

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

April 23, 2017

2nd Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” HWB 327

- GATHERING INTERLUDE -

CALL TO WORSHIP HWB 668

* *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”* HWB 324

OFFERING TO GOD WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Offertory

**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

CHILDREN’S STORY

2017 YOUTH CONVENTION (JULY 4-8) Orlando, FL
Jacob Hilgenfeld, Kyle Thiessen, & Grant Janzen

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

* SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

SERMON *“The Eighth Day”*

**“Blessed Assurance”* HWB 332

* BENEDICTION

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- After the Children’s Story children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare.
- 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!

Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Josh Patterson
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	John & Miriam Claassen
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Debbie Claassen & Deb Regier

For Sharing and Prayer

I was so pleasantly surprised this past week by all the kind and gracious expressions of love and friendship received for my 80th birthday.

Thank you! Rita Patterson

Western District Conference: Pray for God’s wisdom and grace to surround WDC participants gathering this Saturday for a resourcing event on congregational ministry in the face of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Mennonite Mission Network: Ben and Laurel Woodward Breckbill serve as Mennonite Mission Network interns in Belfast alongside peacebuilders at Mediation Northern Ireland (Ben) and WAVE Trauma Centre (Laurel). Pray for them as they learn to share the good news with people who have experienced trauma, and to work together with them for justice.

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.

Church Events

This evening 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 at Zion Church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Care Council meets.

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

Next Sunday 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.

Et Cetera

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.

Community Concert with Bryan Moyer Suderman! Come join us on Sunday, April 23 at 4 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church (891 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton) for a community concert with Bryan Moyer Suderman! Bryan is an itinerant Bible teacher and musician who has an engaging presentation style and songs for all ages. The concert is free! Bring your friends and family! A freewill offering will be taken during the concert to support the ministries of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. We hope to 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, worshipping, 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.

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.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus spring concerts are April 30 at 4:30 p.m. at Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg and May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston High School, Hesston. For more information visit www.ksmenschorus.org.

This is the year! You've been planning and hoping for that opportunity to spend time in the **Camp Mennoscah** kitchen and now is your chance. There are still openings for kitchen staff for the weeks of June 11-17, July 9-13, and July 30-Aug. 4. Meet new folks, smile at campers, play (gentle) pranks on the summer staff, and cool off in the swimming pool. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

The Future Church Summit will add a new dimension to this summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention, inviting participants to envision an Anabaptist future for the church. You can learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/>.

Bethel College seeks a full-time administrative assistant to the director of development and the Annual Fund director, providing support services to the development office, including database management, processing donor gifts and office management. For a full job description and application, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/.

Find out how to put your faith into action! Consider serving and learning about how God is working in other parts of the country. Check out our Christian Service opportunities for ages 14 -26. But don't delay because application deadlines are coming up soon! Youth Venture (Detroit) – Application deadline = May 1st; Service Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS – Application deadline = June 1st: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve>

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Lily Hilgenfeld

Greeters Next Sunday: Galen and Roberta Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and David Janzen/Adrian Nethercot

Offering Last Sunday: Scholarship Fund \$1,277.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service

CHURCH OFFICES

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Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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