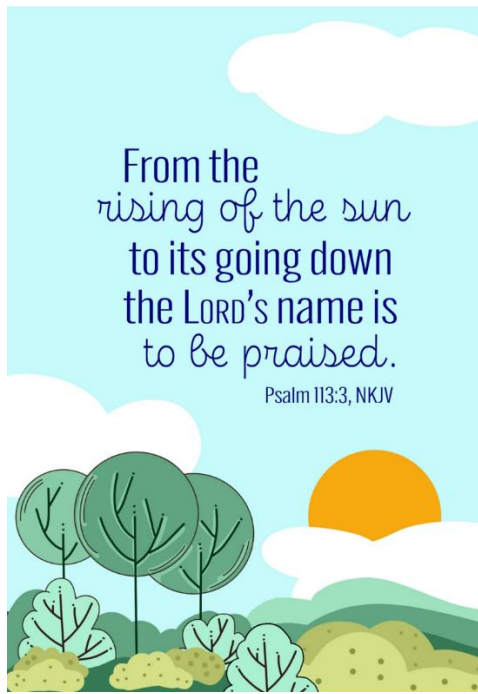




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

July 19, 2026

*We extend the hand of friendship
to all who have come to worship.
We rejoice in your presence and
invite you to stay after the service
to become acquainted with those
around you.*

Gathering Music – Kent Dick
Highland Cathedral - Callahan

Welcome and Announcements - Casey Jacob

Centering Music – Kent Dick
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word - Walther

***Call to Worship** – Pastor Steve
Psalm 100

*Worship Through Singing – *How Firm a Foundation*

– HWB #567



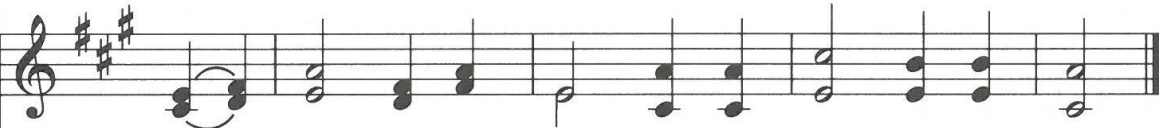
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
2 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
3 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes.



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 The flame shall not hurt thee. I on - ly de - sign
5 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

***Worship Through Singing** – *Standing on the Promises* – Lyrics
Projected

Offering & Offertory – Offender Victim Ministries

The Church's One Foundation - Williams

Kent Dick

Children's Time – Pastor Steve

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

Worship Through Singing – Shepherd Me, Oh God – VT #744

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (C) Db (G) Ab (D) Eb

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

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(Bm7) Cm7 (C) Db (Am7) (Bm7) Bbm7 Cm7 (Em) Fm (Am/E) Bbm/F (Em) Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

yond my fears, from death to life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. *Refrain*
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

Worship Through Singing – Thy Word is a Lamp – VT #398

Refrain

G D/F# G C/E D G

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

D/F# G C/E D G *Fine*

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

D Am Em Bm

1 When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me, and yet my

C D C/G G D Am

still you're there right be - side me. Noth-ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Em Bm C D D/E E D sus D *To refrain*

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side; I will love you to the end.

The musical score is written for guitar and two vocal parts. It begins with a 'Refrain' section. The first system shows the guitar part with chords G, D/F#, G, C/E, D, and G, and the vocal parts singing 'Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.' The second system continues the refrain with chords D/F#, G, C/E, D, and G, ending with a 'Fine' marking. The third system introduces new chords D, Am, Em, and Bm, with two vocal lines: '1 When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way,' and '2 I will not for - get your love for me, and yet my'. The fourth system continues with chords C, D, C/G, G, D, and Am, singing 'still you're there right be - side me. Noth-ing will I fear as heart for - ev - er is wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and'. The fifth system features chords Em, Bm, C, D, D/E, E, D sus, and D, with the instruction 'To refrain' above the final chord. The vocal parts conclude with 'long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. hold me to your side; I will love you to the end.'

Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Steve

Lectio Divina

Response Song – *Ancient Words* – Lyrics Projected

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song - *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me* – Lyrics Projected**

***Benediction**

***Postlude – Kent Dick *Built on the Rock* - Rasley**

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 19	6:00 p.m.	Givens family share about Calais, France
July 20	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
July 23	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Team meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Care Team meeting
July 26	5:30 p.m.	Swim night at the Halstead Pool

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for the August newsletter is Thursday, July 23.
Thanks!

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).

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!

Join us for a time to meet Joseph and Rachel Givens & family TONIGHT, 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.

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 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.

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!

There is one more week to register for the Western District Conference annual conference. A link 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. 8:30 a.m. 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. A larger, producer-focused event will follow on November 14, 2026. We hope you join us in July! For more information contact bmcpastor@gmail.com or 620-899-8918

Bethel College Update: 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.

The exhibit of 250-year-old books (in honor of the U.S. semiquincentennial) that the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College put together can now be viewed at Kauffman Museum through the rest of July. These nine books owned by the MLA were published in 1776 in German, Dutch and French. Regular Kauffman Museum hours are Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m., closed Mondays. Although there is a charge to visit the museum, the display is just inside the front entrance, and there is no charge to view it.

Hey Quilters! As the hot temperatures keep you inside and you decide to sort through your quilting supplies and fabric stash, don't forget that Quilters corner is seeking your donations year round to help us have another successful KMRS sale in 2027! Donations can be dropped off at MCC Center in North Newton labeled for QC or if you need pick up or help sorting call Ann Yoder Smith 919-604-3282. Thank you!

Pine Village is selling bierocks and taking pre-orders now until Aug. 10! You may order a half dozen for \$20 or a dozen for \$35. Return forms (available on the back table) to Pine Village or order online at the link in our weekly email. Pre-order pick up will be on August 14th from 3-6pm or during the dinner at Pine Village Wellness Center. The Pine Village Benefit Day Bierock Dinner is on August 14th from 5:30-7pm! Dinner is \$7 and you can add an extra bierock for only \$3 more. Thank you for your support!

Thanks for the opportunity to be with you at First Mennonite last Sunday. Mike Spinelli, Hayden Goerzen and I were grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality you showed to us. If you have questions about Everence or would like to have further conversation about stewardship investing, generosity or other aspects of your financial journey, please call or stop by our office in North Newton. Blessings to each of you and the congregation. - Lyle Miller

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, staff and volunteers as they finalize preparations for this special gathering, August 7-9 at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX.
- Mennonite Mission Network: This week, this year's new Service Adventure leaders will attend orientation in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray for these new unit leaders as they learn about Mission Network, the Service Adventure program and their role as unit leaders. Pray also for guidance as they plan and prepare for the participant orientation that will take place in August.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Mary Kay Bean, Shirley Rodenberg, Eli Wilcox

PIANIST/ORGANIST Kent Dick

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget	\$2,605.00
Family Night	440.00
Western District Conference	918.37
Offender Victim Ministries	100.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 86

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Church Budget

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Michaela Forkenbrock, Marilyn Mueller, Megan Ortman