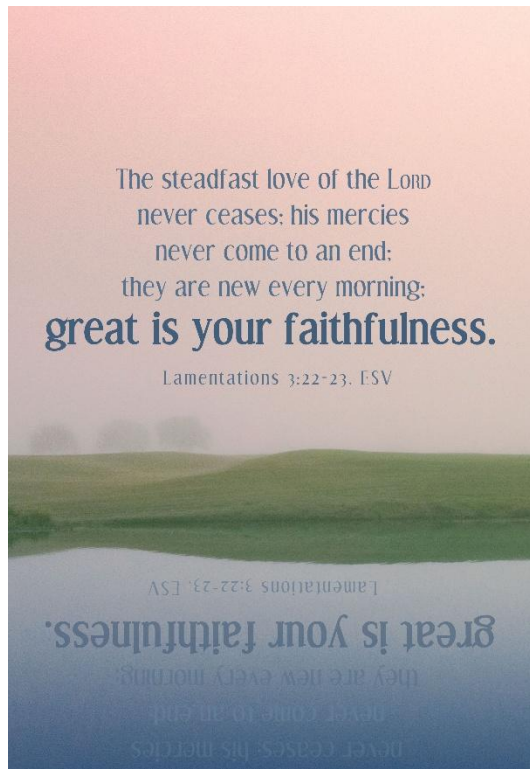


First Mennonite Church of Halstead

September 27, 2026

*For no matter how many promises
God has made, they are "Yes" in
Christ. And so through him the
"Amen" is spoken by us to the
glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20*



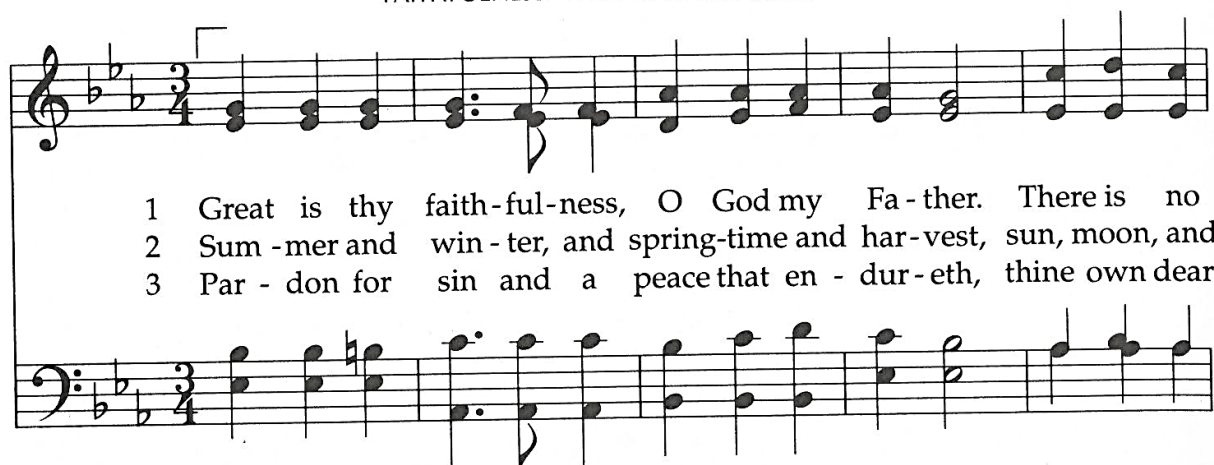
Gathering Music – Kent Dick
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Welcome and Announcements – Debbie Nightingale
Birthday Blessing & Offering

