



**GRACE HILL
MENNONITE CHURCH**

April 17, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Kris Goossen
Pianist: Ellen Mosiman Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Music

Call to Worship: Psalm 96 HWB 820
"Sing to the LORD a new song..."

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn "O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic" HWB 112

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

Prayer of Confession HWB 692
"Forgive...Heal...Save..."

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-43

"Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father"
Samantha Claassen and Ellen Mosiman

Sermon "God's Miracles"

*Hymn "Great is the Lord" HWB 87

Offering and Offertory Scholarship Fund
*Doxology HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Song "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace" HWB 428

*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: Pray for all who gather this Saturday, April 23, for WDC Reference Council, *"Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Rural Context"* at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE.

Mennonite Mission Network: The *Samuelito* daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children's parents. Pray for the center's director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Council meets.

Wednesday 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!!

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

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

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

“Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality.”

Announcements

2016 WDC Annual Assembly The 2016 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held July 29-30 at Bethel College. Grace Hill can send up to 8 delegates as representatives. If you have interest in serving as a delegate, please contact Tim Harms by Sunday, May 22nd.

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Lily Hilgenfeld

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Deb Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Greeters Next Sunday: Galen and Roberta Harms

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,813.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

TODAY'S CONCERT by the Bethel College Women's Chorus HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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."

The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors invites you to a fundraising meal for the Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation on April 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. There will be music by Book of JEBB and a meal of favorite camp foods served by the Board. Renovation plans will be available to preview and you can meet Jerry Kroeker, the new executive director. Please RSVP to 620-297-3014 or office@campmennoscah.org.

More room for retirees! Our rollicking, good-time Retirees Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 25-27. Our theme is Mennonites in Early Kansas. There will be times for Bible Study, music, presentations, and most definitely coffee breaks throughout the day. It's a chance to join with others and to renew in the midst of creation. Invite a friend to share in the fun! Call 620-297-3290 for a brochure or register online at www.campmennoscah.org.

Share the awesomeness! **Camp Mennoscah's** summer youth camps are a perfect summer activity to share with friends. Our summer theme is Fearless Faith: Courage in Community and we're looking at stories of communities that were challenged and grew as the people of God. Know someone who would benefit from a camp experience? Bring a friend for a free tee shirt! Scholarships for summer youth camps are also available. Early registration discount ends May 1! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or register online at www.campmennoscah.org.

Job opening: Communications associate. Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board staff is seeking a 0.75 to 1.0 FTE Communications associate. Location: Elkhart, Indiana; Newton, Kansas; or dispersed. The person in this role will write and edit feature stories, news articles and content for social media posts, convention exhibits and other communications projects, highlighting stories and ministries from across the denomination. As an integral part of the Communications Team, the person in this role will work with the team on long-term vision, messaging and communications strategy. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree in communication, marketing, journalism or English, and be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and social media. For a complete job description, see www.mennoniteusa.org/jobs. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, three to five writing samples and contact information for three references to Janie Beck Kreider, director of communications, at: janiebk@mennoniteusa.org.

The MCC Central States Material Resource Center is getting a makeover! The time has come for our space in North Newton to get a fresh face and design. Volunteers are needed to help rework the space starting April 11! If you're interested please call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 or email Irma at irmagonzalez@mcc.org. Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICES

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