



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

July 5, 2026

We welcome all who have come to glorify God in worship. May our hearts reach out to God and to one another in love. We are glad you are here.

Gathering Music – Kent Dick

Praise God! – Livingston

Welcome and Announcements - Gregg Dick

Centering Music – Casey Jacob and Pastor Steve

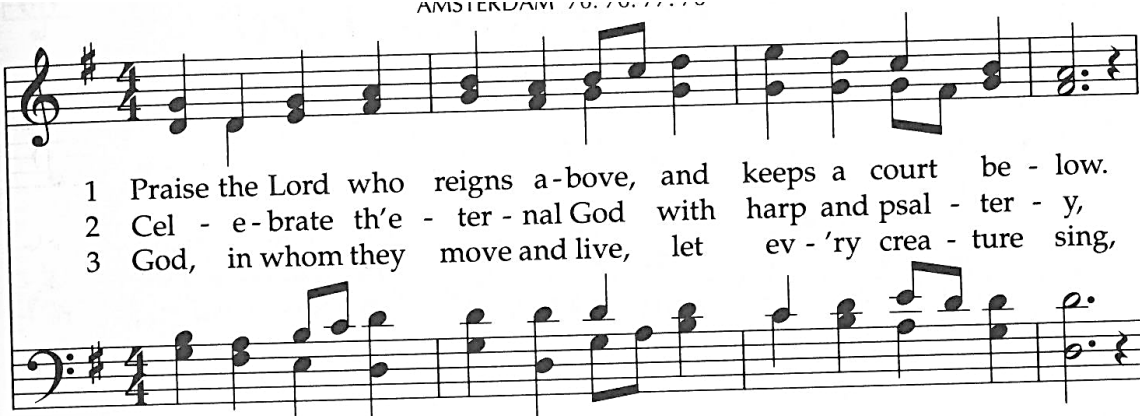
Shout to the Lord

***Call to Worship** – Pastor Steve

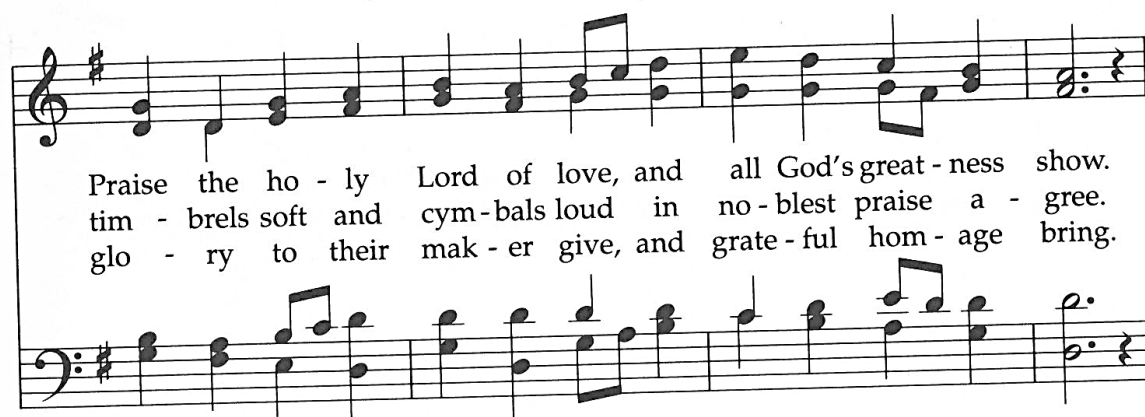
***Worship Through Singing – Praise the Lord who reigns above**

