



**GRACE HILL
MENNONITE CHURCH**

March 13, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Katrina Regehr
Pianist: Matthew Graber Song Leader: Braden Unruh
Children's Story: Katrina Regehr
Offering Ushers: Bethel College Students and Alumni

Bethel College Sunday

Gathering Music Open Road/Woven
Welcome and Announcements Kyle Regier
Call to Worship
Prelude to Worship Open Road/Woven
Congregational Singing *New Earth, Heavens New* HWB 299
Children's Story
Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care
Scripture Reading Mark 8: 34-37
Special Music Open Road/Woven
Message *Are You In?* Josh Janzen
*Congregational Singing *I Love to Tell the Story* HWB 398

Offertory Prayer Kylee Schunn
Offering Bethel College
Offertory Open Road/Woven
* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Weldon

Benediction Open Road/Woven

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

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!

Welcome and thank you to Open Road and Woven for sharing with us this morning!

Open Road Members: Matthew Graber, Braden Unruh, Chase Stucky, Matt Lind, Randall Schmidt, Tim Regier, Josh Booth, Tyler Shima, Nate Kroeker

Woven Members: Kylee Schunn, Abby Schrag, Jill Siebert, Lisa Goering, DrewAnne Gatlin, Stephanie Brown, Rebecca Schrag, Erin Regier, Mareike Bergen, and Michelle Peachey

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the gifts and leadership of women in WDC congregations, and for all who gather at the Women's Spring Supper this Thursday.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they desire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan's vast 13th-century empire.

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Regier and Katherine Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Sara Westerfield

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Galen and Roberta Harms

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,196.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Church Events

Today following Sunday School All church carry-in meal. Everyone is welcome to stay!

Monday at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship - Peppernut baking for MCC at the church. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship while baking peppernuts. Any questions contact Marge Harms.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. The craft group will meet at Valerie Klaassen's home.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Care Council meets.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited! This is our last meal for the winter/spring session.

Menu this week: Pizza and Root Beer Floats

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

Wednesday Family Night – This is our final evening of studying the parables. 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.
Worship Council meets.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlies, Newton.

Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Service with Zion at Grace Hill. A time of fellowship with a pie reception will follow the service. If you would like to provide a pie, please sign-up in the foyer. All are welcome to attend!

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to a joint Maundy Thursday worship service of the Zion and Grace Hill congregations meeting at Zion in Elbing on March 24 at 7 p.m., including celebration of the Lord's Supper. We're planning a traditional Tenebrae service of scripture readings, music and prayer, and anticipate departing in silence and darkness (thus, no fellowship after the gathering on this occasion).

Easter Sunday Morning at 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service - following the service, the Social Committee will be serving biscuits and gravy for breakfast. Come and enjoy!

Announcements

If you would like to contribute to Tara Becker-Harms in her work with **Actor, Models, & Talents** you are welcome to do so. Please designate your contribution as such.

Remington High School's Annual Community Service Day will be held, Wednesday, April 20th. This is an opportunity for the students to give back to their supportive community. If you have a job or know of someone who could use help with a project, please fill out a form located on the bulletin board or email Jodi Janzen at jjanzen@usd206.org.

Debbie Claassen is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 9. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 6. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

Royals Fans *Grace Hill at the K Part 2* is scheduled for Saturday, August 6. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the mailboxes. Fifty seats are available on the bus. The cost will be about \$90 per person. Questions - talk to K. John Klaassen. Don't wait too long to sign up, you might miss out!

Partnership Home Program is a joint effort between Mennonite Disaster Service and churches to provide new homes for families in need. First Mennonite of Newton is working with MDS to help the Nunoz family of Wakefield, Nebraska. They are looking for other churches to partner with them to help build a home in the Wakefield area. This help could be in many forms including prayer, encouragement or helping build the house. Helping build the house could mean joining a First Mennonite crew or another area church or taking an entire week for ourselves. The onsite build is slated to take place for seven weeks in July and August. If you are interested in helping on this project talk to K. John Klaassen as soon as possible.

Et Cetera

A fundraiser dinner to support scholarships for four Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania members participating in IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista) classes will be Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. (Note change of date.) The donation goal is \$3,200. Checks are payable to Mennonite Education Agency. In memo line indicate 'Casa Betania IBA Scholarship'. Dinner and program are sponsored by the BCMC Witness Commission as part of a project supported by a WDC "Loaves and Fishes" grant used to facilitate conversational Spanish classes. If you plan to attend, RSVP by March 14 to Margaret Goering at mrgoering@outlook.com or 316-283-5034. Please convey dietary needs.

Retirees Relaxation Retreat - Camp Mennoscah invites all retirees and those interested to join us April 25-27. We'll be spending time in fellowship and in creation hearing about Mennonites in Early Kansas. There will be singing and Bible study, coffee breaks for conversation, and Tuesday evening entertainment with Karen Andres and Marcene Entz. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or find the brochure online at www.campmennoscah.org. We can't wait for another coffee break with you!

Willing hands? Attentive ears? Then you are the person we want to see at Camp Mennoscah this summer. We're enticing kitchen helpers with the offer of a free camp tee shirt and a parent discount of up to full camp fees. You only need to be able to follow directions and love the craziness that is camp. Many summer youth camps still need helpers. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We love our kitchen staff!

Camp Mennoscah is looking for temporary custodial/housekeeping help for 8-10 hours per week. Pay is \$11/hour and hours are flexible. The position is open immediately. Please contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Job Opening: Offender/Victim Ministries in Newton is hiring for a half-time Administrative Assistant. For full job description or to submit resumes contact Libby Schrag at libby@offendervictimministries.org.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be April 8 & 9 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

- Please think about being a part of the Relief Sale by helping out somewhere – there are many opportunities for many different interests.
- Bakers: We need baked items – we have zwieback bags, bread bags and pie tins.
- Grace Hill needs six people to help with the Feeding of the Multitude as table waiters on Saturday from 12:00-2:30 p.m.
- Start training for the Run (or walk) for Relief 5K – pay a registration fee or raise money for MCC by getting sponsors.
- See the table and bulletin board in the foyer for sign-up sheets and all kinds of information!
- Also, go to www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook.

Thank you to those who donated the following books:

Jody Hedlund, "Luther and Katharina" fictionalized story of Martin Luther and Katharina in their unhappiness of the Catholic Church in their time.

Milo L. Thomberry "Fireproof Moth--a Missionary in Taiwan's White Terror" He writes of the many problems they encountered in their mission work.

Bruce Feiler "America's Prophet---How the story of Moses Shaped America" Traces the influence he had on America.

Ruth Parks "The Muddle-Headed Wombat" Story for children about a Wombat, cat, and a mouse.