



GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 3, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Weldon Martens
Pianist: Tara Harms-Becker

Scripture Reader: Doug Claassen
Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Prelude
Greetings & Announcements
Gathering Music

Call to Worship Psalm 150

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise God in his mighty heavens.

Pastor: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

People: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Pastor: Praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,

People: Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn *Praise to the Lord* HWB 37

Children's Story

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

Prayer of Confession

HWB 691

Scripture Reading

Acts 5: 17-33

Sermon

"Go & Tell of This New Life"

*Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

HWB 478

Offering and Offertory

Mennonite Church USA

**Doxology*

HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer

*Benediction

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: Give thanks for the Easter season! Pray for WDC congregations, that they might embody Jesus' good news of life and hope.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, the Anabaptist youth and young adults in Burgos, Spain, are concluding their fifth annual Origen youth conference weekend. Pray with Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network that lives will be *Redesigned* (conference theme) as God takes fragmented lives and makes them whole and beautiful.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Hospitality Council

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is this Friday and Saturday, April 8 & 9 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Friday the sale begins at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday the breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. and the Quilt and General Auctions begin at 8:45 a.m.

- Bakers: There are still a few pie tins and zwieback bags.
- We will take items to the sale – please have them to the church by **Friday at 10:00 a.m. or by Saturday at 7:00 a.m.** Please leave baked items in the kitchen.
- See the table and bulletin board in the foyer for information. Pick up a sale bill or a sale brochure.
- Questions – talk to Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen. Also, go to www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook.
- The Sale Committee is in need of \$10,000 to meet the budget before the sale. If you would like to donate, designate your contributions to the Relief Sale today.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Bethany Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Courtney Nethercot and Lauren Graves

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Greeters Next Sunday: John and Miriam Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,447.75

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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.

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 jajanzen@usd206.org.

The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

Et Cetera

Community Playschool is celebrating 50 years with an open house on April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us for this commemorative event and we especially welcome former staff, board members and alumni of the program. Come and share some birthday cake, tell a story and help us remember the significant impact this program has had on our community! You may also join us for our annual corporation meeting of the Playschool which will begin at 6:00 p.m. that evening in Room 14. Grace Hill is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

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! Suggested minimum donation: \$25 for adults, \$10 for children. Space is limited so register early. RSVP by April 15 to 620-297-3014 or office@campmennoscah.org.

Retirees Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah - Retirees of all ages and those interested are welcome at the Retirees Relaxation Retreat on April 25-27. The theme is Mennonites in Early Kansas. We'll have Bible Study and singing, coffee breaks, amazing speakers, and time to get to know new folks or catch up with friends. Call 620-297-3290 for a brochure or register online at www.campmennoscah.org. See you soon!

Camp Mennoscah wants as many kids and youth as possible to have a summer youth camp experience. It's a great way to help faith grow and to find God in creation and in friends. The summer youth camp theme is Fearless Faith: Courage in Community. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org. Scholarships are available. Call 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org for more information.

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.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States has an opening for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director promotes and encourages support of MCC. The Director works hand-in-hand with a management team which includes the Program Director and the Director of Donor Relations to provide vision and leadership to MCC program in the region and to develop and maintain strong relationships between MCC and its constituents in the region. This full-time position, based in North Newton, Kan., requires considerable cooperation and coordination with MCC US and the other regional MCCs and considerable travel in the region and beyond. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-director-cs>.

CHURCH OFFICES

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