– HWB #54

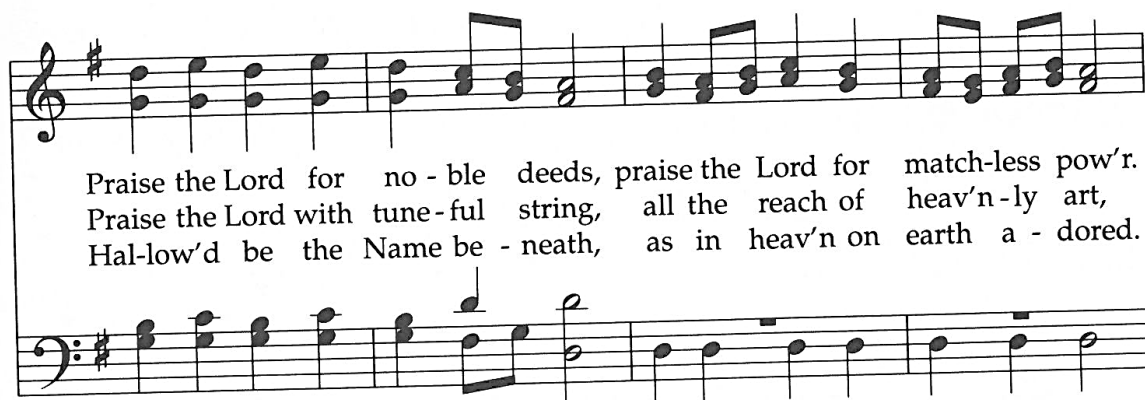
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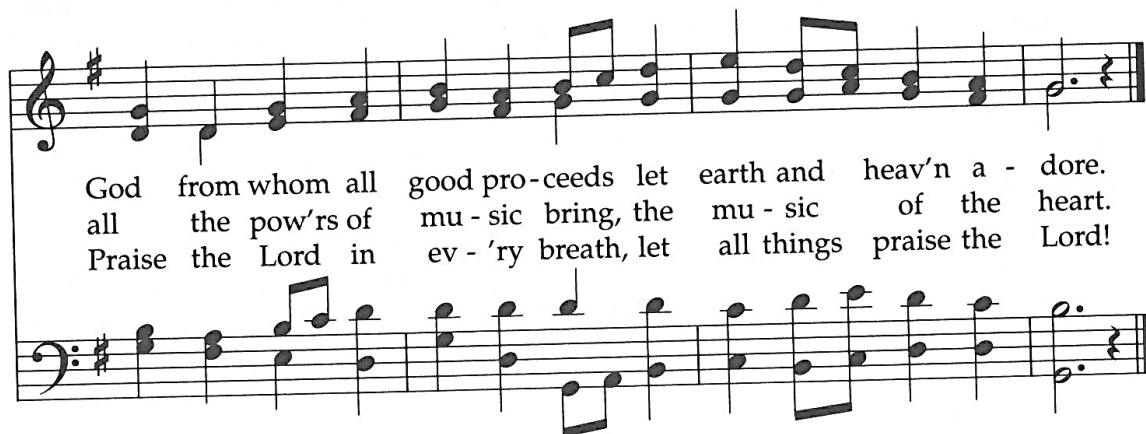
1 Praise the Lord who reigns a-bove, and keeps a court be - low.
2 Cel - e-brate th'e - ter - nal God with harp and psal - ter - y,
3 God, in whom they move and live, let ev - 'ry crea - ture sing,



Praise the ho - ly Lord of love, and all God's great - ness show.
tim - brels soft and cym-bals loud in no - blest praise a - gree.
glo - ry to their mak - er give, and grate - ful hom - age bring.



Praise the Lord for no - ble deeds, praise the Lord for match-less pow'r.
Praise the Lord with tune-ful string, all the reach of heav'n-ly art,
Hal-low'd be the Name be - neath, as in heav'n on earth a - dored.



God from whom all good pro-ceeds let earth and heav'n a - dore.
all the pow'rs of mu - sic bring, the mu - sic of the heart.
Praise the Lord in ev - 'ry breath, let all things praise the Lord!

