



**GRACE HILL  
MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Donna Balzer  
Pianist: Rebecca Schrag Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Music

Call to Worship HWB 668  
"This is the day the Lord has made..."

Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" HWB 46

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

Prayer of Confession HWB 690  
"Have Mercy on Us, O God..."

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-19a

Anthem "I'm pressing on the upward way" Choir

Sermon "God Converting"

\*Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" HWB 517

Offering and Offertory Local Church  
\*Doxology HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer  
"We Commit Ourselves to Follow Christ" HWB 793

\*Choral Benediction "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" Choir

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 members of the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week to continue their work of sustaining transformational pastors in WDC.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network's all-staff gathering begins tomorrow through Thursday. Pray for safe travel to and from Wichita, an openness to the leading of God's Spirit – for wise discernment in discussions and decisions – and for an atmosphere of collaboration.

**The My Coins Count total for Grace Hill was \$90! Thank you!!**

## **Church Events**

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth Group

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Adult Choir  
Missions Council meets.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at the Whitewater Café.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Care Council meets.

**Wednesday, April 20 at 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal and Family Night.  
Come enjoy an evening of fun – we will grill hamburgers in the outback  
and there will be yard games available. If it rains we will be inside.  
Everyone is welcome to come!!

**April 30 at 8:00 a.m.** Church Work Day

**Nursery This Sunday:** Courtney Nethercot and Lauren Graves

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kathy Balzer and Lily Hilgenfeld

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

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Judy Janzen and Marianne Eichelberger

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,582.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

## Announcements

**On April 24, The Hospitality Council** will be collecting items for **care packages** to deliver to the college & graduate students. There are a total of 23!!! We are inviting the church to participate in this project by bringing non-perishable items such as individual size snacks, gum, crackers, cookies, sticky notes, chapstick, Gatorade, fast food coupons, etc. There will be a table with boxes for each student set up on Sunday morning, April 24. 2015-16 College Students include: **Bethel College:** Matthew Graber, Mikayla Hiebert, Josh Janzen, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Kylee Schunn, Rebecca Schrag. **Hutchinson Community College:** Hunter Hill. **Kansas State University:** Alex Carr, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Paul Goossen, Matthew Hiebert, Madison Janzen, Paul Janzen. **Kansas University:** Samantha Claassen, Rachelle Claassen, Steven Harms, Melinda Regehr. **Wichita State University:** Ashley Guhr, Brett Harms, Sara Harms, Ellen Mosiman. Contact Judy Janzen, Tammy Regehr, Kris Janzen or Katherine Claassen if you have questions.

**Remington High School's Annual Community Service Day** will be held, Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 [jjanzen@usd206.org](mailto:jjanzen@usd206.org).

**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!

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday - Mornings, Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

***Pastor: Weldon Martens***

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***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## 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.

**Men and Boys retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 15-17.** All ages are welcome at camp on Friday with registration beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Come out and stay in a cabin, staff house, tent, RV, or sleep under the stars. You can bring your own food, and/or meals (Saturday supper through Sunday lunch) are available for purchase. John Tyson will be our speaker for the weekend. No preregistration needed. If you have questions you can contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515 or [kevinneufeld2@gmail.com](mailto:kevinneufeld2@gmail.com). This guys-only retreat is a hootin' good time!

**Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert** will be April 17 at 4 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concerts** are scheduled for April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Presser Hall, Bethany College in Lindsborg and April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple Street, Wichita. This year's concert will include a harmonica soloist improvising blues to "Amazing Grace", the Men O'Brass accompanying selections by the chorus and two pianists on one piano providing backup for the spirited folk hymn, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives". An oboe descant will accompany two selections. Concerts include compositions of jazz, contemporary Christian, Southern Gospel, Black Gospel, folk hymns, and standard anthems of the church. With your attendance you can help us continue to "Sing So Others May Live."

**Everyone is invited! The Western District Conference Reference Council** will be on April 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE. Panel discussion, story telling, table conversations and more - how can rural and urban congregations learn from one another as partners in God's mission? Refreshments and lunch provided. Please RSVP by April 14 to: 316-283-6300 or [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org). Let us know if you want to carpool.

**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 620-297-9014 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org).

**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](mailto:katherineclaassen@hotmail.com).

**Job Openings with Mennonite Church USA:** Graphic/Multimedia Designer and a Communications Associate. See the job descriptions posted on the bulletin board.

**Associate Conference Minister (KS-based):** Western District Conference is pleased to announce that Kathy Neufeld Dunn has accepted an invitation to serve as Associate Conference Minister (KS-based) beginning July 1, 2016. In this 3/4 time position she will serve as staff liaison to WDC Resource Commission and work with the Resource Library Director to equip congregations in ministries such as faith formation, worship, witness, peace & justice, healthy community and prevention of sexual abuse. She will also assist the Conference Minister in relating to pastors and congregations in NE, KS and OK; and coordinate planning of annual assembly when it takes place in the north section of WDC. Kathy will serve as Interim 2016 Assembly Planning Director beginning in April, until she begins her new position in July. Kathy has been pastor at First Mennonite Church in McPherson since 2006, and is concluding a term as chair of the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission. She was previously intentional interim pastor at Peace Mennonite Church (Lawrence, KS), and pastor at Shalom Community Church (Ann Arbor, MI), has served as a pastor-review consultant in WDC, and done training in mediation and conflict transformation. Please pray for Kathy as she prepares for this transition to new ministry.