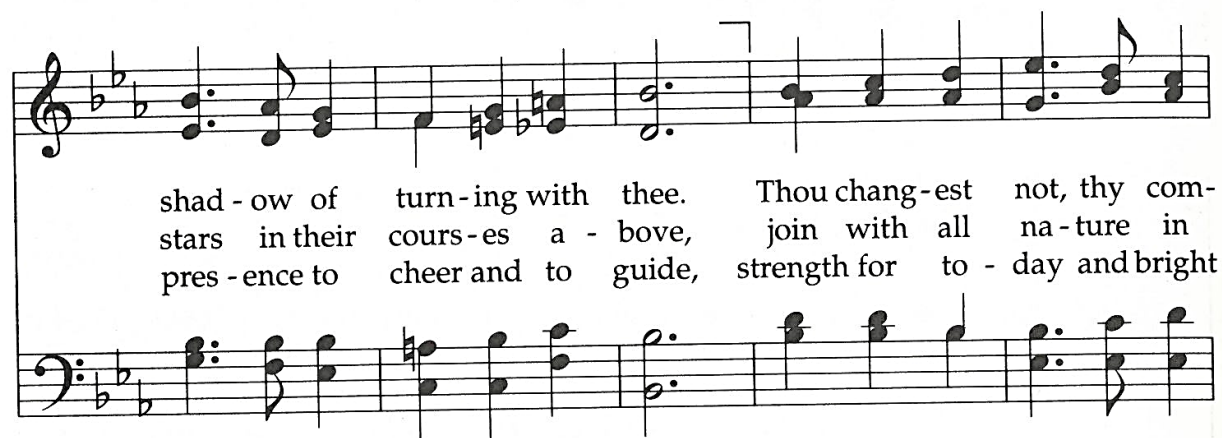
Call to Worship/Centering Music – Luke Haspels
Evening Hymn

***Worship Through Singing – Great is thy faithfulness – HWB**

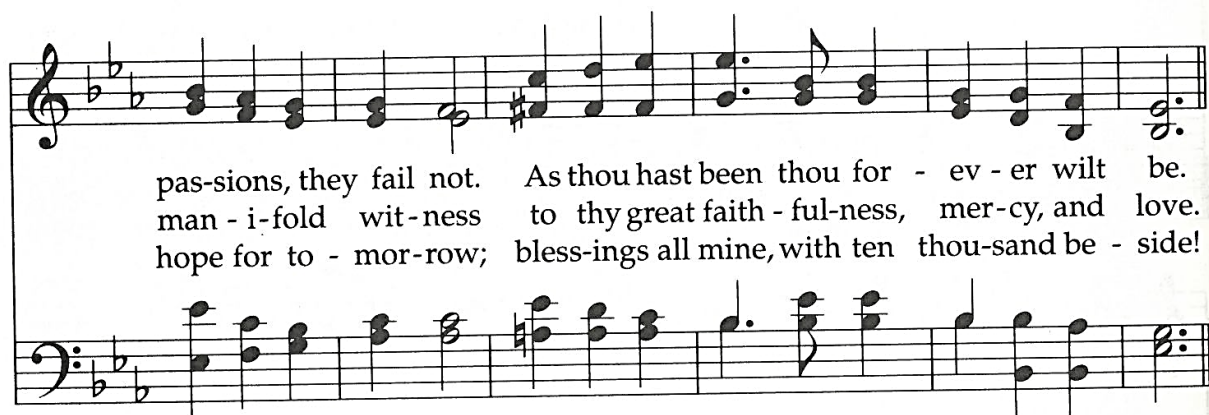
#327



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther. There is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