***Worship Through Singing** – *Shout to the Lord* – Lyrics
Projected

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart – Ritter

Kent Dick

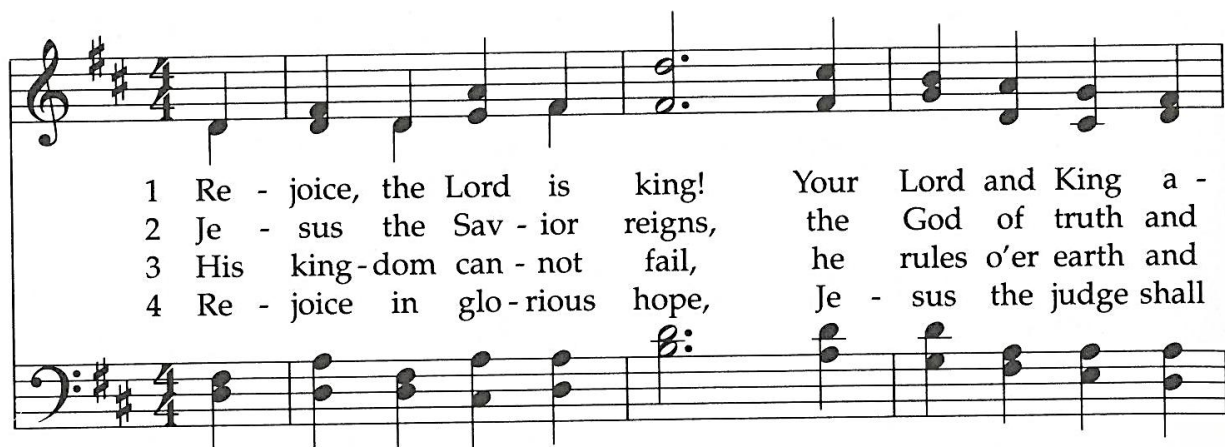
Scripture Reading – Esther 9:20-22, 29-32 (p. 786-787)

Children's Time – Casey Jacob

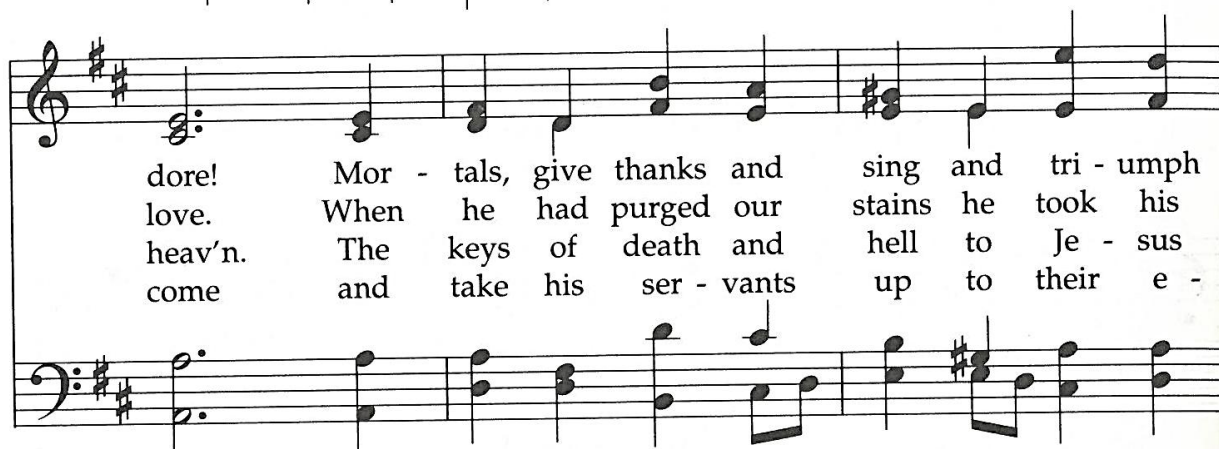
*A nursery is available in the basement for
children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.*

