

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

April 8, 2018

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

- Piano Interlude -

\* Call to Worship STS 179

\* *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* HWB 106

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Augustine, 4c

O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow.  
Enlarge it, that you may enter in.  
It is ruinous, O repair it!  
It displeases your sight; I confess it, I know.  
But who shall cleanse it,  
To whom shall I cry but to you?  
Cleans me from my secret faults, O Lord,  
And spare your servant from strange sins. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Unison) 2 Corinthians 5:21  
“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him  
we might become the righteousness of God.”

Offering to God Local Church Missions

Offertory

\**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

“My Coins Count” Offering for MCC Sale

Children’s Story *“Thomas the Doubting Disciple”*

Sharing, Singing, Praying “Lord, Listen to Your Children” - HWB 353

\* Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

\* *“Holy Spirit, Come With Power”* HWB 26

Sermon *“Breaking Through Locked Doors”*

\**“I Sing the Mighty Power of God ”* HWB 46

\* Benediction Martin Luther King

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

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- 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!

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### Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Samantha Claassen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	Doug Claassen & Marianne Eichelberger
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & Adrian Nethercot
Nursery	Debbie Claassen & Tammy Regehr

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### For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** In this Year of Evangelism, pray that WDC congregations grow in their willingness and capacity to share the gospel - the good news of God’s kingdom breaking into the world through Jesus!

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons who are working to grow the church in Cambodia. Pray for Petrus as he pastors a church for Indonesian expatriates and lectures at a university, and for Yuliana as she works with children’s learning centers.

## **Church Events**

**Monday at 7:30 p.m.** Missions Council meets at church.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's, Newton.

**Friday & Saturday** Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. See the insert for information about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Relief Sale program which will take place on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Also, see the insert for other sale details.

**Next Sunday** Bethel College Sunday – Kylee Schunn will speak and Woven will provide special music.

**Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m.** All church potluck meal – everyone is invited to stay!

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Russ and Kris Janzen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering on March 25:** Western District Conference \$658.00

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,535.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Bethel College

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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

***Pastor: Weldon Martens***  
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## Et Cetera

**Dam going in at Camp Mennoscah!** This annual event will be happening on April 8 at 2pm-ish. You can watch or help - just be prepared for whatever weather there is. Call 620-297-3290 for more information.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** Spring Concerts will be April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Church, Wichita and April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton. Concerts are free with an offering collected to benefit the global relief work of Mennonite Central Committee. "We sing that others may live!"

**The Board of the Community Playschool** will hold their Annual Corporation meeting on April 9 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 14 at the Bethel College Church, North Newton. This meeting is open to the public. This is a great way to hear all about what is happening at the Community Playschool. We hope you can join us.

**Jalane Schmidt, University of Virginia**, "Huck Finn Moments: Using White Privilege to Dismantle White Supremacy," April 15 at 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Schmidt will also speak in convocation Mon., April 16, 11 a.m., "Holding Space in #Charlottesville: Confronting 'Alt-Right' White Supremacists."

**Men and Boys Retreat is April 20-22 at Camp Mennoscah.** This retreat for all ages of men and boys requires no pre-registration. Lodging options include the cabins, staff houses, tents, bringing an RV, or just sleeping under the stars, available on a first come, first served basis. The optional meals available are Saturday supper through Sunday lunch, and will cost about \$6.00 apiece. Activities include fishing, canoeing, horseshoes, basketball, ping pong, walking trails, or just relaxing. Adam Voth Unruh will be our speaker on Sunday and will be sharing about "Trusting God on your faith journey." For questions about the retreat please contact Kevin Neufeld at [316-322-5515](tel:316-322-5515) or [kevinneufeld2@gmail.com](mailto:kevinneufeld2@gmail.com).

**New Kitchen Dedication! Camp Mennoscah** will be dedicating the new kitchen on April 22 at 2:30pm (after Men and Boys Retreat). You'll have a chance to walk through the new space and staff will be on hand to answer questions. More information soon!

**Spring Retreat to Renew! Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat** invites retirees and interested persons of all ages to join us April 23-25 for several days on the theme of Refresh and Renew. 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](http://campmennoscah.org)! We'll see you there for an amazingly good time.

**Share Camp!** This past summer, campers sang quietly at campfire with the summer staff leading music at the beginning of the camp week. The last night, they sang the same songs joyously at the top of their lungs. This change related by a summer staffer is the growth we want to see in a camper's faith and friendships. In 2017, over \$4000 in scholarship funds were given to 50 campers to help them attend camp. This year Camp Mennoscah expects a similar number of scholarship requests, but we have only 1/3 of the funds that we did in 2017. We are looking for donors to help us share the growth experienced at Camp Mennoscah with more campers. Please consider your experiences at camp and give generously! Send gifts to Camp Mennoscah marked Scholarships or give online at [campmennoscah.org/how-to-help/donate](http://campmennoscah.org/how-to-help/donate).

**Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants.** Local Giving grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com) and must be submitted by e-mail to [localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com) by April 13, 2018. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2018, in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and be guided by purposes consistent with MCC's.

**Take the plunge into a year of exploration, discipleship, and service with Journey International.** We are currently accepting applications to join the work of the local church in England, Indonesia, and Tanzania. For more information, visit [www.MennoniteMission.net/JourneyInternational](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/JourneyInternational) or contact John Murray at [JohnM@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:JohnM@MennoniteMission.net).

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is this Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14 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.

- We will take items to the sale – please have them to the church by **Friday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. or by Saturday, April 14 at 6:30 a.m.** Please leave baked items in the kitchen.
- Help is still needed in many areas, contact Mike, Kathy, Kim or Debbie if you would like to sign up.
- Bakers: There are still a few pie tins and zwieback bags.
- A KMRS scavenger hunt is planned for Saturday 10am – noon. Get information at the New Year’s Cookie booth in the Meadowlark Building for this fun event!
- Mennonite Disaster Service will be building a garden shed in front of the Sunflower South Building, join in on the work. The shed will be sold between 1:00-2:30pm on Saturday.
- 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](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org). Also, download the 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.

**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.

**REMEMBERING 50 years of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**

From Chairman Rod Chrystie’s Report after the 2010 sale: “As I take a minute to reflect on items noteworthy of this report, I recognize the challenge of coming away with the feeling that things went well, really that things went Very well, and that we enjoyed a pretty ‘normal’ Relief Sale. But when I look at the website and see the theme of ‘Offering Hope to a world in need’ and when I consider the countless hours so many of you gave to make the Sale possible, it is anything but ‘normal’. Taking time off of work and making the Sale your family project is not ‘normal’. Working together with people from all over, hauling in just about everything we need until the buildings are full and ready for people isn’t ‘normal’. Pouring yourselves into doing what you can to be part of the solution - helping feed, clothe, and care for people you will likely never see and never know—to offer Hope—is strikingly abnormal in our day and age. Your efforts are noticed, are meaningful, do make a difference and are appreciated!” All in the name of Christ.