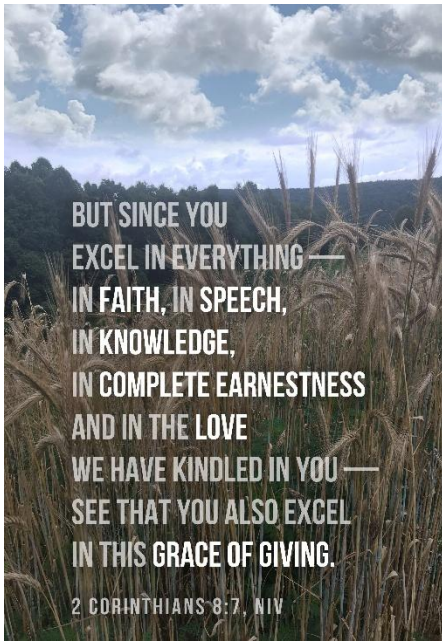




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

July 12, 2026

The seeds of your good fruit are planted in us, loving God. Water us today so we sprout with patience, kindness, generosity, self-control and, above all, love.

Galatians 5:22-23

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements - Amy Buchholz

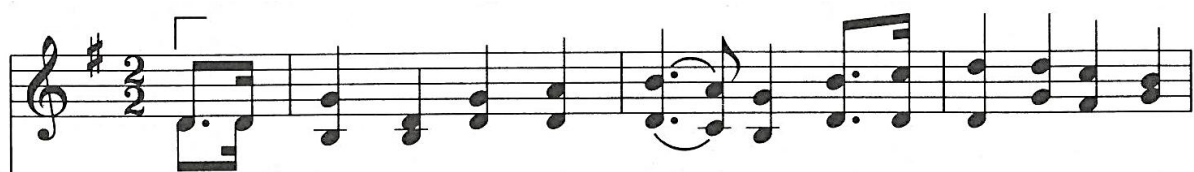
Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

***Call to Worship** – Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

***Worship Through Singing – Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah–**

HWB #50



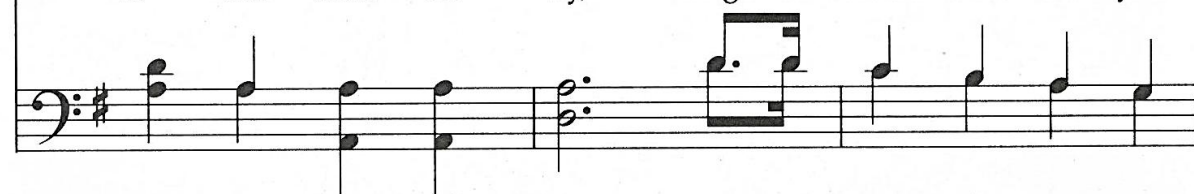
1 Praise the Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah, from the heav-ens praise his
2 Let them praise the Lord cre - a - tor; they were made at his com-
3 All you fruit - ful trees and ce - dars, ev - 'ry hill and moun-tain



name! Praise the Lord, our great cre - a - tor; all his
mand. God es - tab - lished them for - ev - er, his de-
high, creep - ing things and beasts and cat - tle, birds that



an - gels, praise pro - claim. All his hosts, to - geth - er
cree shall ev - er stand. From the earth O praise your
in the heav - ens fly, kings of earth and all you



praise him, sun and moon and stars on high. Praise the
ma - ker, rag - ing seas, you crea - tures all, fire and
peo - ple, ru - lers great, earth's judg - es all; praise his



Lord, you heav'ns of heav - ens, and you floods a - bove the sky.
hail and snow and va - pors, storm-y winds that hear his call.
name, young men and wo - men, a - ged ones, and chil - dren small.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah, for his
Praise the Lord,

pp

name a - lone is high, and his glo - ry is ex -
and his glo - ry

pp

p *ff*

alt - ed, and his glo - ry is ex - alt - ed, and his
and his glo - ry

p

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glo - ry is ex - alt - ed, far a - bove the earth and sky.
and his glo - ry

