

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

January 28, 2018

Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

“Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sin” Acts 10:43

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Scripture Ephesians 2:12-14

* Gathering Song “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing” HWB 12

Children’s Time with Gracie

Offering to God Western District Conference

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43

Sermon “Evangelism: Outsiders Become Insiders”

* Hymn “New Earth, Heavens New” HWB 299

Sharing - Singing – Praying

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” - HWB 353

* Sending Song “This Little Light of Mine” HWB 401

* 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

Levi Goossen

Keyboard

Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader

Penny Hiebert

Greeters

John & Miriam Claassen

Ushers

Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn

Nursery

Debbie Claassen & Deb Regier

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastor John Tyson, as his ordination is celebrated this morning at Bethel College Mennonite Church, where he serves as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure leaders are concluding a retreat in San Diego. Pray that the spiritual and physical renewal they experienced through worship and fellowship will inspire and sustain them in the coming months of mentoring the participants in their units.

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. Soup and Pie Lunch - all are welcome to stay!

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

Wednesday Evening Meals and Weldon’s Weekly Wisdom will begin again on February 7 at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to come and join in fellowship and learning!

Announcements

A bucket offering for My Coins Count will be taken on the first Sunday of each month until the Relief Sale on April 13-14. So save up your coins and bring them to church to place in the offering to support Mennonite Central Committee and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale!

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

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

Greeters Next Sunday: Lon and Deb Hiebert

Ushers Next Sunday: Lucas Goossen and Lon Hiebert

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale \$2,420.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Et Cetera

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

Peace Connections will be having their 2nd Annual Soup Supper & Dessert Auction on January 30. Enjoy a homemade soup supper (by donation) and music by The NUTS, as Mike and Deb Flavin auction off the best pies, cookies, and desserts in town in order to raise money for Circle of Hope and local families served by the program! Soup Supper: 5:30-6:15 p.m., Pie & Dessert Auction: 6:15-7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton.

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.

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, Feb. 11, 3 p.m., at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Newton. There will be one rehearsal: Sat., Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., with lunch provided. If you are a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth at votha@usd411.org, or check out the Bethel College Alumni Choir page on Facebook for more information.

Raise the Roof in Song - a Hymn Sing and Fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service - Sunday, February 18, 4 pm (doors open at 3:30 pm to view auction items) - at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, 511 SE 37th Street, Topeka, KS. Join us in a fun way to raise funds for Mennonite Disaster Service. For more details, see the bulletin board.

Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference February 23-25 will offer ordinary people a chance to effect change in their context. Hear from respected teachers and theologians, including Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College, Wichita-area pastors Kevass Harding and Lois Harder, Hesston Bible professor Michele Hershberger and Kansas Leadership Center faculty. Learn about the Doctrine of Discovery through the Ted. & Co. TheaterWorks show, "Discovery: A Comic Lament." Register by Feb. 16 at hesston.edu/avds.

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**.

Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) seeks 3/4-time business manager: accounting experience desirable; computer and organizational skills; ability to work independently and set goals; effective communicator - team player; committed to WDC mission. Please share this job opening with others who may have interest. See mennowdc.org for further information.

2018 Retreat Registration is open! You are now able to sign up for all 2018 Camp Mennoscah Retreats. Those coming up soon are the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats (Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4) and the Youth Volunteer Weekend (March 16-17). We're looking forward to seeing you!

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas In 1974 the Quilt and Comforter Committee reported 208 numbered items that brought a total of \$18,096 to be used by MCC. The highest price received for a quilt was \$820. The amount sent to MCC in '74 was \$68,400.23 which was a substantial increase from the '73 donation of \$45,787.43. Sale day, April 6 of 1974 was described as “No rain but lots of wind” with the Sale held at the Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. The indoor auction was started after music by the Ebenfeld Mennonite Church Men’s Quartet and words of encouragement and prayer by Pastor Paul Isaac of Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman. The outside Sale of farm machinery and miscellaneous items began at 10:00 a.m. The 5th Annual Open House on Friday was considered a great success. The Sale went beyond expectations thanks to the people who came with generosity in their hearts. Chairman Kroeker thanked people in his report with the phrase “May our Lord bless you richly as you do it ‘in the name of Christ’”.