
Serving in Worship

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| Pastor | Weldon Martens |
| Scripture Reader | K. John Klaassen |
| Keyboard | Rebecca Schrag |
| Song Leader | Matthew Graber |
| Greeters | Russ & Kris Janzen |
| Ushers | Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen |
| Nursery | Courtney Nethercot & Lauren Graves |

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for your prayers, care, beautiful flowers, and memorial gifts during the death of my mother, Wilma Martens. The presence of Christ is good. The gift of Grace Hill to us is a treasure.

Thank you...Weldon & Jenny

I had a wonderful birthday celebration this last weekend, and I want to thank all of my church friends for the greetings you sent me through the mail. I greatly appreciate all your kindness. Elva Unruh

Western District Conference: Give thanks for all WDC congregations as they witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, whose resurrection we celebrate today!

Mennonite Mission Network: We are all called to spread the good news of Easter to our neighbors. Join Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in more than 55 countries around the world to proclaim this message of Jesus' resurrection power over evil and death.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Praise Team practice, will sing next Sunday.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Sunday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. Pastors Ray and Rosie Reimer will share some of the perspectives they learned regarding the social/political scene in Israel/Palestine from various groups they saw and visited during January. Grace Hill is invited to join Zion for this program.

April 30 Bethel College Sunday with carry-in meal. Woven, a women's singing group, will share with us during the service.

May 7 during the Sunday School Hour High School Graduation Reception in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to stay! There will be no Sunday School classes that morning.

Announcements

On April 30 the Hospitality Council will be collecting items for care packages to deliver to the college students. There are a total of 17 students. 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, Gatorade, fast food coupons, etc. There will be a table with boxes for each student set up Sunday morning, April 30.

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 will be July 4-8 in Orlando, Florida. Grace Hill does not have any delegates at this time. If you are interested in being a delegate, please talk to Tim Harms by April 30.

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Deb Regier

Greeters Next Sunday: John and Miriam Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,469.40

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera #1

The Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace Tour will be on the Bethel College campus, with Jonathan Kuttub, a Palestinian Mennonite and human rights lawyer, and Laura Tillem of Jewish Voice for Peace and the Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas. April 18, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel; April 19, 11 a.m., weekly chapel service, Ad Building chapel.

The Flannelbacks: Farewell Concert, Friday, April 21 at 8 p.m., the Green at Bethel College.

Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E First, Newton) will host a Community Conversation on Immigration on Saturday, April 22 from 10 am-noon. It will be a moderated panel discussion with a question and answer time to follow. The discussion will focus on the panelists' general perspectives on issues that affect refugees and immigrants in Kansas and Harvey County. The confirmed panel participants are Bob Myers (Newton City Manager) and Tim Hodge (State Representative). If you have questions about the event, contact Shalom at office@shalomnewton.org.

KIPCOR Film Series, April 23 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College. Double feature: YouTube video of Chief Oren Lyons on the Doctrine of Discovery, and the documentary *Reserve 107* (how the Doctrine of Discovery continues to play out today in a small Canada town); talk-back follows with John Stoesz, former executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States.

Call for singers – Bethel College choirs, Philharmonia Orchestra and community chorus will perform Haydn's Missa in Angustiis (Missa for Troubled Times) Sun., May 7. You are still welcome to join the chorus – come to the first rehearsal Mon., April 24, 6:30 p.m. in Luyken Fine Arts Center on campus. Time commitment: eight 3-hour rehearsals (April 24-25, April 27, May 1-2, May 4-6) and the May 7 performance. Contact William Eash, weash@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5316, for more information.

Et Cetera #2

Stories of courage, stories of faith, stories of fun! Retirees of all ages are invited to join us for **Retirees Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah** from April 24-26. We'll hear stories from a number of different people, have Bible study, do some singing, and have coffee breaks. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290. We'll see you there!

Men & Boys Retreat is at Camp Mennoscah on April 28-30! Gather together as friends and family for a weekend of spending time with friends, worshiping, fishing, sitting by the fire, or canoeing. Registration begins on Saturday, but many arrive on Friday. The first meal provided is Saturday supper. Saturday evening will feature a performance by the Flannelbacks, a bluegrass band from the Bethel College area. Michael Unruh will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary, but if you have questions contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.

Congregational Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence - On April 29, congregational leaders and pastors are invited to First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, for a day-long workshop on how congregational leaders can respond when abuse takes place that affects the broader congregation. Sponsored by WDC, Kathryn Goering Reid, a credentialed minister and Executive Director of Family Abuse Center, Waco, TX, will be our seminar leader. Congregations can register your attendees together for the group rate of \$100. You may also register individually for \$30 per person. A registration form is available on the bulletin board or online registration is available at: www.mennowdc.org/congregational-ministry-in-the-face-of-sexual-abuse-and-domestic-violence/. Please register by April 20.

Calling all golfers! You are invited to join a benefit golf tournament for Harvey County Circle of Hope on Saturday, April 29, from 8 to 1 p.m. Peace Connections is sponsoring the First Paul E. Oswald Golf Tournament at Fox Ridge Golf Course in Newton. Cost is \$65 per person or \$260 for a foursome. Entry deadline is Wednesday, April 19. Register by filling out a form online at www.peaceconnections.org; or by calling or e-mailing Peace Connections at 316-284-0000, jennifer@peaceconnections.org.

A Wheat State Manor Fund Raiser Dinner will be held on April 29 at 6:00 p.m. (open at 5:00 p.m.) at Whitewater Community Church, 703 E. Central, Whitewater. Cost is \$15 per person. There will be music for entertainment. Mike Smith, Administrator of WSM will be giving a report. Also, Rev. John Schnelle, Chaplain of WSM, will be speaking. The fundraiser is being given to raise money for the replacement of the dining room tables and chairs. A free will offering will be taken during the program.

Grab your friends and head to Camp Mennoscah this summer! Youth camps are open for all ages from third grade to seniors. Our theme is Branching Out: Connecting with Christ. Early registration discounts for summer youth camps end May 1! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or register online at campmennoscah.org. It's going to be a blast!

For an update on Bethel College presidential search process, <https://www.bethelks.edu/news-events/news/post/5495/>. Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider serves on the search committee on behalf of Western District Conference.

Going to the Orlando Mennonite Church USA Convention and want to share a room? If you'd like a roommate, let us know (wdc@mennowdc.org, 316-283-6300) and we can try to connect you with others looking for roommates! **Attending the 2017 Convention in Orlando?** The convention planning office has arranged discounts at Orlando-area attractions: <http://mennolove.orlandomeetinginfo.com>.

CHURCH OFFICES

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Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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