

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

January 21, 2018

Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

“God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Corinthians 15:57

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Scripture Colossians 3:12-17

* Gathering Song “Sanctuary”

Children’s Time with Hadleigh Harms

Offering to God Mennonite Relief Sale

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

“Here By the Water” Praise Team

Sermon “Evangelism: God’s Victory Announced”

* Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” HWB 545

Sharing & Praying

* Sending Song “Everlasting Arms”

* Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- Following the offering children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare.
- 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	Doug Claassen
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: Pray for health and strength for WDC church planters and their families, and that God would continue to open doors as they reach out into their communities.

Mennonite Mission Network: A family with two young children is sharing Jesus' love through teaching and community art projects in a Middle Eastern country that is predominantly Muslim. They are serving with Mennonite Mission Network and Eastern Mennonite Missions. Pray for meaningful social and spiritual relationships.

Church Events

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Care Council meets.

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

Next Sunday 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.

Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting.

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 28. Emailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Deb Regier

Greeters Next Sunday: John and Miriam Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,286.30

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

Today (Sun., Jan. 21) is the final chance to see "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," the special traveling exhibit at Kauffman Museum on conscientious objection by Mennonites and others during the First World War. The exhibit closes today (Sunday museum hours are 1:30-4:30 p.m.). There is an admission charge for non-museum members.

Bethel College Concert Choir home concert (following their tour in Europe – France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland – during January), Sunday, January 28 at 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

Bethel College Alumni Bowling Night! Join us: February 1, 7–9 p.m., Play-Mor Lanes, 1105 Washington Rd, Newton. We will have lanes reserved for you to enjoy an evening of bowling. The first 25 RSVP's will bowl for free! \$7 per person after the first 25. Please RSVP by Monday, January 29. Hosted by: Brad Kohlman, Director of Alumni Development and Brad Schmidt, Director of Alumni Engagement. For more information and to RSVP please contact Brad Kohlman at (316) 284-5357 or bkohlman@bethelks.edu. This Bethel College Alumni Association event sponsored by Bluestem Communities.

You've got kid skills - spend the summer at camp! Camp Mennoscah will be talking with people interested in being on summer staff for the upcoming summer. We'll be at Goshen College on Feb. 9 and Hesston, Tabor, Bethel, and McPherson on February 12-15 respectively. Get started on those applications! Go to campmennoscah.org/application! We'll schedule interviews soon. It's going to be an absolute blast of a summer!

Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction for "Creation, Craftiness, and Cooling Off"! Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to join us from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. We'll sing our favorite hymns, bid on delectable desserts, and hear about how, with your help, camp provides afternoon activities for campers to stay cool, be crafty, and learn about God's creation. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund. Come and join us!

Thank you so much for your continued support in making and donating comforters for MCC. This past year, MCC sent 49,223 blankets and comforters to people experiencing war, displacement, and natural disasters in Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, North Korea, Somalia, and Ukraine. 1,958 of those came from the Central States region! MCC continues to receive more requests for comforters from our partners around the world. Save the date for the upcoming Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas, taking place on March 5-7, as we work together to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters around the world, mcc.org/comforter-blitz!

Save the date! All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission/South Central Women's Spring Supper, Thursday March 15, 2018 at 6 pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Program (7 pm) to follow the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth).

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a clothing manager for 30-40 hours/week. The clothing manager, in cooperation with the management team, receives and processes donations; trains and supervises clothing and accessory volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, January 29, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, April 13-14, 2018 in Hutchinson

- The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals will be February 25 and March 4. Fellowship Meals are shared experiences in giving, hosts invite someone to their home to “come and dine” and guests visit another family’s home. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals Committee finds guests for you to invite, or hosts to invite you. Brochures are available in the foyer. Registration deadline is Feb. 1.
- Service Opportunities: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invites you to join our family. By tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world by furthering the work of Mennonite Central Committee. There are variety of committee openings. See your Relief Sale Contact liaisons (Mike & Kathy, Kim & Debbie) for details on these opportunities.
- Stay up-to-date on all things relating to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale by liking us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or our website at www.kansas.mccsale.org. Also, download the new Kansas MCC sale app by clicking on the link on our homepage.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas April 14 was the date of the 1973 Sale held in Hutchinson at the Fairgrounds. After the devotional service and the welcome by Chairman Rudy Schmidt, the Sale began with the sale of a “fluffy kitten”. The second ring started selling at 10:00 AM and included the auctioning of a combine as well as a refrigerator. The sale of sausage was completed with the donation of 22 hogs, the purchase of 5 hams, and the donation of eight additional hams. The quilt auction raised \$10,595 with the highest price paid for a quilt being \$1,020. The radio and television outlets in Hutchinson supported the Sale by providing interviews for the local viewing and listening market. The Friday night open house included eleven churches each providing a 15-minute program. This was the second year for the information booth. This booth provided information and a telephone was available for use if needed. The theme for the 1973 Sale is found in Matthew 25, ...”whatever you have done for these my brethren...you have done for me.”

At their meeting on January 13, the Western District Conference Executive Board approved this statement: *"As Christians, we on the Executive Board of the Western District Conference of the Mennonite Church USA are saddened and appalled by the recent language reportedly used by President Donald Trump and the underlying sentiment toward immigrants that it reflects, including immigrants in our churches. We condemn his offensive and degrading language and attitudes toward immigrants, especially those from African countries and Haiti. We believe all peoples, wherever they are from, are loved by God and created in God's image. We call on President Trump, other government officials, and ourselves to apologize and repent of demeaning and racist language and attitudes. We call on the people of our churches to pray and act for the well-being of all people and to call our government to act in a way that reflects the value of all human beings."* WDC congregations are encouraged to consider this statement in discerning a prayerful and faithful response to issues of justice and peace. The statement is also being sent to Mennonite media, the White House, and U.S. Congress members from states in which there are WDC congregations.