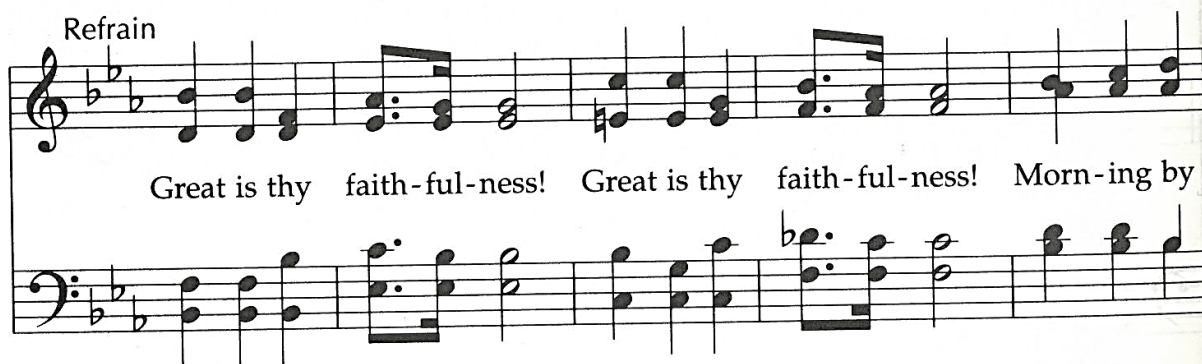


shad-ow of turn-ing with thee. Thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not. As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row; bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see. All I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Lord, un-to me!

***Worship Through Singing – O God, our help in ages past –**
 HWB #328

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure.
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream soon bears us all a - way.
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
 2 Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op' n - ing day.
 6 be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

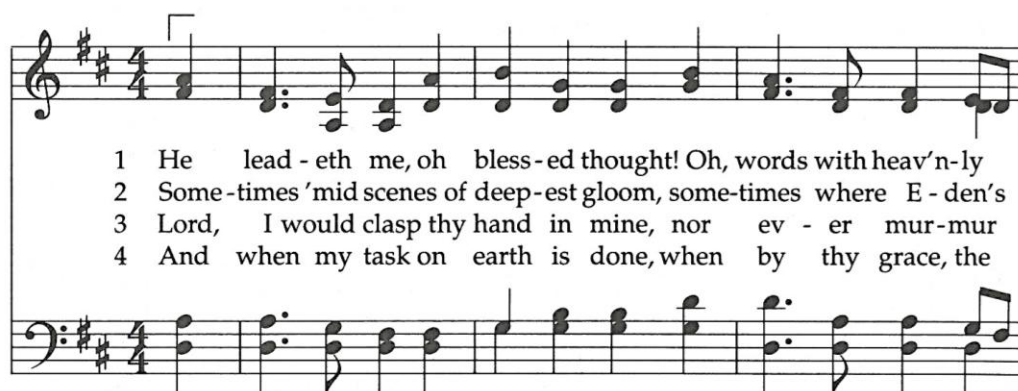
Offering & Offertory – MC USA

O God, Thou Faithful God – Johann Walther

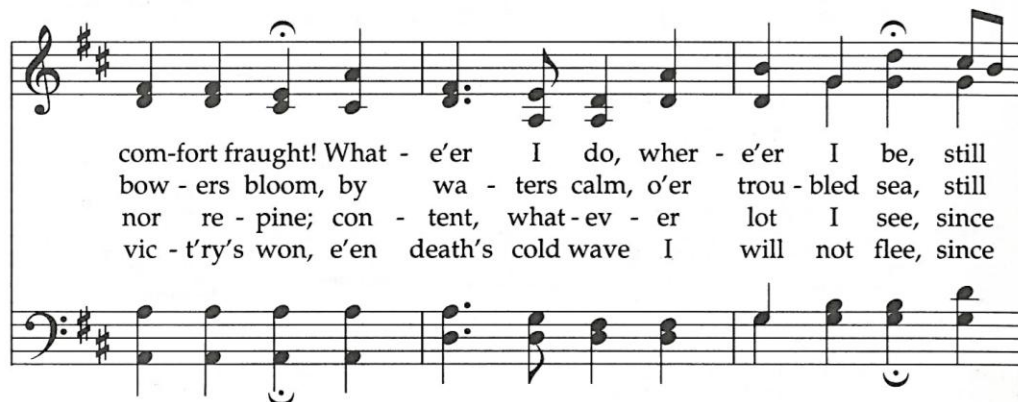
Kent Dick

Scripture – Genesis 39:1-6a (p. 64)

