



**GRACE HILL
MENNONITE CHURCH**

March 27, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Worship
Easter Sunday

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Samantha Claassen
Pianist: Rebecca Schrag Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Prelude
Easter Greetings & Announcements

EASTER GATHERING IN PRAISE

"This Joyful Eastertide" arr. by Parker and Shaw

Pastor: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: Rejoice! O earth. Sing, O heavenly choirs.

Pastor: Give glory to God; our God has triumphed.

People: God has become our strength and salvation.

Pastor: Christ, who was put to death on the cross, has been raised to life.

People: Therefore, we shall not die, but we shall live and proclaim what the Lord has done.

Pastor: We have been raised to life with Christ

People: and we know that when he appears, we shall appear with him and share his glory!

Pastor: This is the day of the Lord's victory.

ALL: This is the day of the resurrection. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Easter Prayer

* Gathering Hymn *Lift Your Glad Voices* HWB 275

Children's Story
Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare

* Hymn *This is the Day* HWB 58

EASTER RECLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: God of life, through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. As we hear your resurrection word today, erupt in us anew to shine with the brightness of the risen Christ. Amen.

* Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

Anthem *Sing With All the Saints in Glory* Choir

Sermon "Do You See?"

* Hymn *To God Be the Glory* HWB 102

EASTER RESPONSE

Offering and Offertory Western District Conference
* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* Easter Benediction

* *Praise God From Whom* HWB 119

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!

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC participants Anita Kehr, Heidi Regier Kreider and Jonathan Wenger and others joining in a "Come and See" learning tour to Israel/Palestine April 1-13 sponsored by Mennonite Church USA.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mission Network requests prayer for Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons, Jacob and John-Clair, as they begin an assignment in South Africa, working with Oscar Siwali, director of Southern Africa Development and Reconstruction Agency. Pray for their adjustment and their work with peace education and conflict transformation.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Education Council
Gifts Discernment Council

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Leadership Council

April 30 at 8:00 a.m. Work Day at church.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 8 & 9 Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson

- The sale will be here soon! Sign-up sheets need to be turned in this week. We need a few more people from Grace Hill to help as table waiters at the Feeding of the Multitudes on Saturday afternoon. . . there are many opportunities to participate!!
- Bakers: We need baked items – we have zwieback bags, bread bags and pie tins.
- Remember to bring your coins for the **My Coins Count** jar in the foyer.
- See the table and bulletin board in the foyer for sign-up sheets and all kinds of information!
- Questions – talk to Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen. Also, go to www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook.

Announcements

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Marge Harms and Quinn Dove

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Bethany Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Greeters Next Sunday: Allen and Elaine Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,119.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Et Cetera

Bethel College Concert Choir home concert will be this evening at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I and Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble with guest artist Pat Bianchi and his Hammond B-3 organ, will perform April 1 at 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Matthew Graber and Josh Janzen are members of the Jazz Ensemble I.

WDC Spring Reference Council: *"Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Rural Context"* - Saturday, April 23, 9 am - 3 pm at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Everyone is invited to come for worship, fellowship and learning together, as we nurture relationships through deeper understanding of our diverse church contexts. (*Fall Reference Council on October 22 in Dallas will feature urban ministry.*) Sessions will include a panel discussion of WDC pastors working on a book-writing project on rural ministry and story-telling about the unique experiences, gifts and challenges of being church in rural communities. Table and large-group conversations will explore how rural and urban congregations can learn from one another as partners in God's mission. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by April 14 - 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org. Let us know if you want to carpool and we will help to make those connections. See lodging information at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016springReference>.

Camp Mennoscah Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation Fund-Raising Meal will be held April 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Camp Mennoscah Dining Hall. The Board of Directors invites you to enjoy music by Book of JEBB and a meal of favorite camp foods served by the Board. Preview the renovation plans and meet our new Executive Director, Jerry Kroeker! Space is limited so register early. RSVP by April 15 to 620-297-3014 or office@campmennoscah.org.

Kitchen helpers for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps are needed for the weeks of June 19-25, June 26-30, July 17-23, and July 24-29. No great skill is needed, only willing hands and a giving heart. Parents can receive a camper discount of up to full camp fees. Call 620-297-3290 for more information. Free camp tee for all volunteers!

Newton Et Cetera Shop seeks full-time general manager, available May 16, 2016. Responsibilities include office administration, store promotion, supervision of large volunteer and staff team. Retail experience helpful. Application deadline: April 15, 2016. Contact: katherineclaassen@hotmail.com.

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.

#MennoLove ... get involved! Would you like to be part of Mennonite Church USA's new storytelling project, "Love is a Verb"? We're exploring the idea of love in action - highlighting stories of individuals, families, congregations, communities and agencies across Mennonite Church USA who are living out the transformative love of Christ all around them. Write for the Menno Snapshots blog, submit a feature story idea or congregational service snapshot, nominate a love song of the month, or tell us what you think "love is..." at mennoniteusa.org/mennolove.

CHURCH OFFICES

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