

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

February 18, 2018

## "Jesus Versus the Beasts"

### First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PIANO INTERLUDE -

\* GATHERING SONG "Christ is Our Cornerstone" HWB 43

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time has come; the Kingdom of God draws near.  
Repent and believe the good news.

All: *We have come.  
We are here.  
We worship God together.*

\* SONG "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" HWB 46

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of creation and salvation,  
too often we fear for ourselves,  
and we often hide, defend, and build barriers.  
We are inclined to judge who is in and who is out.  
Our selfishness does not show the way of Jesus Christ.  
Transform us and all creation.  
Help us, preserve us, and renew us.  
Forgive us  
For rejecting you.  
Teach us  
to act with humility, grace, and mercy. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (LEADER)

PSALM 145: 8-9, 21

The Lord *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger,  
and of great mercy. The Lord *is* good to all: and his tender  
mercies *are* over all his works. May our mouths speak the  
praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name  
forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING TO GOD

WESTERN DISTRICT CHURCH PLANT

Offertory

\*Doxology (Psalm 100)

HWB 119

CHILDREN'S STORY

"Where the Wild Things Are"

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

LENT THEME SONG "Christ We Do All Adore Thee" HWB 105

SERMON

"Jesus Verses the Wild Beasts"

HYMN

"Guide My Feet"

HWB 546

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LENTEN SONG "I Bind My Heart This Tide" (vs. 1) HWB 411

\* BENEDICTION

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

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- Following the children's story children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare.
- 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

Marianne Eichelberger

Keyboard

Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader

Bonita Schroeder

Greeters

Debbie Claassen & Travis Harms

Ushers

Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen

Nursery

Jane Washburn & Quinn Dove

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## **For Sharing and Prayer**

To my church family: My, how life can change in an instant. Thank you all for your prayers, cards and thoughts, and Pastor Weldon for your visits. Love and care deeply for each other. Judy Janzen

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.

## **Church Events**

**Monday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets.

**Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – followed by Weldon's Weekly Wisdom – everyone is invited!

**Menu this week:** Santa Fe Chicken Soup & Cinnamon Rolls

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

**Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.** Leadership Council meets.

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

**February 28 at 8:00 p.m.** Care Council meets.

## Et Cetera - #1

**Camp Mennoscah** is needing volunteers to shingle the kitchen on Saturday, February 24 starting at 8:30 a.m. Bring your favorite hammer and lunch! Contact K. John Klaassen if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions.

**Halstead First Mennonite Church** (427 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, Halstead) Verenike Supper will be Saturday, February 24 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost by donation, proceeds go to church missions. Menu includes verenike, ham gravy, sausage, zwieback, relishes, cherry moos, green beans and pie.

**Ted & Company Theaterworks will present "Discovery: A Comic Lament"** at 7 pm, Saturday, February 24, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, this newest production of Ted & Co., is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It weaves through time and geography, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. Tickets are \$12 for adults and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore, 620-327-8104. Youth through high school age are free. Participants in Hesston College's AVDS weekend receive a ticket through their conference registration.

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** with Christy Davis, executive director, Symphony in the Flint Hills, February 25 at 3 p.m., on "The Other Chisholm Trail: Little-Known Facts About the Great Cattle Drives," Kauffman Museum.

**Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction** for "Creation, Craftiness, and Cooling Off"! Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to join us from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. We'll sing our favorite hymns, bid on delectable desserts, and hear about how, with your help, camp provides afternoon activities for campers to stay cool, be crafty, and learn about God's creation. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund. Come and join us!

**Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry**, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, February 25 at 7 p.m., on "Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence," Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Berry will also speak in convocation, Mon., Feb. 26, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

**2018 MCC Comforter Blitz** March 5-7 at Journey Church, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder. Questions? Call or email Shirley Jost at 785-250-7437 or [jostshi@cox.net](mailto:jostshi@cox.net). Sponsored by Kansas Friends of MCC.