Worship Through Singing – *He leadeth me* – HWB #599



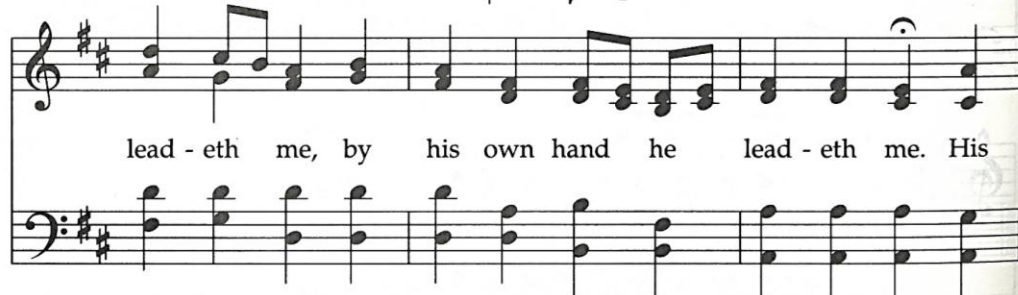
1 He lead - eth me, oh bless - ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n - ly
2 Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where E - den's
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace, the



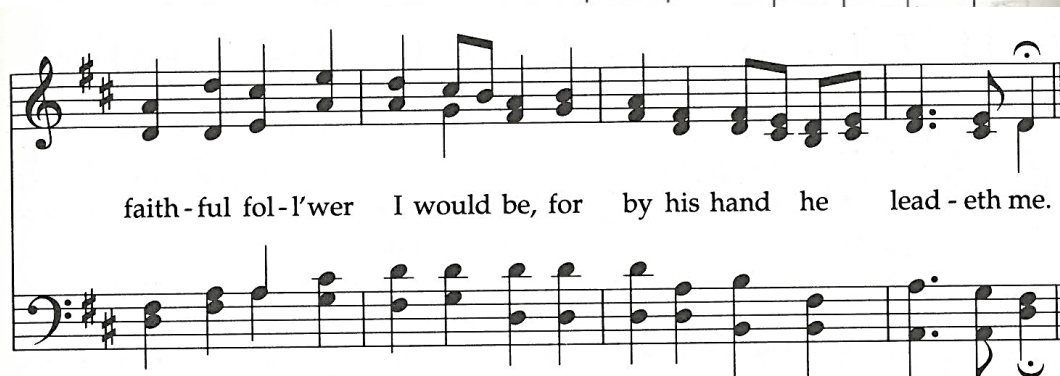
com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still
bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, still
nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since
vic - t'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since



Refrain
'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
'tis his hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he
'tis my God that lead - eth me.
God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me. His



faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Worship Through Singing – *Sovereign Over Us* – 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 – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

Faithfulness in the Pit

Closing Prayer

*Sending Song – In Christ Alone – VT #332

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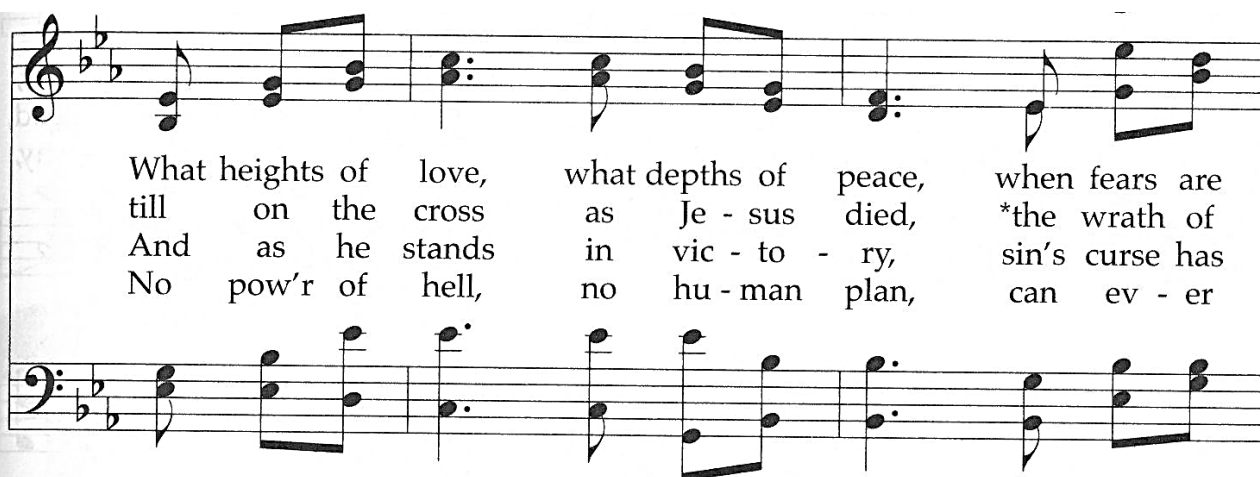
1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh— full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

