

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 10, 2016

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Hymnal 644

When morning gilds the skies

*Praise Psalm 29

Honor the Lord you heavenly beings.

Honor the Lord's glory and strength.

Honor the Lord for the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord

echoes above the sea!

The voice of the Lord

is powerful!

The voice of the Lord

is majestic!

The voice of the Lord

splits the mighty cedars!

The voice of the Lord

strikes like lightning!

The voice of the Lord

makes wilderness quake!

The voice of the Lord

twists mighty oaks!

In God's Temple everyone shouts,

"Glory!"

The Lord rules over the deep water.

The Lord reigns as king forever.

The Lord gives his people strength.

The Lord blesses his people with peace.

*Praise Hymn

Hymnal 46

I sing the mighty power of God

Confession and the Good News of Forgiveness

Luke 3:15-17

Prayer

Isaiah 43:1-4a

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Josh Janzen

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Two fishermen

Hymnal 227

Sermon

Josh Janzen

Pushing Out into Deep Water

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

Hymnal 229

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 540

Strong, righteous man of Galilee

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church.

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!

"Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality."

The Seminar Class, led by Randy, today begins a brief two session seminar overview of biblical authority and interpretation. The class meets in the fellowship hall and is open to anyone interested in a particular seminar.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations extending support and hospitality to refugees and immigrants seeking a home.

Mennonite Mission Network: Odessa Theological Seminary is closed for four months during the winter to save on heating costs. Pray for Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network as she prepares courses for classes scheduled to resume in March.

Church Family News. . . The quilt hanging in the foyer was pieced and quilted in Akron, Pennsylvania, purchased at the Oklahoma MCC Sale by **Mike and Kathy Balzer . . .**

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 24. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

Please let Kathy Balzer know if you have a pieced or quilted wall hanging that you would like to have on display in the foyer for a month or two. It is interesting to see the wonderful talents our church members have.

Church Events

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Council

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Education Council
Stewardship Council

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's in Newton.

Next Sunday at noon The Grace Hill Leadership Council plans to meet for a "Mini-Retreat" at Tim and Lisa Harms' home on Sunday, January 17th. We will join together for a meal at noon followed by a time of visioning, goal-setting and planning for the upcoming year. The Leadership Council members for 2016 are: Tim Harms (Chair), Pastor Randy, Debbie Claassen (Secretary), Katherine Claassen (Hospitality Council), Kim Claassen (Stewardship Council), Roberta Harms (Missions Council), Courtney Nethercot (Worship Council), Kaye Penner (Care Council), James Regier (Education Council), Deb Regier (Gift Discernment Council). Please pray for the Leadership Council to receive God's wisdom and guidance.

January 24 Wes and Deb Bergen will share with us during the worship service.

January 24 at 11:30 a.m. The Youth will be serving their annual fund raiser lunch.

January 24 at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting

Nursery This Sunday: Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Katrina Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen
Greeters Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Judy Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,101.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

Et Cetera

The Gideons annual appreciation banquet is scheduled Monday evening, January 11. Any individual or couple interested in representing Grace Hill can inform Randy or call Curtis Schmidt at 283-6787.

Mennonite Disaster Service Annual State Meeting will be held January 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive, Hesston. Come join us for the annual meeting as we review activities from the last year and highlight projects in our region. Refreshments to follow. Questions? Contact Jordan Miller at 316-212-3255 or jordan@millerconstruction.org.

In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Bethel College offers two special events: Sunday, January 17, 7 p.m. – screening of *In Prison My Whole Life*, an award-winning 2007 documentary on the court case of imprisoned political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, with open discussion to follow with Jerrell Williams, director of Prison Ministries for OVM-Newton; **Monday, January 18, 7 p.m.** – "The New Jane Crow," a program with keynote speaker Michelle Armster, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States. Both events are in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, and both are free and open to the public with a freewill offering taken Monday to support the work of Newton Community for Racial Justice.

WDC Women in Mission will sponsor a Sister Care Weekend at Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave in North Newton on January 29 and 30. Come spend Friday evening (7-9 pm) and Saturday (9 am-4:30 pm) at a seminar that will provide tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in our lives, and for responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others. Registration can be found on the WDC website (<http://mennowdc.org/sister-care-seminar-january-29-30-2016/>) or contact: Pam Schrag 317-217-1448; schragps52@gmail.com OR Nancy Krehbiel 620-245-2471, stevekrehb@mtelco.net.

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