



**GRACE HILL
MENNONITE CHURCH**

February 14, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Worship
First Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Weldon Martens
Musician: Ellen Mosiman Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements Weldon Martens

GATHERING

*Call to Worship
Leader: As we gather in this place, let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God. With the psalmist, we proclaim:

ALL: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:1-2)

*Prayer
ALL: Generous God, you gave us life; now we give our lives back to you. We present ourselves: our work and play, our joys and sorrows, our thoughts and deeds, our gifts and resources, to be used by you for the sake of all people everywhere, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN (HWB 751)

Gathering Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* HWB 165

CONFESSING AND RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance
ALL: Provider God, we confess that we often forget that all we are and all we have comes from you. We forget that we can trust in

you and rely on you in times of trial and temptation. Forgive our weakness and forgetfulness. Help us to lean on your life-giving Word and to believe in your promise of reconciliation and eternal love. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.

PASTOR: God says, "Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer. I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll show you my salvation." (Psalm 91:14-16 excerpts)

Theme Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* HWB 398

PROCLAMATION

* Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13 Donna Balzer

Children's Story
Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Sermon "Tempted by the Devil"

RESPONSE

* Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* HWB 311

Offering and Offertory
* *Doxology* Local Church HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer
Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* HWB 545

SENDING FORTH

*Sending Hymn *And I Will Raise You Up* HWB 596

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Next Sunday: the **Ritual of Response** comes to you in an **Open Microphone** following the sermon in response to the question: "Where do you find hope?" - Pastor Weldon

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 Byron Pellecer as he prepares for a transition to a new role as Associate Conference Minister in Texas beginning in May.

Mennonite Mission Network: Many weddings occur this time of year in Cambodia due to the cooler, dry season. On this Valentine's Day, pray for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo of MMN as they mentor young Christian couples and model Christ-centered relationships.

Thank you, Grace Hill Mennonite Church, for giving \$34,440.57 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2015! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world!
Joe Sawatzky, MMN

Church Family News

. . . God's care to **Joyce and Fred Stuart** in the death of their brother-in-law Bruce Hoffer. Funeral service was held Thursday at Central Community Church in Wichita. . . The quilt hanging in the fellowship hall is called "Grandma's Church Hankies". The size: 90 X 105. It was designed and pieced by Joan Becker, Upland, CA. The hankies were donated by women from the Upland Brethren in Christ Church. It is hand quilted by ladies at MCC's PA Resource Center. Joan is **Alma Schmidt's** sister. The quilt was previously sold at the Upland Sale and will be re-sold at the MCC Relief Sale in Hutchinson. . .

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. The craft group will meet at Valerie Klaassen's home. The group will meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 at Valerie's home.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited! We are having meals every Wednesday through March 16.

Menu this week: Taco Plate

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

Wednesday Family Night – we are studying parables this spring. All are invited to attend!

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Stewardship Council meets.

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Leadership Council meets.

March 13 Bethel College Sunday

Announcements

To clarify some confusion, we have learned that **Wes and Deb Bergen's** term was actually a two-year term, concluding in December 2015, rather than a three-year term. We had budgeted for three years support thinking that was the term and the request. If you made a contribution to the Wes and Deb Bergen Mission Partner Fund at Grace Hill in the past year and do not want it to go to the new Mission Partner Fund, please let Marvin Harms or Debbie Claassen know by February 28.

Nursery This Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove

Nursery Next Sunday: Jane Washburn and Catina Wiebe

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Rob and Diana Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,337.00

Offering Next Sunday: Grace Hill Youth Group

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Director of Youth Ministry: Joshua Janzen

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Et Cetera

Christopher Shaw organ recital, "Love, Lent and Lament," will be February 14 at 3 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

There is still space left for the February 19-20 Story Matters Workshop! Your life story is an unrepeated journey that only YOU can tell! First Mennonite Church, Newton, is sponsoring two life stories workshops this year called "Story Matters" led by Laurie Oswald Robinson which will provide tools to help people write their own stories or the stories of a loved one. The workshops will be held February 19-20 (6:30-9:00 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday) and April 1-2, and are open to the community. Choose the one that best fits your schedule. The cost is \$60 per person which includes workshop materials, snacks and lunch. The workshops are partially funded by a Loaves & Fishes Grant from Western District Conference. To register, send an e-mail to Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net.

First Mennonite Church, 427 W 4th, Halstead, will have a **verenike supper** on February 20 from 5-7 p.m. Menu: verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zweiback, cherry moos, pie, relishes and beverages. Cost by donation, proceeds go to church missions.

Not Just On Sunday features a Saturday evening Celebration Concert with Bluegrass music by Hesston College alumnus Dave Miller and The Book of Jebb, 7 p.m. February 20 at Hesston Mennonite Church auditorium. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and available at the Hesston College Bookstore at 620-327-8104 or at the door. Conference registrants and youth of all ages are free.

KIPCOR Film Series continues with Groundswell Rising, February 21 at 3 p.m., about citizen opposition to fracking, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back session with a panel including filmmaker Renard Cohen, and a reception with music, to follow.

Please join us for Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Dinner and Meeting on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the d'Veers Family Center, 227 N. Main, in Elbing. Traditional German Buffet Dinner is \$15 per person and can be paid at the door. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Thursday, February 18.

Criminal Justice System, What Can We Do? You're invited to join the conversation as Mennonite Central Committee Central States dives into this broad topic. Speakers will share on various aspects and from a variety of viewpoints on the topic of the criminal justice system and our response to it. Join us in the Chapel in the H.W. Lohrenz Building on the Tabor College campus on Feb. 27 from 9am-noon. Speakers include Jill Schellenberg, Nathan Koontz, David King and Pam Nath.

Two weekends of Scrapbooking and Crafts! It's a great time to work on that scrapbooking or craft project you've been putting off--or procrastinate even longer. Spend time with other scrappy and crafty folks on March 4-6 and/or March 11-13. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org! We'll have the tables set up for you!

Hey, yutes! Youth in grades 7-12 should get ready for the Youth Volunteer Weekend at Camp Mennoscah on March 11-12. No sponsors or parents needed! We have counselors. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org. Spend the weekend in worship and service!

WDC/SCC Women's Spring Supper will be at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, on Thursday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m. Reservation with name(s) need to be made by March 10 to: ksmennonitewomen@gmail.com or 620-327-8201 (Angie at Hesston College). See the flier on the bulletin board for more information.

Weekends of opportunity! Camp Mennoscah has a few weekends during the summer that are waiting for you and your family or small group to savor creation, luxuriate in fellowship, and renew your faith. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for available weekends. Don't wait and don't hesitate! It'll be a jolly good time.

Mennonite Central Committee has resources for you to learn about The New Jim Crow project (<http://mcc.org/learn/more/new-jim-crow-project>). This is a project focusing on the topic of mass incarceration, that MCC U.S. is promoting through the MCC Washington Office and in fact, here in Central States our staff is reading it together. Check it out!