



First Mennonite Church of Halstead

September 6, 2026

*Welcome, friends! On this
marvelous Sunday, let us open
our spirits to the loving presence
of God that we may be spiritually
fed and renewed by his grace.*

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements – Casey Jacob
Birthday Blessing and Offering

Call to Worship/Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

***Worship Through Singing – Heart with Loving Heart United –**
VT #813



1 Heart with lov - ing heart u - nit - ed, met to know God's ho - ly will.
 2 May we all so love each oth - er and all self - ish claims de - ny,
 3 Since, O Lord, you have de - mand - ed that our lives your love should show,



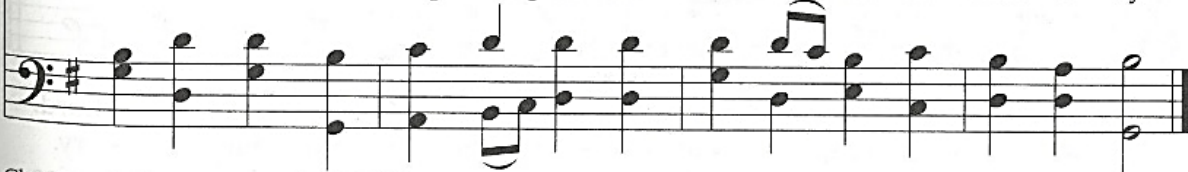
Let this love, in us ig - nit - ed, more and more our spir - its fill.
 so that each one for the oth - er will not hes - i - tate to die.
 so we wait to be com - mand - ed forth in - to your world to go.



He the head, we are his mem - bers, we re - flect the light he is.
 E - ven so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.
 Kin - dle in us love's com - pas - sion so that ev - 'ry - one may see



He the mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples, he is ours and we are his.
 Still he grieves and still he suf - fers, for our self - ish - ness and strife.
 in our fel - low - ship the prom - ise of a new hu - man - i - ty.



*Worship Through Singing – Will You Let Me Be Your Servant –

VT #778

THE SERVANT SONG 6.7.6.7

Capo 1: (D)
Eb

(G)
Ab

(A7)
Bb7

(D)
Eb

(Bm)
Cm

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant— let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such

(Em)
Fm

(A)
Bb

(G)
Ab

(D)
Eb

(G)
Ab

(A7)
Bb7

(Bm)
Cm

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road. We are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 har - mon - y, born of all we've known to - geth - er

(Em)
Fm

(G)
Ab

(A7)
Bb7

(D)
Eb

let you be my ser - vant too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 of Christ's love and a - gon - y.

Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference

Scripture – Romans 12:9-21 (p. 1764)

Worship Through Singing – *Behold What Manner of Love* –
Lyrics Projected

Worship Through Singing – *Hosanna* – Lyrics Projected

Children's Time – Casey Jacob

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

Congregational Prayer – Casey Jacob

Message – Pastor Steve
Heaping Burning Coals

Response Song – *Lay It Down* – Lyrics Projected

Closing Prayer

***Sending Song** – *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* –
Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sept. 9	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Sept. 13	9:15 a.m.	Combined adult Sunday School with John Haspels as guest speaker.
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The roses on the organ this morning are in honor of Carrol Flickinger's 92nd birthday on Sept. 8 and Bill Ewert's 95th birthday on Sept. 9. Happy Birthday to Carrol and Bill!

There will be a combined adult Sunday School next week, Sept. 13, that will meet in Stauffer Hall. John Haspels, Chuck's brother, will be sharing about the work he and his family are involved with in Kenya. Plan to attend to find out how God is moving in East Africa.

There will be a potluck next Sunday, Sept. 13, following the worship service. Bring a dish or two if you're able!

Kids Club has started and will meet every Wednesday until Oct. 21 from 5-6 p.m. Kids ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to join us as we learn how the disciples began their ministry after Jesus' resurrection. We will dig into the book of Acts this school year.

Adult Bible Study will take place every Wednesday through Oct. 7 at 6:45 p.m. Casey Jacob will lead a 6-week study based on Tony Evans' book *Horizontal Jesus: How Our Relationships with Others Affect Our Experience with God.* All are welcome!

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will begin meeting again next Sunday evening, Sept. 13, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Youth groups are for youth in grades 6 – 12.

Women's Bible Study will resume on Sunday, Sept. 13, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and will generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We will be using Jen Wilkin's Bible study God of Deliverance to study the book of Exodus. Books can be purchased through Faith and Life Bookstore in Newton or online. Talk to Melanie if you have any questions or are interested in attending. All women are welcome!

Please save the date of Oct. 25 for the next pastoral & congregational review. The Vision Team invites all adults to participate in a focus group following the worship service on Oct. 25 to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the life of our congregation. Childcare will be available during the focus groups and lunch will be provided following the focus groups. All who call FMC home are invited to participate. Junior and senior high youth will participate in the review process the following week during Sunday School. Questions? Talk to Jason Smoker, Chuck Mueller, Jesse Mueller, Melanie Haspels or Sandy Allen.

Et Cetera Shop Updates: Current needs include men's, women's, & children's clothing. **We will be closed on Monday, September 7,** for Labor Day and Monday, September 14, for Fall/Halloween setup. **Beginning September 1,** two \$5 gift cards will be given out daily to customers selected by staff and volunteers. Also, each Saturday in September, donors will be given a homemade monster cookie and a 20% off coupon for their next purchase.

Hesston College Update: A quilt exhibit titled "Section Selections" will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) from September 1 through 27 with a reception on September 16. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

Bethel College Updates: Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Life Enrichment programs in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center: 9:30 a.m., "The Future of Work: Demographic and Technical Disruptions," Mark Janzen Jr.; 10:50 a.m., "Railroads: The Industry that Shaped Kansas," Leo E. Oliva. **Now through**

Sept. 17 – “Alive with Wonder,” fabric art by Hattie Lee Mendoza, opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (reception Sept. 17). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for participants of all ages who will gather this Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS, for Art, Improv, and Lego are Worship, Too – a WDC Kids Meet Christ event for parents, children, leaders, and anyone who wants to see what is possible when all ages are fully engaged in worship!
- Mennonite Mission Network: South Sudan has been experiencing escalating conflict, ecological disaster, economic decline, widespread displacement and mass immigration, which has created immense stress for the small country. Pray for immediate support for the South Sudan Mennonite Church and other organizations to be able to provide basic food items to vulnerable households.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Mary Kay Bean, Debbie Nightingale, Kalyn Ortman

PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Care Portal	\$100.00
Church Budget Offering	4,413.00
MCUSA	30.00
Memorial-Jim Loflin	50.00
Scholarship Fund	25.00
Western District Conference	90.00
Zone 33	25.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 100

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Hesston College

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Marilyn Mueller, Raquel Wilcox, Megan Ortman