great outreach program in our community!

First Mennonite's annual golf outing will be Sunday, June 21, at Wedgewood Golf Course outside of Halstead. A cookout will start at 5 p.m. with tee-off at 6 p.m. Golfing will be \$20/person, eating only will be \$5/person. Meat and drinks will be provided; everyone is asked to bring a side to contribute to the meal. Please return entry forms to Gregg TODAY! Come for the food, come for the golf, or come for both! All are welcome!

The Prayer Team invites anyone who would like to be involved in praying for the needs of our church, community and world, to let Ruth Mueller or Pastor Steve know. The group meets monthly on a weekday morning and receives weekly emails of prayer needs and updates.

The link to register for the Western District Conference annual conference was sent with the bulletin packet. It will be held August 7-9, 2026, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, Texas. If you are planning to attend, either in-person or virtually, and would be willing to be a delegate to represent FMC, please let Melanie know by July 20. Some of the workshop topics include: Immigration: Our Reality, Needs, Resources, and Advocacy; Pastoral Searches: Challenges & Opportunities; Your Library: EBooks and Banners and Games; Messy Church; and Transitional Ministry Initiative for Bilingual Churches.

Conscientious Objection Workshop – What will you do if you are drafted into the military? Learn about alternatives Sunday, June 14, 5:30 pm, First Church of the Brethren, 1103 Jefferson, Wichita, KS. WDC Resource Commission encourages youth and their parents to attend. Virtual attendance is also available. A link to register was sent with the bulletin packet.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to participate in their shopping cart bingo from June 18 (beginning at 5 p.m.) and ending on June 27 at 5:30 p.m. Work toward a bingo by purchasing items, shopping on specific days, and doing some fun tasks. Winners receive a \$10 gift card. Standard bingo rules apply. Only one card and bingo per customer.

You are invited to join the MCC Mini Blitz on Friday, June 26, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at MCC in North Newton. If you can tie a knot, you can help complete comforters at MCC, no sewing required. So bring a friend, a kid or a grandkid and meet new friends as you help complete comforters to benefit people around the world. All are asked to bring a snack to share and your own sack lunch. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or find out more at mcc.org/mini-blitz.

Hospice & HomeCare of Reno County, in collaboration with the Kansas Cosmosphere, is inviting all children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one to a Kids Kamp – Space to Grieve on Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend but registration is required as space is limited. Call 620-665-2473 or scan the QR code on the bulletin board to register. Registration ends on June 23 or when spaces are filled.
Hesston College Update: Summer Theatre Camp at Hesston College -

Student actors from ages 11 to 18 are invited to join Hesston College Performing Arts for their 11th annual summer theatre camp, June 21 to 27. The weeklong theatre immersion will culminate in a public performance of “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” on June 27. Campers will have the opportunity to work closely with Hesston College faculty and performance professionals as they receive training in acting, voice, dance and tech. Theatre camp registration is \$350 per person and includes lodging and meals for seven days and six nights, or \$300 for day camp only. A discount is available for families registering more than one student. Those interested can visit hesston.edu/theatrecamp for details and to register online. Registration is due June 19.

Bethel College Update: Bethel College is hosting Crossmen Drum & Bugle Corps, a top-tier competitive drum corps, on campus through July 7. About 170 musicians and 40-50 staff are spending 12 hours a day, 6 days a week (their day off is Tuesday), rehearsing and putting their program together. Observers are welcome. They will give a free performance on July 4 in Thresher Stadium, with details to be announced later.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Cody and Jessica in prayer as they are expecting a new addition to their family! The pregnancy has been listed as high risk, so they are asking people to pray for Jessica and the new baby.

- Praise God for continued healing for Alan Mueller who sustained a head injury while playing pickleball. Continue to pray for his full recovery without any lasting side effects.
- Continue to keep Jim Loflin and Carrol Flickinger in prayer as they recover from illnesses and gain strength in their bodies. Pray for Lois and Larry as they care for their spouses and their families as they assist with care and decisions that need to be made.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in agricultural communities, and for farmers navigating changing seasons, climate impacts and economic uncertainties. Give thanks for all who tend livestock, crops and gardens that supply food for our tables.
- Mennonite Mission Network: This month, the participants in the Service Adventure units in Anchorage, Alaska, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, will complete their individual service placements, go on their year-end trip and end their term together. Pray that this final month will be a fulfilling time of fellowship and work, as they say goodbye to their new friends.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Mary Kay Bean, Marilyn Mueller, Luke Haspels
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Cindy Siemens
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Birthday	\$10.00
Church Budget	3,251.04
MCUSA	75.00
Peace Connections	50.00
Western District Conference	75.00
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	79
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Peace Connections/Circle of Hope
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Michaela Forkenbrock, Raquel Wilcox, Brianna Oneth