Worship Through Singing – Rejoice, the Lord is king! – HWB

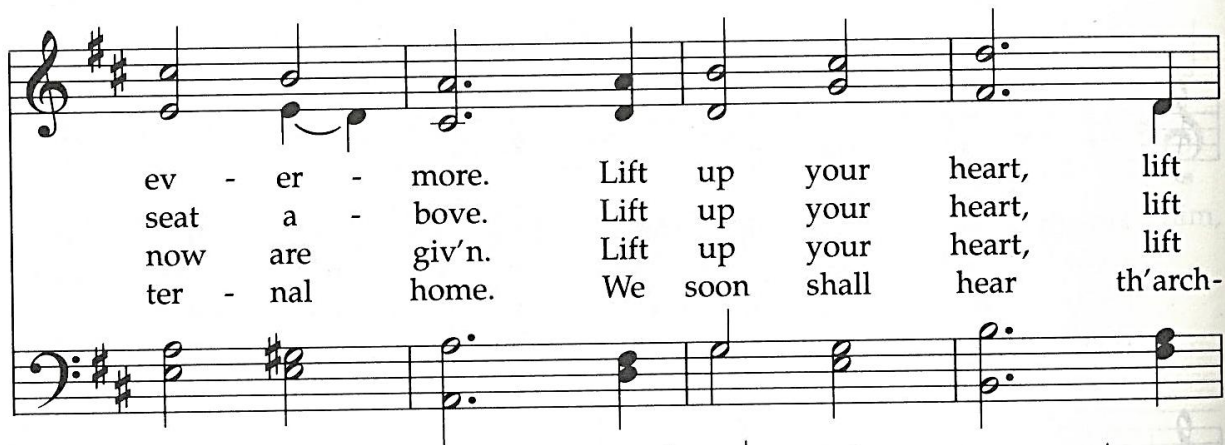
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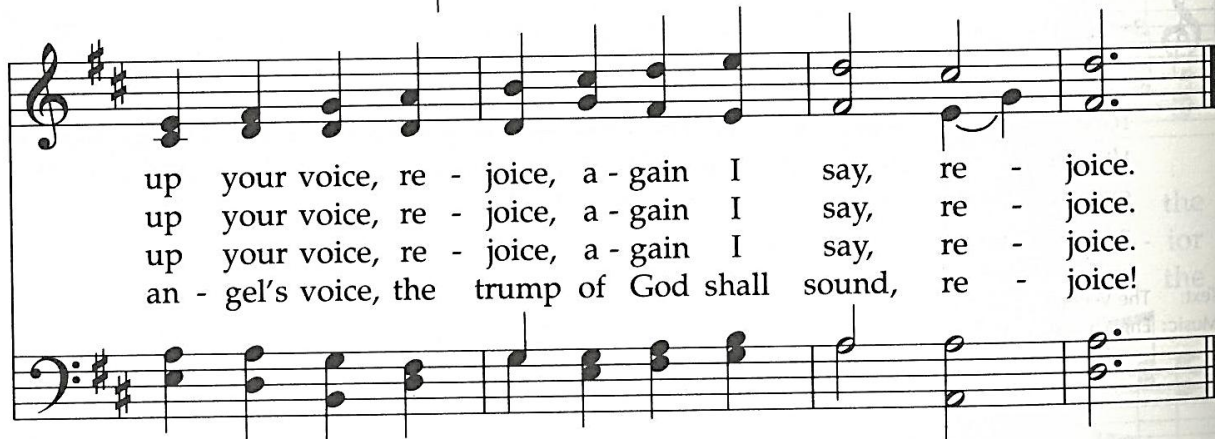
1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and King a -
2 Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and
3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, Je - sus the judge shall



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!

Worship Through Singing – *Trading My Sorrows* – Lyrics
Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve
The Duty of Delight

Response Song – *Rejoice In the Lord Always* – Lyrics Projected

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song - You Shall Go Out with Joy - VT #847**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 2/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy."

Chord symbols: Em, D7/F#, G, C/G, G, D/F#, D7, B/D#, Em, Em/B, B7, Em/B, B7, Em, D7, G, C/G, G, D, G, C/G, G, D, B7, Am/C, C#dim7, B7/D#, Em.

Lyrics: You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Casey Jacob and Pastor Steve
You Shall Go Out with Joy

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 12 5:00 p.m. Men's Gathering at Mick Bean's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to update the directory! If you have added a member to your family or have changes to your address and phone numbers, please let Kaitlen or Melanie know by the end of July. We will print the updated pages in August. If you would like a new photo included, please submit that to Kaitlen (kaitlen.ortman@gmail.com).

Today is the last day to look over the items from the Sunday School Supply Room that are on the tables in the Anchor classroom. You just might find a treasure!

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:

- 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!

All men are invited to a Men's Evening on Sunday, July 12, at 5 p.m. at Mick Bean's house (6033 S. Mission Road). Mick will provide the hot dogs, please bring a side or dessert to go with it and a lawn chair. There will be a couple blue rock throwers, if you would like to participate.

Mark your calendars for a pool party on Sunday, July 26, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Halstead Pool. Drinks will be provided, please bring a snack to share. Invite a friend to join!

