

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

February 4, 2018

Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

“...the ears of all the people were attentive to the book...” Nehemiah 8:4

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Scripture Psalm 150

* Gathering Song *“We Praise Thee, O God”* HWB 99

Children’s Time with Seren

“My Coins Count” Offering for MCC Sale

Offering to God Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-12

Sermon *“Evangelism: Forgetters Become Rememberers”*

* Hymn *“Renew Your Church”* HWB 363

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	Deb Hiebert
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Deb Hiebert & Judy Hernandez
Ushers	Lucas Goossen & Lon Hiebert
Nursery	Lisa Harms & Bethany Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

Thanks to all who provided soup or a pie for our meal last Sunday. All was delicious and enjoyed by everyone!

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the energy and participation of members from congregations across WDC at the recent kick-off event for WDC's Year of Evangelism.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom. Pray for her as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.

Church Events

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – followed by Family Night for all ages – everyone is invited!

Menu this week: Taco Plate

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C’s, Newton.

Announcements

The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Marge Harms

Greeters Next Sunday: Rob and Diana Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and David Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,102.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Et Cetera

Everence workshops continue in February Everence will hold its second retirement workshop of 2018 on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. *Social Security and retirement income planning* will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or rmichelle.ramer@everence.com.

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for spring semester 2018 begins on Wednesday, February 7. This program is designed especially for persons 60 and above. See the flyer on the bulletin board for a complete schedule and more information.

The Bethel College interterm class Prison Theater Project presents *Inside Story*, the on-campus version of the collaboration with inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility; February 8 & 9 at 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Harvey County Circle of Hope Volunteer Ally Training will take place Saturday, February 10, 10:00am-4:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton. Lunch is provided. The training utilizes concepts from Bridges Out of Poverty. For more information or to reserve your spot contact Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or info@peaceconnections.org.

Recruiting for AMAZING young adults for summer staff! Camp Mennoscah is looking for awesome young adults to be part of our summer staff family. We will be at Hesston, Tabor, Bethel, and McPherson Colleges on February 12-15 respectively. Summer staff applications are available online at campmennoscah.org/application. A pizza gathering will be held at Papa John's in Newton on Feb. 14 at 6:15pm-ish. Please let us know you're coming at 620-297-3290!

Everyone is invited to join the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee Central States for our annual meeting on Friday, February 23 at 10:30am at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton.

Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are here! Register online at campmennoscah.org for a delightfully long weekend of project time, sharing new ideas, devotions, and fun people. Two weekends are offered, Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4. Join us for a cozy weekend of craftiness and coffee or walk the campgrounds for some time in creation! Call 620-297-3290 with questions. We'll see you and your stunning projects soon!

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!

Camp Mennoscah's annual Youth Volunteer Weekend for grades 7-12 is March 16-17. This over-the-top, laid-back, faith-filled and service-doused retreat should not be missed! We will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the Main Camp kitchen. There will be music, worship, counselors, and projects for all. Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290 for assistance. We'll see you there!

On March 18-19, the Mennonite churches of Beatrice, NE will host "Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches", a WDC Year of Evangelism event. Brad Roth, pastor at West Zion, Moundridge, and author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church* will be the speaker. Detailed information can be found at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

It's Beyond Belief that our summer youth camps are already looming in the future! Register your campers online today at campmennoscah.org! Our summer theme is "Beyond Belief! The Universe of God" and we'll be learning how God's endless love launches amazing adventures. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Need more information? Call us at 620-297-3290 - we're so ready for camp that we're bouncing in our boots!

Listen to presentations given by Heidi Roland Unruh and Marvin Lorenzana at the WDC Year of Evangelism Kickoff: Anabaptist Witness event held January 19-20 at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>. Presentation links are also on Facebook. Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook - look for: Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA).

URGENT NEED: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Board of Directors is asking for 2 volunteers to perform the task of being the Building Superintendents in the Domestic Arts Building and Sunflower North respectively. These are important positions. The individuals/couples to do this job are located in our churches, our sale constituency, and among the people who have participated in the Sale for many years. Please prayerfully consider and contact Jim Robb, Board Chair (620-245-7142 or 620-747-0186) if you have questions or interest. Thank You.