

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

February 25, 2018

"Jesus Versus Luck"

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PIANO INTERLUDE -

* GATHERING SONGS "You are Salt for the Earth" HWB 226
"My Soul is Filled With Joy" STJ 13

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah, nations born of barren lands, you who stand here because of promises fulfilled, come and worship your God.

People: We were born through the faith of our ancestors, just as our faith will give life to future generations; even as we hope against hope, we come to worship our God.

Leader: Welcome home, children of God.
Welcome to this house of God.

"I Will Not Be Shaken"

PRAISE TEAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of ancient Israel - promising Abraham and Sarah a child in their old age was just silly. For them to believe your promise was laughable.

Forgive our impatience in trusting in your good promises.

Forgive our turning aside from Kingdom ways.

Forgive our abandoning the cross of Jesus Christ.
Instill in us Kingdom faith to inspire future generations.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (LEADER)

In Jesus Christ, God has acted in a decisive and startling way. We have been rescued by the grace of God from sin and idolatry. Praise be to God. Amen.

OFFERING TO GOD

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100)

HWB 119

CHILDREN'S STORY

"Where the Wild Things Are"

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 & Mark 8:31-38

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

SERMON

"Jesus Versus Luck"

HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

HWB 616

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LENTEN SENDING "I Bind My Heart This Tide" (vs. 2) HWB 411

* BENEDICTION

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- 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!

Serving in Worship

Pastor

Weldon Martens

Scripture Reader

Russ Janzen

Keyboard

Ellen Mosiman

Music

Praise Team

Greeters

Rob & Diana Schunn

Ushers

Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn

Nursery

Katherine Claassen & Kris Janzen

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for all of the heartfelt prayers, beautiful flowers, and generous contributions for the passing of our dad. He was grateful to be a member of the Grace Hill community and for all of your friendships. We appreciate the way that you made our day special in so many ways, from those who volunteered time and effort at the service and fellowship meal to those who had a kind word or story to share about Dad.

--Elfrieda Schmidt, Tom & Rosalie Zamzow, Doug & Rosanne Janssen, Ronda Schmidt, Royce and Sharon Schmidt

Dear Christian Friends at Eden Mennonite Church,
Grace Hill Mennonite Church is delighted for Katie Stucky to join Eden Mennonite Church by transfer from Grace Hill. She has many friends in Christ and greatly appreciated at Grace Hill. We are confident that her good service to Jesus Christ and the Church will continue in wonderful and faithful ways. God's blessings to Katie & Jacob, and to Eden Mennonite Church. - Weldon Martens, Pastor at Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, and congregations in WDC discerning a faithful response to immigration concerns.

Mennonite Mission Network: Linda Oyer of MMN is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

Church Events

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. Stewardship Council meets.

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

Announcements

If you would like to be added to the schedule to read scripture on Sunday morning or you are currently on the schedule and would like to no longer be listed, contact Donna Balzer at donnabalzer@hotmail.com. The next schedule begins in April.

A bucket offering for My Coins Count will be taken on the first Sunday of each month until the Relief Sale on April 13-14. So save up your coins and bring them to church to place in the offering to support Mennonite Central Committee and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale!

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Bethany Regehr

Greeters Next Sunday: Allen and Elaine Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Lucas Goossen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: WDC Church Plant \$1,420.06

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: *Weldon Martens*

Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

Church Secretary: *Debbie Claassen*

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

Et Cetera

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.

Camp Mennoscah is needing volunteers to shingle the kitchen on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3. You are welcome on one or both days. Please bring a lunch. Contact K. John Klaassen if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions.

Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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. Applications are due Monday, March 5, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

2018 MCC Comforter Blitz March 5-7 at Journey Church, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder. March 5 from 10am-5pm, March 6 from 9am-5pm, March 7 from 9am-4pm. Questions? Call or email Shirley Jost at 785-250-7437 or jostshi@cox.net. Sponsored by Kansas Friends of MCC.

We are a sponsoring church for Community Playschool, a preschool that has been in operation in the Newton area for over 50 years. A board of directors made up of representatives from each sponsoring church, the parents, the community and the teachers governs Playschool. The staff consists of a paid director and volunteer teachers and helpers. The school is housed at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Many changes have occurred over the years and once again it is time to look at the structure of the directorship. The governing board has decided to hire an assistant director with succession planning in mind and would like your help in recruiting for this position. This would be a half time position. If you or someone you know might be interested please give prayerful consideration and send inquiries to current director, Jeanette Leary at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, 316-283-3667. If you have further questions please contact Courtney Nethercot or Karma Hill as our church's representative to the board.

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

- Sign-up sheets are available for the Friday Night Verenike Cooking/Feeding the Multitude, Verenike Making Day and cookie sign-up for the Verenike Making Day. See the table in the foyer.
- 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. Also, download the new Kansas MCC sale app by clicking on the link on our homepage.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas The 16th Annual Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale (1984) was blessed with a bright sun and a cool day that caused appetites to be good. A large crowd was present and they responded to the opportunity to bid and buy in unprecedented fashion. The Beef Auction sold 45 animals and the 3rd Dairy Auction sold 13 high quality animals. Dr. Roland Krause and helpers manned the information booth housed in the MDS Service Bus. In 1984, the New Year's Cookie booth made 17,500 cookies; 1,100 people participated in the Fellowship Meals program. There were 22 quilts that brought more than \$1,000 each with the top price being \$2,400. \$345,000 was sent to MCC to contribute to God's work around the world. Chairman Galle in his annual report reminded us that we are stewards of what God has entrusted to us. He reminded us that we should "Give until it feels good."