

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

February 5, 2017

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

## Winter Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

Prelude

\* Gathering Song      *“We Sing to You O God ”*      STJ 1

Greetings & Announcements

- Gathering Interlude -

Gathering      1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10      HWB 858

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

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*) & Words of Assurance

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

Offering to God      Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

\* *Doxology* (Psalm 100)      HWB 119

Children’s Story

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading      1 Corinthians 7: 1-17

Sermon      *“Now Regarding Sex & Marriage”*

\* Hymn      *“When Love is Found ”*      HWB 623

\* Benediction

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

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- 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!

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### Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Kris Goossen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	Lon & Deb Hiebert
Ushers	Lucas Goossen & Terry Klassen
Nursery	Lisa Harms & Bethany Regehr

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### For Sharing and Prayer

I wish to express my gratitude to all of you who supported me with your prayers, visits, flowers, cards, phone calls, texts and emails during the time of my recent shoulder surgery. May God bless each one of you. It’s good to be part of a caring Sunday School Class and congregation.

Ed Harms

A big thanks to all those who brought soups and pie last Sunday. They were all delicious and made our lunch complete! Social Committee

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they begin their work to identify new nominees to serve in WDC leadership roles next year.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Marisa Smucker, mentor for Mennonite Mission Network’s Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend 12 days with participants beginning this Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.

## Church Events

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Care Council meets.

**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:** Verenike Casserole

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

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Choir practice. The choir will sing on February 26. All are welcome to come sing!

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

**Thursday at 7:30 p.m.** Missions Council meets.

**Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** Praise Team practice. Praise Team will sing on February 19.

## Announcements

**Dr. Chelsea Vaught** will be giving an organ concert next Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bethel College Administration Building Chapel. The concert will feature music of J.S. Bach, Böhm, Sweelinck, Callahan, Biery and Farrington.

**Time flies!** Pastor Weldon's one year anniversary at Grace Hill was 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.

**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.

## Et Cetera #1

**Bethel College Alumni Choir** presents “Shades of Love,” this afternoon at 2 p.m., Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton; reception following.

**We are Recruiting. Camp Mennoscah** is visiting Mennonite colleges searching and seeking fun, creative, and responsible folks to be on our summer staff. We'll be at Hesston on Feb. 6, Tabor on Feb. 7, Bethel on Feb. 9, and McPherson on Feb. 10. Stop by, say hi, and send your favorite college students our way!

**Bethel College Alumni** - the Bethel College Alumni Association invites you to join us on Saturday, February 11 from 6-8 pm at Play-Mor Lanes, 1105 Washington Rd, Newton. We will have lanes reserved for you to enjoy an evening of bowling. There is a registration fee of \$10, with a portion of your fee used as a donation to Bethel College. For info and to register, please contact the Bethel College Alumni Relations office 316-284-5251 or [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu). Payment may be made in advance through the Alumni Relations office or at the event.

**Bethel College, North Newton**, is hosting the annual conference of the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship on its campus, February 10-12. The four keynote addresses are free and open to the public, although the discussions following will be restricted to registrants and their affiliated faculty. Fri., 11 am: David Anderson Hooker, overview of/introduction to conference theme: Uniting for Social Change; Fri., 7 pm, Aubrey Streit Krug and Alicia Harris, environmental justice; Sat., 9:30 am, Michelle Armster, racial justice; Sat., 2 pm, Joel Barrett and David Seymour, LGBTQIA justice. For more information, see [www.bethelks.edu/unitingforchange](http://www.bethelks.edu/unitingforchange).

**Staley Lectures with Drew G.I. Hart; February 12 at 7:00 p.m.:** “Trouble I’ve Seen: Better Frameworks for Discussing Race and Racism Together”; **February 13 at 11:00 a.m.:** “Who Can be Trusted?: Breaking the Cycle of 400 Years of Bad Racial Intuition” - Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

**Preschool Story Hour at the Resource Library** with Carol Flickinger begins Wednesday, February 15. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/NNeiVbEyzpzLqksc2> or call the WDC offices at 316-283-6300.

**This is the last week to register for Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference, *When the Unthinkable Happens***, February 17-19, with a bonus STAR-Lite training event February 20. Learn strategies for trauma awareness and resilience within a congregational and community context. A special performance by Ted & Company TheaterWorks on the evening of Feb. 18 will show how humor and laughter can also aid the healing process following trauma. Register by Friday, February 10, at [hesston.edu/avds](http://hesston.edu/avds). Registration discounts are available for members of sponsor congregations and groups of two or more from the same church or organization.

**Everence® to present informative webinars this February: Budget basics and beyond:** Monday, Feb. 20 – 2 or 8 p.m. In this webinar, designed for pastors, church leaders and others interested in church budgets, we'll discuss what congregations can do to get people excited about giving, what a church budget should do and the four basic church budget models. Presented by Beryl M. Jantzi, Stewardship Education Director. **Women and Money:** Tuesday, Feb. 21 – 2 or 8 p.m. Designed for women of all ages, this educational webinar addresses the specific financial hurdles faced by women, preparing financially for the future, plus quick, easy ways to launch an investment plan. Presented by Shari Beck, Financial Advisor and Rhoda Blough, Stewardship Consultant. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com); or visit [everence.com/direct](http://everence.com/direct). (All times Eastern Daylight Time.)

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals** will be March 5 and 12. 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. A brochure is available in the foyer. Registration deadline is Feb. 13.

**Youth Volunteer Weekend! Camp Mennoscah** is offering a short weekend of worship, service, fellowship, and fun for those in grades 7-12 on March 10-11. We'll have counselors (i.e. adults) for those attending and youth groups are welcome to join. Please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 if you are a youth sponsor who would like to attend. Scholarships are available. Register online at [www.campmennoscah.org!](http://www.campmennoscah.org!)

## Et Cetera #2

**Remington High School Community Service Day** will be on April 26. High School students would like to work for you - no charge! It is an opportunity for the students to give back to their supportive community. Please contact Jodi Janzen at 316-799-2123, [jjanzen@usd206.org](mailto:jjanzen@usd206.org) or see the form posted on the bulletin board.

**Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 ends on Feb. 28.** Early Registration includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate “Love is a Verb” with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

**The WDC Annual Assembly** will be held on August 4-6 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Arlington DFW South. As per the WDC Resolutions Policy, resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to Annual Assembly. In 2017, that date is April 7. Send to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117.

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Rob and Diana Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Adrian Nethercot/David Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Camp Mennoscah \$1,882.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

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