

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

January 8, 2017

Worship – 9:30am
Sunday School – 10:45am

Winter Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

Prelude	
* Gathering Song	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” HWB 328
Greetings & Announcements	
	Gathering Interlude
Gathering	
* “Now Thank We All Our God”	HWB 86
Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance	HWB 690
Song of Adoration	“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” HWB 105
Offering to God	Local Church
Offertory	
*Doxology (Psalm 100)	HWB 119
Children’s Story	
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-25
Sermon	“The Message of the Cross”
* Hymn	“ Heart With Loving Heart United” HWB 420
* Benediction	

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- After the Children’s story children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare.
- At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.
- The Adult Sunday School classes will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!

Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Russ Janzen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Marianne Eichelberger & Judy Janzen
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & Russ Janzen
Nursery	Tammy Regehr & Bethany Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for the many holiday greetings and to the church for the special poinsettia plant that Pastor Weldon brought to my home.
Pauline Balzer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff as they meet for a retreat this week at Camp Mennoscah.

Mennonite Mission Network: Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, long-term associates with Mennonite Mission Network in Japan, have asked SOOP for help at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of Mennonite churches in Hokkaido. Pray for volunteers to help with building projects and with farm work while enjoying cultural experiences.

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to a fun evening of Bunco!! Come to play or just come to fellowship. A light snack supper will be served.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Praise Team practice – Praise Team will sing next Sunday.

Care Council meets.

Stewardship Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets.

January 18 at 6:00 p.m. Help build a cabin for camp! Wednesday Jan. 18 we will have supper at church at 6:00 p.m. and then we will build the walls for a new cabin for Camp Mennoscah. Come and help hammer some nails or just come and watch.

January 29 at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting.

Announcements

The Leadership Council has been affirmed by the congregation for 2017 as a result of the vote last Sunday.

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 29. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

Nursery Next Sunday: Courtney Nethercot and Lauren Graves

Greeters Next Sunday: Russ and Kris Janzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$813.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday - Mornings, Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Et Cetera

Friends of the MLA presentation, January 10 at 7 p.m., Ben Goossen, "Mennonites at War: Military Service, Ethnic Cleansing and Global Migrations During and After the First World War," Kauffman Museum, North Newton.

Bethel College Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, January 16 at 7 p.m., with Regina Shands Stoltzfus, assistant professor for peace, justice and conflict studies at Goshen (Indiana) College, speaking on "Renewing the Spirit of Empowerment," Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College. Also plan to participate in a special history walk earlier in the day (choose from two start times, 3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.), starting at the Newton train station (corner of 5th and Main), with tour leaders Larry Lee and Michelle Armster.

Register now for Hesston College's 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference, Feb. 17 to 19, with a bonus STAR-Lite training event on Monday, Feb. 20. The conference theme, When the Unthinkable Happens, will address a congregational and community response of dealing with trauma in its many forms. Register and see a full weekend schedule online at hesston.edu/avds. Registration discounts are available for members of sponsor congregations and groups of two or more from the same church or organization. A brochure is available on the bulletin board.

WANTED: Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Farm Equipment (old and new) and large items of value for the Kansas MCC Sale. These are tax deductible donations that can benefit you as well as MCC. If you have items you don't know what to do with, please consider donating them to the Kansas MCC Sale. We take your donations seriously and will make every effort possible to help it bring a good price. Call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257 for info and details.