You are invited to CarePortal's 11th anniversary event on Sunday, July 12, at 5 p.m. at First Mennonite Church in Pretty Prairie (1718 W. Pretty Prairie Rd.). There will be a meal, and an RSVP is requested by emailing Hallie at hallie.cable@careportal.org

MCC Grandparent Days, July 13 & 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day. Mark your calendars and gather your grandchild(ren) to pack MCC school kits at the Material Resources Center in North Newton. You'll be helping MCC reach our 2026 School Kit Challenge goal of 30,000 school kits this summer! There is more information at mcc.org/grandparent-days or you can contact brociamueller@mcc.org or call her at 316.836.5045.

Colorado peaches are coming! Palisade peaches from western Colorado will be available for pre-order starting June 15. Two sizes are available: 9 lb. for \$31 and 18 lb. for \$43. An additional \$1 per box has been added as fuel expenses will be higher this summer. All orders must be received and paid in full by July 15. No orders will be accepted after this date. Orders can be placed by emailing the MCC Central States Office at patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line. Please send payments to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton KS 67117 or drop off at the MCC office located at 121 East 30th, North Newton.

Estimated pick-up date is Monday, August 10 at the MCC warehouse. This date will be confirmed later in July. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs sells the peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, October 17 in Castle Rock, CO. Thank you for supporting MCC!

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. There is no set registration fee this year. Registration costs will be covered through donations and mutual aid.

Buhler Mennonite Church & Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church invite local farmers and ag professionals to a Gathering for Farmers, Ranchers and the Ag Community on Friday, July 31st at Hilton Garden Inn, Hutchinson, KS. 8:30am is coffee and donuts and 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. is the Program and Lunch. Soil & Soul brings together the people who support agriculture every day to strengthen relationships, share resources, and build support systems that help producers thrive. As the first in a two-part series, this gathering is designed for agriculture's "front-line" professionals – bankers, lenders, implement dealers, agronomists, veterinarians, insurance and Co-op employees, healthcare providers, congregation members, and others who work closely with producers. Through shared conversation, learning, connection, and a meal, we hope to build understanding around stress and well-being while strengthening a more supportive ag community. A larger, producer-focused event will follow on November 14, 2026. We hope you join us in July! A link to register was emailed with the bulletin packet. For more information contact bmcpastor@gmail.com or 620-899-8918

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! Join the 2026 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 30,000 school kits for 30,000 kids this summer. School kits provide access and essential supplies to

children and families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles. MCC is collecting school kits from June through August. Look for School Kit Challenge signs when you drop kits off at MCC so staff can be sure to get your kits counted! To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.836.5045. Kits can be dropped off at MCC Central States in North Newton.

Online registration is open for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Women's & Girls (ages 8 - high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Forms are available on the website for printing for mail in registration, although online is preferred and easy. Detailed schedule information and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org. Retreat starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with SoulCollage™ with Elizabeth Eells, comforter tying for MCC, and the Faith & Life bookstore open. The retreat theme is "My Time is in Your Hands" with session speakers Melissa Atchison & Audrey Ratzlaff. Girl's leaders are Schyler Entz and Emily Brandt with an additional girls tie dye bandana session with Marla Sowatzky Towe. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and inspiration! Questions? Email mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com.

Bethel College Update: Fri., July 17 – The Bethel College alumni office invites alumni and friends to a cookout (hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, fixings, beverages and homemade ice cream; vegetarian and gluten-free options available), 6-8 p.m., around the Friesen fountain on the campus Green. There will also be live music by Jesse Graber, Ben Regier and Erin Mae. This free event is a welcome to campus for Interim President Wynn Goering, with remarks from him and others at 7 p.m. There will be a few tables and chairs on-site, but you're welcome to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets, along with yard games to share (a few will be available).

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: On this 4th of July weekend, pray for WDC congregations as they discern how to faithfully bear witness to God's good news of peace, justice and shalom for all people – both in this country and around the world.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the high school students from all over the world who will be learning English communication skills this week through the Summer Language Institute program at LCC International University, a Mission Network partner in Klaipėda, Lithuania.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY

Betsy Davis, Kaitlen Ortman, Eli Wilcox

PIANIST/ORGANIST

Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Birthday	\$52.00
Church Budget	906.00
Building Maintenance	1,600.00
MCUSA	944.51

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY

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OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

Western District Conference

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Jason Mueller, Shaun Ortman, Emmit Jacob

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget balance @4-30-26	\$6,801.04
May Receipts	\$15,419.22
May Expenses	(\$10,707.08)
Budget balance @5-31-26	\$11,513.18