

Grace Hill Mennonite Church
February 10, 2013

Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



“Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” – Luke 5:8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship & Prayer

No. 670

* Hymn 37

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

Prayer for illumination (*in unison*)

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit in the reading of this word to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon & Children's Story

“A Shocking God”

* Hymn 143

“Amazing Grace”

Offering to God

Local Church

* Doxology – No. 119

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

* Sending Hymn – No. 430

“God Be With You” (Vs. 1)

* Benediction

Postlude

* *All who are able may stand*

Preacher: Weldon Martens

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Bulletin: Debbie Claassen

Ushers: Doug Hiebert & Russell Janzen

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

Key Board: Sara Unruh

Audio: Lynn Voth

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens

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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for our moderator, Diana Schunn, the WDC Executive Board and Staff as they meet for an all day “Big View” meeting on February 16.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank you for your prayers, and join in praising God for healing Amanda Falla of MMN. Her physicians report the bone marrow transplant a success and that her kidney function is nearing 100 percent. Pray for the Falla family as they continue their ministry, both in Chicago where Amanda was hospitalized and in Colombia.

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at church. **All men and women are invited.** Program: *The Petals of a Kansas Sunflower* by Melvin Epp; Hostess & Devotions: Pauline Toews and Joyce Stuart; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

Tuesday afternoon Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Tuesday 1:30-5:00 p.m. Creativity Workshop at church.

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Youth Programming

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Weldon

The 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be on 1 Corinthians. The scripture for this Wednesday is 1 Corinthians 1:1-17. 1 Corinthians offers us a great window into the life of the early church and remains most beneficial to us today. Here we catch a glimpse of a community of faith struggling with challenges of divisions, sex and marriage, pride, hairstyles, gender distinctions, the Lord's Supper, and the resurrection. See you Wednesday! - Pastor Weldon

Announcements

Beginning next Sunday - "Journeys of Paul through Greece & Rome"
Beginning next Sunday during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary Pastor Weldon will show pictures of sites Paul visited in his travel through Greece and Italy. Weldon has traveled several times to the sites of Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and Rome. Each Sunday we will visit a different site seeing the locations and learning of the background of the familiar sites. Come join this "field trip!"

You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church" each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,631.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor Weldon will be in the church office on Wednesday afternoons.

Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

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

Et Cetera

Stop by, say hello! Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting at area Mennonite colleges on February 11-13. We're looking for summer staff and counselors primarily, but we're ready to talk to anyone who would like to volunteer at Camp Mennoscah. We'll be at Hesston College on Feb. 11, Tabor College on Feb. 12, and Bethel College on Feb. 13, typically over noon meal times. Camp Mennoscah is only one of many camps who will be at the colleges. Come see what other camps are doing, too!

Agri-Urban would like to invite all of its supporters and people who are interested in Agri-Urban to an appreciation dinner on February 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Eden Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge. Please make reservation with Russell Entz, by February 10. Book of JEBB will be our entertainment for the evening.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States invites everyone to "The Loss of Turtle Island" a participatory exercise on the story of Indigenous people of this land on Friday, February 22 from 10 a.m.-noon at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 East 1st Street in Newton). There will be a lunch by donation following the event that will include a brief MCC meeting. Please RSVP for the event and/or the lunch with your name and email address, by Thursday, February 14 to Karin Kaufman Wall at kkw@mcc.org.

The MCC fellowship meals are scheduled for February 24 and March 3, 2013. Brochures are on the table by the display cabinet. We encourage you to participate in this important event. The MCC Sale Committee

Learn more about the suffering of Anabaptist martyrs and African-American slaves and their commonalities at "Common Threads: Anabaptist and African-American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, February 24 at Bethel Mennonite Church in Inman. The event is free and open to the public though a free-will offering will be received to cover program costs. The program, which features Hesston College faculty members Tony Brown, John Sharp and Ken Rodgers, is in honor of Black History Month. For more details, visit hesston.edu or call the Alumni and Church Relations office at 866-437-7866.

Please join us as Offender/Victim Ministries celebrates 40 years of ministry at our Annual Dinner on Monday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Entertainment provided by The Book of Jebb. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Monday, February 18.

The Western District Conference Reference Council and Mennonite Church USA Regional Immigration Gathering will be March 1-2 at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. *Citizens of God's Kingdom: Immigration and Christian Faith* is the theme. Reference Council is a gathering of WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Committees, Task Forces, Staff and Pastors. Others with interest in the theme can also attend. RSVP by February 22 to wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

The Western District Music and Worship Task Force invite all women to join in *Singing Heaven's Song*, a festival of choral music for women's voices, on March 3 at First Mennonite Church, Newton. See the information on the bulletin board.

A PC-PF (Post-College, Pre-Family) Potluck Dinner is planned for Saturday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton. This is a gathering for any young adults who are past college age and don't yet have children. This specification is not to exclude people, but rather to encourage connections within this specific group of young adults in our area. Bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share, drinks provided. RSVP by March 6 to Pastor Phil Schmidt at pschmidt@tabormennonite.org.

Get out your basketball shoes! WDC's annual basketball tournament will be held the evenings of March 19, 21, and 22 (no Saturday games this year) at Bethel College in North Newton. Tournament fee is \$150 per team. Please register by March 1 to determine if there are enough teams to hold the tournament. Information has been sent to contact persons, and is available at: www.mennowdc.org (Upcoming Events).

The Community-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held June 10-14 at Remington Middle School. In His final words before ascending to heaven, Jesus commanded every Christ follower to become a partner with Him in engaging lostness everywhere, with a promise that He will always be with us in that task. So we must begin and sustain that work in much prayer! Would you join in prayer for our VBS and our community children?