(G) (Em7) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (G)
 Ab Fm7 Bb7 Eb Ab Eb Ab

light, my strength, my song— this cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst-ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

(A) (D) (G) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 Bb Eb Ab Fm7 Bb7 Eb

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save,
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny.



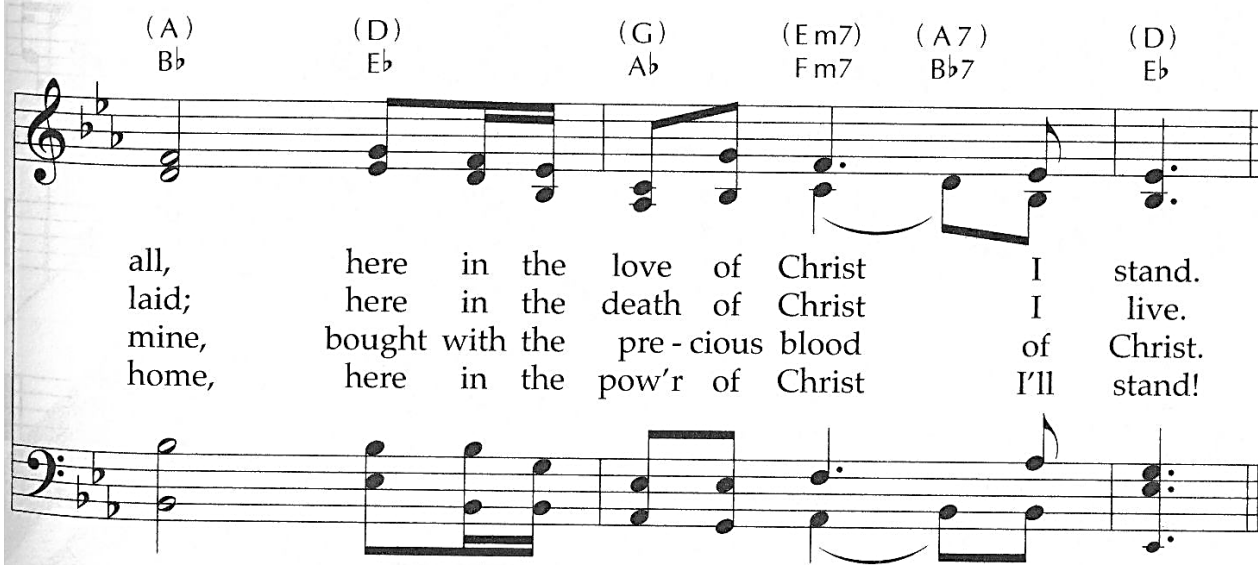
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 till on the cross as Je - sus died, *the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er

(G) (D/F#) (A) (G) (D) (G)
 A $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ A $\flat$ E $\flat$ A $\flat$



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied. My ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me

(A) (D) (G) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ A $\flat$ Fm7 B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Kent Dick

Lead On, O King Eternal – Lani Smith

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sept. 27	12:00 p.m.	Women & Girls Soup & Salad Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sept. 28	6:00 p.m.	Mission Supper meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Nurture Ministry meeting
Sept. 30	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Oct. 4	10:30 a.m.	Communion & the Choir sings
	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All women and girls of the church are invited to join together for a Soup and Salad Lunch today following the worship service.

