

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

February 26, 2017

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

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## Winter Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

Prelude

*"Thou, O Christ, my Lord and King"* by Charles Tindley

Greetings & Announcements

- Gathering Interlude -

Gathering Psalm 2

\* *"When Grief is Raw"* HWB 637

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness  
*"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"* HWB 105

Offering to God Western District Conference  
Offertory  
\* *Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Children's Story

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* *"You Are All We Have"* STJ 29

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Anthem *"Christ is the seed within our hearts"* by Bradley Lehman

Sermon *"Regarding Those Who Have Fallen Asleep"*

\* Hymn *"In the Bulb There is a Flower"* HWB 614

\* Closing Prayer

\* Benediction *"Go, My Friends, in Grace"* by James Clemens

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

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- 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!

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### Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Josh Patterson
Keyboard	Rebecca Schrag
Song Leader	Matthew Graber
Music	Choir
Greeters	Adrian & Courtney Nethercot
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Kris Goossen & Renata Goossen

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### For Sharing and Prayer

The family of Mary Ann Wiebe would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the church for their prayers and support during this difficult time. We have appreciated the visits from Pastor Weldon and many church members, the food you have brought, and the many other ways that you showed you cared. A special thanks to the Mariner's Sunday School class for all that you have meant to Willard and Mary Ann.

As staff of Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your congregation's financial support. Our records show that you are among the top 10 percent of the congregations who gave most generously for our work in the last three years. We express our thanks in the words of the Apostle Paul: "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else," (II Cor. 9:12-13). May God bless you abundantly.

Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC members participating in a Hispanic women's gathering in Dallas this weekend.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.

## Church Events

**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:** Chicken & Noodles

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

**April 7-8** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. **The Relief Sale Board** is presenting some service opportunities for those who would be willing to work with sale: Verenike/Sausage Committee, Children's Activities, Friday Night Feeding of the Multitudes Table Waiters Chair, New Year Cookies Committee, Buildings & Grounds Set Up Chair, Verenike Making Committee. They want to establish a rotation system so members of committees do not have to serve longer than they would like. See the flyer on the table in the foyer for more information about the work of each committee. For details and updated information about the sale check out the website at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org).

## **Announcements**

**Valerie Klaassen** made a beautiful quilt to be auctioned at the Relief Sale; it is displayed on the bunk bed by the elevator. **John Claassen** and helpers are building a number of bunk beds for the new cabin at Camp Mennoscah. Thank you both for sharing your talents!

**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 next Sunday, March 5.

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Janzen and Bethany Regehr

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Allen and Elaine Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lucas Goossen and Terry Klassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Grace Hill Youth Group \$1,426.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

***Pastor: Weldon Martens***

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**Books added to the library: Please enjoy the following or the many others that are in our library!!!**

"Into the Deep" Robert Rogers lost his wife and their four children on the turnpike in Kansas in 2003 due to excessive rain and flooding on the turnpike. His story of his survival and God's grace.

The following books have been donated:

Julane Hiebert "Lark" BK 2 of "Brides of a Feather" Lark who does not like Kansas makes an obligatory visit to see her sister but she gets on the wrong train so life becomes interesting!

Julane Hiebert "Wren" BK 3 of "Brides of a Feather" A charming story involving Wren and her choice of husband--a crude cowboy or the handsome gentleman from Chicago.

Joanne Bischof "The Lady and the Lionheart" A challenging, historical novel of love, redemption, grace, and sacrifice set under the Big Top at the circus.

George Dawson and Richard Glaubman "Life Is So Good" The author's story, written by Richard Dawson, who at the age of 98 learned how to read!! He was a slave's grandson and therefore worked hard in many different, difficult settings. He learned by careful watching to get by in life. He met the challenges of life with a grateful spirit.

Johann Christopher Arnold "Their Name is Today" Subtitle is "Reclaiming Childhood in a Hostile World." Many thoughtful ideas of leading children in difficult situations.

Marcia Lewandowski and illustrator Joanna Gerber Pinkerton "Menno's Marvelous Day" A day spent at the MCC Cannery that comes to town. A children's book detailing the mission of meat canning.

## Et Cetera

### **Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction for the New Playground Structure!**

Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to join us Sunday, February 26, at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge from 4-6 pm. We'll sing, bid on wonderful desserts, and hear about plans for the new playground structure. Funds raised go to the new playground structure. Come and join us!

**"People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery"** is the topic of a presentation by Karin Kaufman Wall at 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Mennonite Central Committee Central States office, 121 E. 30th St., in North Newton. Kaufman Wall is peace and justice education coordinator with MCC Central States. Her presentation is part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to attend the business meeting at 7 p.m. or to come at 8 for Kaufman Wall's presentation.

**Scrapbook and Craft Retreats** are only a few short days away! Sign up for your weekend of devotions, cropping and craftiness, and lots of relaxing fun at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290. Retreats are March 3-5 and March 17-19. We can't wait to see you!

**"Make a Joyful Song: Celebrating the Legacy of Walter Jost"** is the theme of the Newton Chorale's 40th season concert on Sunday, March 5, 6:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Director Renae Schmidt Peters has included many of Jost's favorite works, including Harold Moyer's "Songs of Faith." Admission is free with an offering taken to help cover concert expenses.

**Hopeful Blues, a 5-piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita**, extends an invitation to a benefit concert March 5 at First Mennonite Church, Halstead, 427 W 4th St, Halstead. The concert will be informal, starting at 7 p.m. Many of the selections performed originate in the Mennonite Church USA conference hymnals and songbooks, ranging from traditional to gospel to jazz. A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds to be donated to Camp Mennoscah. CD's will be available for purchase, as well. Members of Hopeful Blues are: Eldon Chlumsky (djembe), Galen Fast (saxophone and other woodwinds), Leon Greaser (guitar), Rod Kremer (bass), and Laurie Regehr (piano).

**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](mailto: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.

**Congregational Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence** - Saturday, April 29, at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson. This is an educational event with Kathy Goering Reid, Executive Director of the Family Abuse Center, Austin, TX. All church leaders—church chairs, deacons, Christian educators, youth leaders and pastors are invited. The cost will be \$30 per person or \$100 per congregation. We encourage your congregational representatives to register as a group. More information to come.

**Mennonite Women USA 2016 Annual Report** is posted on the north bulletin board. A few glimpses from the report \* MW USA ended fiscal year 2016 with \$250,277 in general fund income and expenses of 244,176 \* International Woman's Fund 22 women in 10 counties were awarded \$10,000 in grants for theological and biblical education \* 431 women attended Sister Care seminars. Mennonite Women USA will celebrate 100 years this year.

**Explore what God is doing around the world through Youth Venture**, a short-term service and learning program of Mennonite Mission Network. Teams of youth and adult leaders will join local ministries in Belfast, Benin, Detroit, and Perú for 2-3 three weeks this summer. These formational experiences are geared for ages 14 – 22. They are often the stepping stones to a lifetime of service and church leadership. Space is filling up fast so apply today! For more information visit [mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture](http://mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture).

**Let's Connect! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) Connect program** offers you in-depth study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — wherever you're located. By taking 12–14 credit hours per year in either online or hybrid formats, you can complete the 80-hour program in five and a half years. [ams.edu/mdivconnect](http://ams.edu/mdivconnect)