**The WDC/SCC Women's Spring Supper** will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive in Hesston. Meal (Ham, potatoes & more) for \$10 by Whitestone Mennonite Youth with payment to them. Program at 7 p.m. with Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo, on *Faith in Everyday Life*. Music, *Sadie and the Prowlers*, from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**Camp Mennoscah's annual Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 is March 16-17! This over-the-top, laid-back, faith-filled and service-doused retreat should not be missed! We will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the Main Camp kitchen. There will be music, worship, counselors, and projects for all. Parents and sponsors do not need to attend. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or contact us at 620-297-3290 for assistance. We'll see you there!

**On March 18-19, the Mennonite churches of Beatrice, NE** will host "Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches", a WDC Year of Evangelism event. Brad Roth, pastor at West Zion, Moundridge, and author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church* will be the speaker. Detailed information can be found at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

**It's a new kitchen! Camp Mennoscah** is seeking kitchen helpers for our summer youth camps. The renovations of the kitchen will be complete and it will be a whole new world of cooking fun. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact us at 620-297-3290 for further information.

## Et Cetera - #2

**It's Beyond Belief that our summer youth camps** are already looming in the future! Register your campers online today at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)! Our summer theme is "Beyond Belief! The Universe of God" and we'll be learning how God's endless love launches amazing adventures. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)! Need more information? Call us at 620-297-3290 - we're so ready for camp that we're bouncing in our boots!

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop** is hiring a **housewares sorter/receiver** for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in the processing area, in both receiving and sorting donations. S/he will be primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding, as needed. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or via e-mail at [generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com). Applications are due Monday, March 5, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Katherine Claassen and Kris Janzen

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

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,370.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

***Pastor: Weldon Martens***

*Email:* [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com)

***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, April 13-14, 2018 in Hutchinson**, the theme is "Praising God through Service" based on 1 Peter 4:10-11.

- Quilt Registration deadline is March 12...If you have items for the general sale or the silent auction, please let Becky Blough know as soon as possible (620-747-0558 or [photos@kansas.mccslae.org](mailto:photos@kansas.mccslae.org))... April 7 is Bohne Beroggi making day at Moundridge High School...April 10 is Verenike making day at Parkview MB Church in Hillsboro.
- Stay up-to-date on all things relating to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale by liking us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or our website at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org). Also, download the new Kansas MCC sale app by clicking on the link on our homepage.

**New for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.** As we meet for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sale to raise money for the Mennonite Central Committee, the Sale Board is providing a few new events. One of those events is a program with Mini Auction on Friday night, April 13, and featuring the vocals of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. A scavenger hunt for all ages is being organized to help you find things and learn about the workings of the sale. We are providing a time capsule for each Church and Sale Committee to have the opportunity to put a memory into the capsule. The capsule will be opened at the Sale in 25 years. It is suggested that items for the time capsule be smaller than the area of a shoe box. Church Liaisons should bring item to the March monthly meeting. Finally, our brothers and sisters with MDS will be putting on their MCC hats and building a tool shed on the Fairgrounds during the Sale weekend. Construction will start on Friday at noon and the blitz build will be completed by Saturday noon. Sale attendees of all ages will be encouraged to pick up a hammer or a paint brush to help with the construction. The tool shed will be auctioned as part of the General Auction. Please mark your calendars for April 13 and 14 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual MCC Sale!

**REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas** 1980 is the year when the sales tax exemption was put behind us. Visitors from 11 different states contributed to the attendance of 13,500. Griselda Shelly, MCC Central States Regional Director, set up a multi-media program to show Sale attenders the MCC programs that benefited from the Relief Sale. The Quilt and Comforter Committee auctioned 367 items totaling a financial benefit of \$47,356.50. Verenike with ham gravy sold for 75 cents each, and borscht sold for 85 cents a bowl. This was the year that began the central location for collecting pies. Using the method of counting cars and multiplying by 4 estimated attendance at the Sale at 15,452. The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus brought in \$5,434.02 from their concerts and \$206,711.67 was sent to MCC in the name of Christ.