

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Service of Worship

First Sunday in Lent
February 17, 2013

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



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. 659

* Hymn 110

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Hymn 353

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Offering to God

Mennonite Relief Sale

* Doxology – No. 119

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, your Son was tempted by the devil for forty days in the desert and yet He did not yield. As your Word forms us, help us to use these days in Lent to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may not yield to temptation but witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

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

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Jesus is Tempted”

* Hymn 530

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Communion

Songs during the distribution:

Hymn 471

Hymn 472

Hymn 453

“Eat This Bread”

“I Am the Bread of Life”

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

* Prayer After Communion

* Hymn of Praise – No. 105

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

* Benediction

Postlude

* *All who are able may stand*

Preacher: Weldon Martens

Worship Leader: Katie Regier

Song Leader: David Janzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Scripture Reader: Carine Claassen

Audio: Kim Claassen

Bulletin: Debbie Claassen

Nursery: Theresa Toews & Sara Harms

Ushers: Kendall Claassen & Mike Balzer

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 the Youth Ministry Network Team with leaders Dwight Regier and Jesse Blasdel as they support youth pastors and sponsors and plan South Central-Western District youth events.

Mennonite Mission Network: In December, personnel from seven European Mennonite centers, partners with MMN, met for their annual gathering. They discussed how to respond to immigration issues. Pray that Mennonite institutions on all continents will be places of welcome for the strangers among us.

Birthdays to add to the calendar:

February 19 – Adrian Wiebe

February 24 – Angela Phipps

Adult Sunday School Elective - "Journeys of Paul through Greece & Rome" Beginning today 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!" The presentations will take place on: Feb. 17 & 24, March 17 & 24, April 7, 14, 28, and May 5.

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

Church Events

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 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!

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

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. – 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5. This is an extraordinary scripture! Join this study of the message where Paul says the cross is foolishness but it is the power of God to save. - Weldon

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Worship Council meets
Business Council meets

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council will meet at church.

Announcements

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: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,387.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

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 to Karin Kaufman Wall at kkw@mcc.org.

First Mennonite, Halstead will have a Verenike fundraiser supper for the youth group on February 23 at 6:00 pm. Menu is: Verenike, Sausage, Green Beans, Zwieback, Cherry Moos, Pies.

Whitestone Mennonite Church - Salt and Light Forum - "Parenting with Purpose", February 24, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Come and hear from experts, eat, discuss, and quiz a panel of parents who've "been there". Leave your kids in fun, free childcare. Resource persons: Kevin Wilder, Tami Keim, Wendell Loewen. For more information call 620-327-4123.

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.

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, will host a Valentines meal at the fellowship hall in First Mennonite Church (Newton) on February 25 at 6 pm. Cost is \$25/couple, \$15/single. Email iglesiacasabetania@yahoo.com or call 316-644-5800 for reservations by February 23.

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.

MEDA's Kansas Chapter (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) invites you to join us for "Building Peace in Business" with Loren Hostetter on February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner in the Schultz Student Center, Bethel College, North Newton. \$25 for dinner and presentation, \$5 for students, \$15 for beginning entrepreneurs. RSVP by February 25 by email to carlawedman@harperindustries.com or phone Carla Wedman at 620-896-7381.

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.

Comforter Blitz- The 6th annual Comforter Blitz will be held on March 11 & 12 at Journey Yoder Campus, Yoder, KS. Check flyer on bulletin board for details.

Mark your calendars ladies - an evening of fellowship and inspiration is planned for Thursday, March 21, at Whitestone Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Hesston. This annual Spring Supper will feature Ruth Lapp Guengerich, Co-Executive Director of Mennonite USA as guest speaker. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (costing \$6.00 per person). There will be special music and an offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. This event is for women of all ages of South Central Conference and Western District Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 4 – see the poster on the bulletin for more details.

God is working in incredible and creative ways in the city. Come and see! You can serve through DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) in cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, L.A., Miami, or San Antonio. Join in God's work in the city for a week, several months or a year! Check things out at www.DOORNetwork.org.