

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 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 – Psalm 8 (*in unison*)

No. 812

* Hymn No. 50

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

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

People: Thanks be to God

* Hymn No. 105

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare

Sermon

“Judged”

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Congregational Response: **God have mercy.**

* Hymn No. 491

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Hymn No. 353

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Offering to God

Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

* Doxology – No. 119 (*vs. 1*)

* Benediction

Postlude

* *All who are able may stand*

Preacher: Weldon Martens

Worship Leader: Josh Patterson

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Scripture Reader: Donna Balzer

Audio: Kim Claassen

Bulletin: Debbie Claassen

Nursery: Deb Regier & Katie Regier

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

Sincere thanks to Pastor Weldon, the Mariners Class and my church family for all your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, food and other acts of kindness during my long ordeal. I am mending slowly and hope to be up and about again soon.
Rita Patterson

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations who are exploring new ways of decision-making and discernment.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN's Raleigh Service Adventure unit participants: Christina Hershey, Annika Nachtigall, Emma Nafziger and Lee-Ann Pradels. These young people along with the leadership family, Leah and Todd Gusler and their daughter, Cora, serve in North Carolina through preschools, shelters for homeless people, Habitat for Humanity and Ten Thousand Villages.

Adult Sunday School Elective - "Journeys of Paul through Greece & Rome" Weldon will be sharing during the Sunday School Hour on Thessalonica. You will see and learn about the Apostle Paul, Pax Service during World War 2 in Greece, and Starbucks. The S.S. presentations will take place on: March 17 & 24, April 7, 14, 28, and May 12. (Note change of date – May 12 instead of May 5)

Announcements

Corrected Phone Number for Yearbook:

Paul & Carmen Wade 316-218-3001

The **“Grace Hill in the News” bulletin board** is located east of the kitchen window. Everyone is welcome to share and post newspaper clippings of events and happenings within the Grace Hill family.

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: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Janzen and Jo Frye

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,175.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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

There will be no Wednesday programming this Wednesday March 20 (spring break) or March 27 (Holy Week). The next meal and programming will be on April 3.

March 20-26 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlie's in Newton.

Next Sunday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. A Palm Sunday service in which the Zion and Grace Hill congregations are invited to share worship is being planned for 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 24 at Zion Mennonite Church, with a light fasma to follow. This earlier-than-normal time will allow those who so desire to also attend the home concert of the Bethel College Concert Choir that evening.

Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Grace Hill with Zion. Pastor Weldon will be preaching. Communion will be served.

Easter Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunrise Service at Grace Hill - Breakfast will be served following the service. Time to be determined.

Easter Sunday, March 31 5th Sunday of Month – No Sunday School – refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall during the S.S. hour.

April 12-13 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

April 21 Bethel College Sunday – carry-in meal at noon

April 24 at 6:30 p.m. All Church Bowling Party at Play-Mor Lanes in Newton

May 5 High School Graduation Sunday – reception during the S.S. hour

June 10-14 Vacation Bible School at Remington Middle School

Et Cetera

Training sessions for volunteering for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter are available for those wish to volunteer. Training is held in the office at the shelter, 209 E. Broadway, Newton at 6:30 p.m. Training lasts approximately 1 hour. Training dates are Thur, March 21; Wed, April 3; Thur, April 25.

The Bethel College Concert Choir will have their home concert on Sunday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Spring Break in the Congo! Retirees of all ages are invited to join us at Camp Mennoscah for a short spring break at our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 22-24. We'll be visiting Kansas and Congo over the past century. Contact us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Grab a traveling buddy and come join us!

Remington High School Community Service Day will take place in the morning on April 24. The students are available to help the community with yardwork, painting or any odd job. Contact Grant Claassen or call Pam Harber at 799-2123 by April 10.

Local Giving Fund opportunity: The Newton Et Cetera Shop's mission is expanding locally! Et Cetera Shop will be making available three grants of \$5000 each to selected non-profit organizations in the Newton area. Please see www.newtonetceterashop.com for details, and share this information with qualified organizations. Applications are due April 1.

We know you're out there! We're absolutely certain that there are nurses and cooks who are just waiting to sign up for a week at Camp Mennoscah. Well, don't keep us in suspense! Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for available weeks. Fun will abound with you here!

When it comes to the Bible, what is your passion? Do you ever wish you knew the Bible better? Does the Bible make a difference in your life? YEAR OF THE BIBLE is happening in the Western District Conference. Find out more at yearofthebiblenetwork.org and plan to

attend the Year of the Bible Launch on August 1-2 at Bethel College in North Newton.