

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

January 15, 2017

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

Winter Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

Prelude

* Gathering Song *“We are often tossed and driv’n”* STS 72

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Interlude

Gathering

* *“And I will raise you up”* HWB 596

“Here I am, Lord” HWB 395

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance HWB 698

Song of Adoration *“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”* HWB 105

Offering to God Mennonite Relief Sale

Offertory

* *Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Children’s Story

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 5

Sermon *“Expel the Immoral Brother?”*

* Hymn *“Lord of all good”* STJ 60

* Benediction

- 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	K. John Klaassen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Music	Praise Team
Greeters	Russ & Kris Janzen
Ushers	Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen
Nursery	Courtney Nethercot & Lauren Graves

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for chaplains in WDC, who minister with hospital patients, residents of retirement centers, college students, domestic violence victims, and others seeking God’s healing and hope.

Mennonite Mission Network: School groups are celebrating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with DOOR Atlanta and DOOR Miami this weekend. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they return to their home communities tomorrow and begin to share what they learned about civil rights history and current social injustices, and how their faith calls them to respond.

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Announcements

The quilt in the foyer was pieced and quilted by ladies in Akron, Pennsylvania, loaned by Mike and Kathy Balzer.

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: Kathy Balzer and Lily Hilgenfeld

Greeters Next Sunday: John and Miriam Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,587.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Council meets.

Wednesday 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. If you are coming for the meal, please sign up in the foyer or at the kitchen window.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Next Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Dan Smith Derksen will be with us for the worship service next Sunday, January 22. At 8:30 a.m. there will be donuts, juice and coffee available and a time to meet and visit with Dan.

January 29 at 11:30 a.m. All church meal. The Social Committee is asking that you bring either a crockpot of soup OR a pie. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

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

Please join us for Wednesday Evening Programming, starting February 1st through March 15th. We will continue to study lessons from the Old Testament. Come for a mid-week meal, fellowship and bible study! Volunteers are needed to provide supervised nursery care during the lesson-time. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Please sign up as you are able so that we may continue to provide this service for our young children.

April 7-8 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. Check out the website at www.kansas.mccsale.org.

Et Cetera

The Newton Community for Racial Justice is sponsoring a history walk Monday, January 16 (the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday), in downtown Newton, with storytellers highlighting some of the history of Newton's Mexican-American and African-American communities. No reservations required – just show up at one of two start times, 3 or 3:30 p.m. Walks begin at the Newton Amtrak station (corner of 5th and Main Streets) and also include the Santa Fe 5/6 Center (formerly Newton High School) and the Newton Et Cetera Shop (formerly Woolworth's). Storytellers are Raymond Olais, Celio Sandate, Zona Galle, Floyd Edwards (tentative), Winnifred Garnett and Sylvia Kelly. Also featuring Cotton, the Newton Community Children's Choir and the Azteca Dancers. For more information, call Sara Dick at the Newton Et Cetera Shop, 316-283-9461, or Larry Lee, pastor of All Nations Church, 316-288-3548.

Bethel College Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Monday, January 16 at 7 p.m., with speaker Regina Shands Stoltzfus on "Renewing the Spirit of Empowerment," Krehbiel Auditorium. Due to the forecast of ice and other wintry weather, please check the Bethel College web page, www.bethelks.edu, and Facebook page for possible changes or cancellations.

The Centering Prayer group that meets every Monday at Bethel College, North Newton, is coordinating a special prayer event for Inauguration Day, Friday, Jan. 20. Anyone is invited to come and go between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to the Administration Building chapel on the Bethel campus to pray for our country, its leaders and the world. Come when you can and stay for as long or short a time as you like. There will be no agenda other than silence, prayer and candle-lighting if desired. If you have questions, please e-mail Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Webinar to address financial needs of women Everence Financial will present an informational webinar on the topic of *Women and Money* Thursday, Feb. 2, from noon to 12:30 p.m. Designed to address the distinctive financial needs of women, the presentation will include information on saving and investing for the future (including retirement) and getting started on a sound financial plan. The information will be presented by Andrea Bontrager Unzicker, Managing Director for Everence Financial Advisors in Central Kansas. To register, go to everence.com/kansas or contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sunday, February 5, 3 p.m. (you'll be out in time for football!), with one rehearsal, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see "Bethel College Alumni Choir" on Facebook for more information.

"When the Unthinkable Happens," the 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series at Hesston College Feb. 17 to 19 - Trauma's many forms can come at any time or place, and as Christ's followers we need to be ready and respond well. Pastors, church leaders/members and community/emergency workers are invited to learn the human and spiritual aspects of trauma care preparedness. Outstanding national and regional keynote and seminar speakers will present. The event also includes the following activities (included for AVDS registrants, available to others): a common read on *The Little Book of Trauma Healing*; a keynote session on Friday evening with Reverend Dr. Kate Wiebe; and Ted & Company TheaterWorks show, "Just Give 'Em the News." A bonus adjunct event on Feb. 20 is the STAR-Lite Training, which goes in depth as a professional resource related to Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience. Full AVDS and STAR schedules and registration information including discounted fees for multiple registrants from the same church or organization is online at hesston.edu/avds (registration deadline - Feb. 10).

Fundraiser for the Whale! (at Camp Mennoscah) There will be a hymn sing and dessert auction fundraiser for the new playground structure (otherwise known as "the whale") on February 26 from 4-6pm at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge. All are invited to come to this time of singing, fellowship, and bidding on tasty desserts!

Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat registration is open! It's not that far away, all you crafters and croppers. Two retreats will be filled with laughter, good folks, and fun times at Camp Mennoscah on March 3-5 and March 17-19. Register at campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290 for a registration form.

Looking for you--or someone you know! Applications for Camp Mennoscah's summer staff positions are now available. Tell all those great college age folks that you know and nudge them on over to us for the summer! Find further information at campmennoscah.org/application.

Registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 opens January 17. The convention takes place July 4-8 in Orlando, FL, with the theme "Love is a Verb". Enjoy fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country while enjoying the attractions of the Orlando area. Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a Senior Executive for Advancement to provide leadership and oversight to the Development, Church Relations, Marketing and Communication departments. Read the full position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Please send resumé and cover letter to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.