***Worship Through Singing** – *Be Unto Your Name* – Lyrics
Projected

Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference

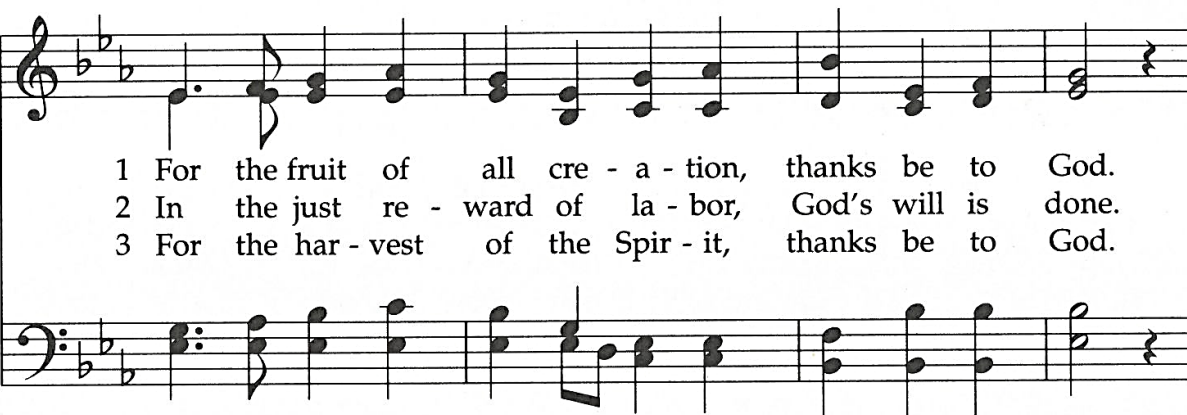
Scripture Reading – 2 Cor 8:1-15 (p. 1801-1802)

Children's Time – Lyle Miller

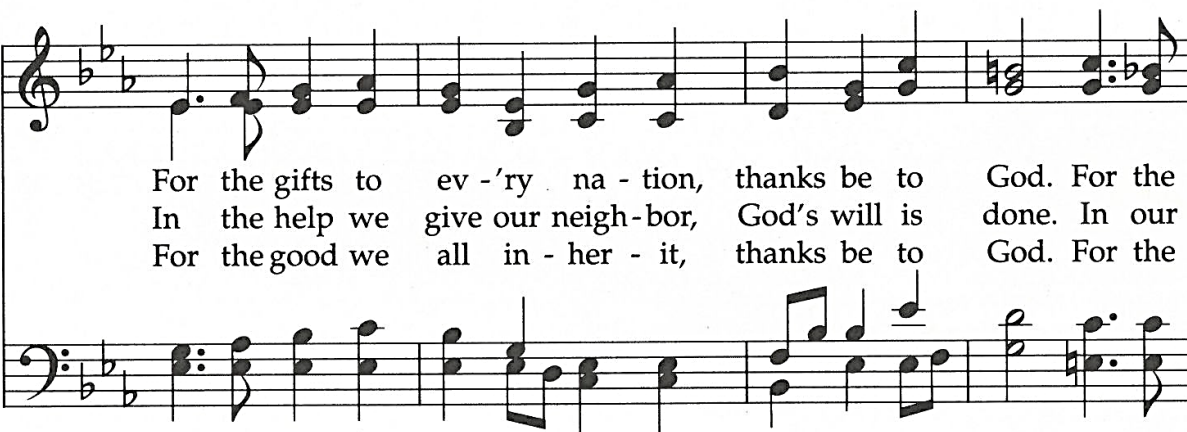
*A nursery is available in the basement for
children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.*

