

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

February 12, 2017

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

Winter Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

Prelude

* Gathering Song *“Christ is Our Cornerstone”* HWB 43

Greetings & Announcements

- *Gathering Interlude* -

Gathering Psalm 46 HWB 817

* *“Help Us To Help Each Other Lord”* HWB 362

Prayer of Confession

All: God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Preacher: By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

Offering to God Local Church

 Offertory

 **Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Mission Council Jana Harms

Children's Story *Enemy Pie*

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 8

Sermon *“Regarding Idol Meat”*

* Hymn *“Put Peace Into Each Other's Hand”* STJ 87

* 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	John Claassen
Keyboard	Tara Harms Becker
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Rob & Diana Schunn
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & David Janzen
Nursery	Joyce Wedel & Quinn Dove

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastor peer groups which meet regularly for sharing, support and prayer together.

Mennonite Mission Network: Alfonsina and José Luis Oyanguren, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, praise God for the first year of ministry through a radio station that transmits news, music, and educational and biblical programs to Toba/Qom communities in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that lives will be transformed through this ministry.

Church Events

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Praise Team practice. Praise Team will sing next Sunday.

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: Sloppy Joes

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 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at the Whitewater Café.

Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Hospitality Council meets.

April 7-8 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. Check out the website at www.kansas.mccsale.org.

Announcements

Dr. Chelsea Vaught will be giving an organ concert this afternoon 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.

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.

Nursery Next Sunday: Jane Washburn and Katherine Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Travis Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,795.71

Offering Next Sunday: Grace Hill Youth Group

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

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.

Commit a radical act of love this Valentine’s Day - Offender Victim Ministries invites you to reach out to inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility through our Valentine's Day letter-writing campaign and prisoner care kit initiative. Please bring items for prisoner care kits and come join us for letter writing and refreshments at the following venues: February 13, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Amish Community Building in Hutchinson; February 14, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Mennonite Central Committee Central States offices in North Newton. If you aren't able to attend an event, but want to write a letter, suggested talking points and instructions for sending letters are posted on the Offender Victim Ministries Facebook page.

KIPCOR Film Series presents Do Not Resist, a documentary by Craig Atkinson about police militarization in the U.S. since 9/11, February 19 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Talk-back follows with scheduled resource people DJuan Wash and AJ Bohannon, community organizers from Wichita.

Join us at What's So Funny about Money on February 19 at 7 p.m. at the McPherson Opera House (219 S Main St.). This Ted and Company show will cause you to think even as it tickles your financial funny bone. Cost? By donation to benefit the WDC Matching Fund, assisting pastors with financial challenges. Sponsored by Everence. Bring your friends!

Fundraiser for the new playground structure! Camp Mennoscah is holding a Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction on February 26 from 4-6 pm at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge. Join us to sing (or enjoy listening), bid on tasty treats, and hear a bit about the new "whale" playground structure.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah are March 3-5 and March 17-19. There are hours of fellowship, devotions, and cropy-ness for you to enjoy. Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290.

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**.

All women in Western District and South Central Conferences are invited to attend the annual Mennonite Women Spring Supper on March 23 at 6 p.m. at Bethel College. Supper provided by Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA). Stories shared by Leah Mueller, Christine Schweitzer, Barbara Krehbiel Gehring and Mary Herr about "Living Faithfully in our Communities". Cost for meal: \$12 payable at the door for BCWA. Make your reservation by March 16 to: westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com or 316-283-3342 (Marlene V. Faul). Offering will be received for a Mennonite Central Committee women's project (make checks payable to MCC). See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Retirees Relaxation Retreat coming up in April! Camp Mennoscah offers retirees of all ages a chance to slip away to the prairie for fellowship, worship, and learning. We'll gather April 24-26 to hear stories of faith, courage, and fun. Brochures are available by calling 620-297-3290 or register online at campmennoscah.org.

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.

Summer Youth Camp Registration is open and catalogs are in the mail! Go online at www.campmennoscah.org to join in the summer fun at Camp Mennoscah!