

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

March 25, 2018

Will You Join the Parade?

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” HWB 237

CHILDREN PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

- PIANO INTERLUDE -

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day the Lord enters Jerusalem.

People: Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks in the Lord.

Leader: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

PRAISE TEAM

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

“Revelation Song”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:

We confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.

Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,

to welcome our praises
and to receive us as your own.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (PASTOR)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Amen. (Eph. 3:8)

OFFERING TO GOD

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100)

HWB 119

CHILDREN'S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-16

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

SERMON “Will You Join the Parade?”

HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” HWB 238

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LENTEN SENDING “I Bind My Heart This Tide” (vs. 1) HWB 411

LENTEN RITUAL: STRIPPING THE CHURCH

* BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

*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	Valerie Klaassen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Music	Praise Team
Greeters	Adrian & Courtney Nethercot
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Courtney Nethercot & Lily Hilgenfeld

For Sharing and Prayer

The rose bud is in thanks to God for the birth of Adalyn Elizabeth born to Matt and Lindsey Regier on March 8, 2018.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastor peer groups that meet regularly to share, pray and support one another in the joys and challenges of ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, soon after Deb Byler began a Mennonite Mission Network assignment in Guatemala, she had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work with women's leadership development in the Kekchi Mennonite Church.

Announcements

The quilt wall hanging in the foyer was purchased at the Colorado MCC sale. It was pieced and quilted by the MCC Resource Center in Ephrata, PA. If anyone has a hanging they would like to share for a month or two in the foyer, please contact Kathy Balzer.

Thanks to all who made comforter tops for the Comforter Blitz. They had a great turn out March 4-6 in Yoder, 326 comforters were completed. If you have time and would like to make more comforter tops for next year there are still packets under the MCC Sale table.

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.

Church Events

This evening 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 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.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Council meets.

Thursday 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).

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Janzen and Kathy Balzer

Greeters Next Sunday: Allen and Elaine Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Lucas Goossen and Lon Hiebert

Offering Last Sunday: Mission Partner Fund \$1,564.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Et Cetera

Jim Hoy, professor of English, Emporia State University, this afternoon at 3 p.m., "Kansas Legends and Folktales," Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Buhler Mennonite Church hosts series: "Hope and Mission in God's Country". For many people, "rural" conjures visions of amber waves of grain and picturesque back roads where everybody waves from their pickup truck. Or maybe "rural" refers to places on the decline, decaying communities where trees punch through the roof of the abandoned school. But rural reality is much more complex. Join pastor and author Brad Roth as we explore how the rural church can understand its context and live God's kingdom mission with hope and vibrancy. Wednesday nights in April (6:45-7:45 p.m.), Roth will lead us in a series of interactive discussion around the themes of Seeing, Befriending, Evangelizing, and Kneeling. April 4 - Seeing: Understanding Rural and Why It Matters; April 11 - Befriending: Caring for People and Community; April 18 - Evangelizing: Sharing our Hope in Jesus; April 25 - Kneeling: Praying Our Lives up to God.

MCC Lunch and Learn - Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, and hear Joanna Shenk share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by April 3.* For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit mcc.org/lunch-learn for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316-283-2720 or patsydirksen@mcc.org.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will host "Restorative Kansas" on the Bethel campus Thurs.-Fri., April 19-20 – the first-ever statewide conference on restorative justice in Kansas. For more information and to register online, go to kipcor.org.

Refresh and Renew! Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat invites retirees and interested persons of all ages to join us April 23-25 for several days of renewal. Speakers will share about Vietnam, teen prison ministry, storm chasing and so much more! Coffee breaks will give you a chance to discuss further and enjoy a good chat. Contact Camp Mennoscah for a brochure or find it online at campmennoscah.org! We'll see you there for an amazingly good time.

Offender Victim Ministries in Newton, seeks a full-time executive director to provide dynamic vision and overall strategic leadership for OVM's programs, development, promotion and constituency engagement. Qualifications include excellent communication, management and organizational skills, and a strong commitment to restorative justice principles. Send resumes and inquires to Becky Nickel, board chair offendervictimministries@gmail.com by April 20.

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

- Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the foyer or NEW this year, sign-up online to make New Year's Cookies. Go to www.kansas.mccsale.org, click on the Volunteer tab, click on the Sign-up button at the bottom of the page. You can see what shifts need help and can sign up you and your friends! (with their permission!)
- For the bakers - we have pie tins (regular & small), zwieback bags, and rye/wheat bread bags. Be creative with your pies, apple and cherry are welcome but peach, apricot, rhubarb, etc. are often requested.
- April 7 is Bohne Beroggi making day at Moundridge High School...April 10 is Verenike making day at Parkview MB Church in Hillsboro (new location, 610 S. Main, Hillsboro)...we also need 5 dozen cookies for verenike making day.
- 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. If you have questions, please talk to Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas The Sale in 2006 was marked by many firsts. Following the Kansas State Fair's Master Plan, the KMRS was able to stay in the same buildings they had been in the year before. In the Sunflower South building a "Silent Auction" was held for the first time...it was hailed as a great success. In Sunflower North, the MCC booth was expanded to include an area to assemble School Kits. The Domestic Arts building became home to "Caps Central", and Carnival games were set up by the Pretty Prairie Youth Group in the Tech Building. The Sale bought and converted two construction trailers and converted them into kitchens for the Domestic Arts Building. A change of State Fair policy led to this need. The total monies donated to MCC was \$450,000. A great spirit of volunteerism and good will was present as the Sale's theme, "Extreme World Makeover!!" was center stage.