The choir will practice on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. and will sing during the worship service on Oct. 4. All are welcome to come sing.

We will celebrate communion, as part of World Communion Sunday, on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Beginner Bells will rehearse after church on October 4 and 11 and share songs during the worship service on October 18. All ages (third grade through adult) are invited to join this intergenerational bell choir. Let Casey know if you would like to ring or help out in any way!

Our Annual Hog Roast will be Sunday, October 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the gazebo in Scout Park, across from our church. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music from Eric Schrag & family along with a pulled pork meal. Cost by donation with proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Invite friends and neighbors!

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. A sign-up sheet for lunch will be up next Sunday to help us plan for food, and the questions that will be used in the focus groups will be in your boxes on Oct. 11. Questions? Talk to Jason Smoker, Chuck Mueller, Jesse Mueller, Melanie Haspels or Sandy Allen.

Kids Club 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!

Grace Hill Mennonite Church invites you to attend their 10th annual Community Hog Roast tonight from 5 - 7 p.m. at the church, located at 10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, KS 67154. A pulled pork barbecue meal with sides will be served, yard games and live music by the Schwisters and Brett and Caleb Klingenberg will be available throughout the evening. A free-will donation will be accepted, with all proceeds supporting the Newton, Whitewater and Potwin food banks.

What was it like for a young widow to homestead on the Kansas prairie with her young family? The true story of Susanna

Heatwole Brunk Coopriider experiences of war, migration, family, loss and survival has been researched and retold by author Karl Rhodes.

Rhodes will be signing books at the Faith and Life bookstore in Newton from 2:00-3:30 on Friday, October 2. He will also be speaking that evening at Hesston's Schowalter Villa (200 W Cedar) at 7 p.m., and at the Spring Valley Mennonite Church (2896 Frontier Road, Canton), on Saturday October 3 also at 7 p.m. The second presentation will highlight the family's experiences of homesteading in the Spring Valley area. *Susanna* is the sequel to *Peggy's War*, a true Civil War story that has achieved both critical acclaim and popular appeal. Karl will have both books available and is glad to sign them for you.

Pine Village is gearing up for our 2026 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper on October 15. Supper will be served from 5:00–6:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. We are excited that this year's auction will feature a car. Auction items will be available for viewing in advance on our website at www.pinevillageks.org. This year's raffle item is an autographed Bobby Witt Jr. baseball in a display case. Gift cards and certificates will also be available for online bidding. All links and auction information can be found on our website.

Bethel College Updates: Wed., Sept. 23 – Life Enrichment programs in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center: 9:30 a.m., "Wichita's Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Program," Shawn Maloney; 10:50 a.m., "Empowering Projects for International Cooperation," Paul and Mary McKay. **Thurs., Oct. 1** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Dr. Jonathan Poquette, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Now through Oct. 17 – "This is Bob: Student, Teacher, Artist," a retrospective of work by Bob Regier (reception Oct. 16; final day Oct. 17). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

Oct. 14-18 – Bethel College Fall Fest.

Camp Mennoscah Update: The dam is scheduled to be removed on October 18 at 2:30 p.m. Spectators and helpers are welcome. This task involves heavy boards and rushing water, so

younger ages should plan on watching the process, not helping. Wear appropriate clothing for the task and weather. Watch Facebook for any changes or text/call 316-293-7313.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray that each new church community reflects the love of Jesus, building bridges across cultures and sharing the gospel with humility and grace.
- Mennonite Mission Network: A group from Eden Mennonite Church, in Moundridge, Kansas, begins their week-long Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage this week. Pray for participants as they travel through the southern U.S., learning about racism and the Civil Rights Movement from historical sites, museums and first-hand accounts. Pray that this experience will inspire participants to enact change in their own communities.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY	Betsy Davis, Shaun Ortman, Jaxon Smoker
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Kent Dick
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget	\$3,713.15
Hesston College	25.00
Wednesday Supper	190.00
ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY	72
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Church Budget
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Mary Kay Bean, Jason Mueller, Ewan Jacob