

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

January 29, 2017

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

Prelude

* Gathering Song *“Guide My Feet Lord”* HWB 546

Greetings & Announcements

- Gathering Interlude -

Gathering 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 HWB 853

* *“Here in This Place”* HWB 6

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance HWB 691

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

Offering to God Camp Mennoscah

 Offertory

 **Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Children’s Story

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Scripture Reading Matthew 21:18-22

Sermon *“The State of the Church at Grace Hill”*

* Hymn *“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”* HWB 121

* 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	Levi Goossen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Children’s Story	Josh Patterson
Greeters	Galen & Roberta Harms
Ushers	Lucas Goossen & Terry Klassen
Nursery	Debbie Claassen & Deb Regier

For Sharing and Prayer

Terry and Cheryl would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and for your visits during Terry's recent time in the hospital. We would ask for your continued prayers as we see what lies ahead.

Terry & Cheryl Klassen

Western District Conference: Pray for God’s joy and wisdom to be with Caleb Yoder as he is installed today as pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for pastors who spend time in the militarized zones of eastern Ukraine and for the thousands of displaced people they serve. May God provide for the physical and spiritual resources for those who have suffered so much.

Announcements

Time flies! Pastor Weldon's one year anniversary at Grace Hill's is February 1. The Pastor Relations Committee is asking for input from the congregation as part of our annual review process. Please pass along comments to Tim Harms, Leadership Council Chairperson by Sunday, February 12th.

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 will be July 4-8 in Orlando, Florida. If you are interested in being a delegate, please talk to Tim Harms.

Due to the cancellation of church on January 15, we did not have the offering for the Mennonite Relief Sale. If you would like to give to the Relief Sale, please put a check in the offering made out to Grace Hill designated for Relief Sale by March 5.

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen as soon as possible. E-mailed 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 Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,365.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. All church meal. All are welcome to stay!

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

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal and following the meal, Family Night Bible Study for all ages – everyone is invited!

Menu this week: Taco Plate

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Worship Council meets.

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.

February 8, 15 & 22 at 7:30 p.m. Choir practice. The choir will sing on February 26. All are welcome to come sing!

Et Cetera

Life Enrichment at Bethel College begins the spring semester on February 1 and ends on April 26. This program is designed especially for persons 60 and above. For the spring schedule of speakers, see the brochure on the bulletin board.

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.

Camp Mennoscah on the Road! We will be scouring the colleges and universities for summer staff at the beginning of February. On February 3, we'll be at Goshen College in the Connector. February 6, 7, and 8 will be at Hesston, Tabor, and Bethel Colleges respectively. Stop by and say hello! These events usually run from the morning to mid-afternoon.

Hesston College will host its annual Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference, February 17-19, and discuss dealing with trauma with the theme *When the Unthinkable Happens*. Following the weekend conference on Feb. 20, a bonus event STAR-Lite training will be held, co-sponsored by Hesston College and Mennonite Central Committee Central States, to learn strategies for trauma awareness and resilience. Register and see a full weekend schedule online at hesston.edu/avds.

Fundraiser for the Whale Playground Structure! Camp Mennoscah will be holding a Hymn Sing & Dessert Auction on February 26 at Eden Mennonite Church from 4-6pm. Funds raised from the auction and offering will go towards the new playground structure. Come for some heartfelt singing, high-sugar bidding, and lots of great fellowship!

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are almost here! Camp Mennoscah is ready to crop and craft on March 3-5 and March 17-19. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure.

Call for singers – Sunday, May 7, at Bethel College, the Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra will perform Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis*, also known as the *Lord Nelson Mass*. If interested in joining the choir, contact Dr. William Eash, weash@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5316, for rehearsal and performance information.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a fulltime Mennonite Voluntary Service Program Director to provide vision, spiritual and programmatic leadership for sustaining and developing this evolving program. Anticipated start date is June 2017. Read the full position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Please send resumé and letter of interest to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

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