Worship Through Singing – *For the fruit of all creation* – HWB

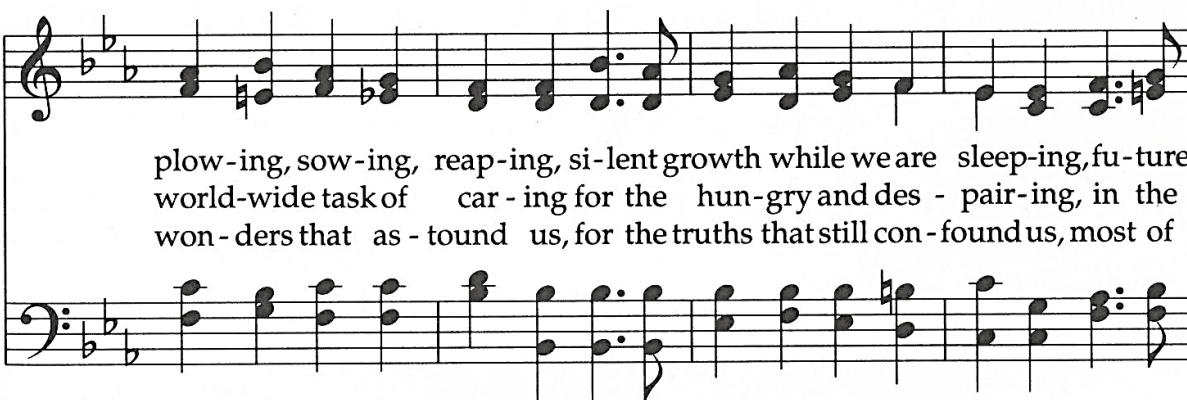
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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vest of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



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, fu - ture
world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing, in the
won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us, most of



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

Worship Through Singing – *Good, Good Father* – Lyrics
Projected

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Lyle Miller
Who Cares About Money?

Response Song – *All to Honour Jesus* – Lyrics Projected

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song** - *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* – Lyrics
Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 12	5:00 p.m.	Men's Gathering at Mick Bean's
July 19	6:00 p.m.	Givens family share about Calais, France

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).

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 12: Guest speaker Lyle Miller from Everence
- July 19: Fellowship Sunday
- 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 TONIGHT 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. Let Mick know if you plan to come!

Join us for a time to meet Joseph and Rachel Givens & family next Sunday evening, July 19, at 6:00 p.m. at our church. Refreshments will follow. The Givens will share with us and area supporting congregations about their work in service to refugees in Calais, France, where they provide hospitality to vulnerable refugees, particularly women and families with children.

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 tonight, 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! The last day to order and pay for Palisade peaches is Wednesday, July 15. No orders will be taken after that date. 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. 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.

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. *The registration deadline is July 26!*

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

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). **Sun., July 26** – Premiere of the Kauffman museum short video on the "Unlocking the Past" exhibit, 3 p.m., museum auditorium. David Kreider and Kristine Schmucker will introduce the video and a mini exhibit of artifacts not on permanent display, which focus on the "Unlocking the Past" exhibition, on display in 2024-25 and sparked by the 150th anniversary of the 1874 migration of Mennonites from the Russian Empire to the Great Plains of the United States.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for health and safety for families with children and youth in WDC congregations, as they enjoy vacations, attend camps or other special events, and manage changing schedules during the summer months.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Kalonda Bible Institute is a seminary that trains Mennonite pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo. As their academic year ends this week, pray for the graduates returning to their home communities and stepping into new positions of leadership. Pray also that the school will be able to raise enough funds to pay their professors' salaries and provide scholarships for students next school year.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Jason Mueller, Shaun Ortman, Kalyn Ortman

PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget	\$8,018.00
Offender Victim	200.00
Western District Conference	200.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 64

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Offender Victim Ministries

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Mary Kay Bean, Shirley Rodenberg, Eli Wilcox

Collection Dates

The month of July

Drop-off Location

Under the coat rack
outside Stauffer Hall



MISSION CHALLENGE

for the Neighbors Store

Items Requested:

- **Tomato products: pasta sauce, paste, diced or stewed tomatoes**
- **Oatmeal**
- **Peanut Butter**