

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC youth and their mentors, sponsors, teachers and pastors, as they seek to be disciples of Jesus in a complex and changing world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

Announcements

Debbie Claassen is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 14. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 11. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

Nursery Next Sunday: Courtney Nethercot and Lily Hilgenfeld
Greeters Next Sunday: Adrian and Courtney Nethercot
Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,614.50
Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:
Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens
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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen
Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal - following the meal - Valecia Scribner, Director of Discipleship from First Methodist Church in El Dorado will speak on "Poverty." She, along with others in the El Dorado community have done extensive work in benefiting persons in their community to move out of poverty. She shared with the Mission Council at a meeting last fall and they are pleased to welcome her to Grace Hill for all to hear.

Menu this week: Pizza

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

This is our last Wednesday meal & session for the winter/spring.

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater.

Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. On Palm Sunday we recall the words of Matthew 21:5, "Look, your King comes to you." We are pleased to invite our friends from Zion Mennonite Church for a Palm Sunday evening worship service at 7:00pm at Grace Hill. Together we shall recall the extraordinary coming of our King Jesus Christ. A time of refreshments will follow the service.

Monday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meets Monday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. to bake peppernuts for the MCC Sale. Plan to come for an afternoon of baking peppernuts and fellowship. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Rita Patterson 316-744-0363 or Marge Harms 316-283-4314.

Thursday, March 29 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 Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m., including celebration of the Lord's supper. We're planning a worship service in the spirit of the Taizé community, and anticipate departing in silence (thus, no fellowship after the gathering this year).

50th Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, April 13-14, in Hutchinson, the theme is "Praising God through Service".

- See the table in the foyer for all the opportunities of ways you could help at the sale. If you have questions, please contact Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen.
- New for the 50th Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. As we meet for our 50th 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, April 13 at 7:00 p.m., 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. 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.
- 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 1998 Sale was held with nice weather and a good crowd on both Friday night and Saturday. The Friday evening musical program was enjoyed by a large crowd. The theme for the sale was "Feed My Lambs". It was observed and reported that most of the workers and volunteers were smiling and enjoying their work. The "House Against Hunger" was being constructed in Hutchinson. The project was not completed but was on its way by Sale date. Both auctions were blessed with good donations and successful auctions. The quilt auction was deemed a success because it was apparent people were bidding because they supported the cause of MCC. Items for sale in Building #4 ranged from a child's play house that brought over \$3,000 to 15 loads of hedge wood averaging \$100 per load. 80 volunteers met at Moundridge High School to make bohne berogie. 504 pies were sold during the course of the Sale. The quilt auction sale total was \$150,472. Many volunteers and many smiles enabled the proceeds of the Sale to feed many lambs.

Et Cetera

This year's Masterworks at Bethel College will be Mozart's Requiem, Sunday, May 6. The chorus is open to any interested singers, with rehearsals taking place in the two weeks before the concert. Contact Dr. William Eash, 316-284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu, for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

You are more than just a carrot cutter and cookie maker! Camp Mennoscah is looking for those amazing people who can peel potatoes without losing a finger and who love being around youth and other fun people for our summer youth camps. No culinary certificate needed, just the ability to follow directions, a smile, and mental flexibility. Kitchen helpers can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees. Give us a holler at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290! It's a new kitchen!

Bring a Friend! All you long-time summer youth campers, grab a friend who hasn't been to camp and that needs to love camp like you do-- or even someone who just needs camp. We love having new folks at Camp Mennoscah and sharing all the fun we have. BAFs get a free camp tee shirt! Register online at campmennoscah.org!

Voluntary Service Opportunity: The practice of hospitality to those who come to us as strangers and leave as friends is at the basis of our faith as Mennonites and Anabaptists. Volunteers at the International Guest House in Washington, DC, live this teaching of Jesus in their daily interactions with guests from all over the world. The work consists of keeping the household running (cleaning, baking, maintenance, and responding to needs of our guests). The breakfast and evening tea are particularly rewarding times for sharing in relaxed and informal ways. We have current need for short term volunteers beginning this summer who might serve at least two months. (Training requires at least two weeks). Free room and board and two days off per week to explore the city or surrounding areas. This 50 year-old ministry is under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. For information or an application, contact Sara at volunteer@igh-dc.com.

Calling everyone ages 15-22: Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? There are a few spots left to join a 2018 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Ecuador, Peru, Spain, or Benin. Apply by April 1. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more, or contact John Murray at JohnM@MennoniteMission.net.

Young adult opportunity to serve with MCC: Looking for ways to actively engage in issues around justice and equity, with the support of a community? Are you a Spanish speaker? Perhaps the Seed Central America Program is for you! Seed, a global two-year program, is being implemented and led by MCC with young adults between 20 and 30 years of age. The Seed Central America program focuses on the crossroads of place and ecologies of peace -- in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Visit mcc.org/seed for information or contact heidihuber@mcc.org.

At its meeting on March 10, the WDC Executive Board received a letter of resignation from Anita Kehr as moderator of Western District Conference. Anita's resignation follows WDC's receipt of a formal complaint against her, which is being processed by WDC according to Mennonite Church USA policy and procedure. The Board accepted Anita's resignation with appreciation for her roles as moderator and earlier as moderator-elect. According to the WDC constitution, the current moderator-elect, Ray Reimer, has assumed the role of moderator.

Beth Yoder will begin as the new Business Manager at WDC following the retirement of Phyllis Regier as Business Manager on March 31. Beth previously worked as administrative assistant for an accounting firm in Iowa and as office manager at Amigo Centre in Michigan. She attends Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (Goessel), where her husband Caleb is on the pastoral staff. We look forward to welcoming Beth to the WDC staff!