



GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 1, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Courtney Nethercot
Pianist: Ellen Mosiman Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Music

Call to Worship & Prayer HWB 670
"Our God, we gather to worship you..."

*Hymn *"For God So Loved Us"* HWB 167

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

Psalm 1 (In Unison)
¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company
of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates
on his law day and night.

- ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which
yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows
away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor
sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the
way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Prayer of Confession HWB 699

Scripture Reading Acts 16:9-34

Sermon *"Lydia, a Female Slave, and a Jailer"*

*Hymn *"This Little Light of Mine"* HWB 401

Offering and Offertory Mennonite Church USA
**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

The rose bud this morning is in honor of Nora Madelyn Harms, born April 21, 2016 to Travis and Lindsey Harms. We celebrate this new life among us and pray God's strength and blessing for Nora, Travis, Lindsey, Hadleigh and Seren.

Western District Conference: Today is Eastern Orthodox Easter! Pray for WDC congregations as they foster relationships of grace and peace with other communities of faith, in the spirit of the Risen Christ.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women and its partnership with Mennonite Mission Network in offering hope around the world. Pray for Noëlie Banzaro, Nancy Frey and Claire Traoré from Burkina Faso, as they share what they learned in Sister Care sessions last month in Kenya.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Education Council
Stewardship Council

May 22 during the Sunday school hour High School Graduation Reception for Carine Claassen in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to stay to congratulate Carine. There will be no Sunday School classes that morning.

Announcements

Beginning June 5 the worship service and Sunday School hour times will be switched. The Sunday School hour will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. and the worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. This will be on a trial basis for the summer months of June, July and August.

Sunday School classes will continue to meet in regular classes for June and July – no combined classes are planned. During the month of August there will be no Sunday School.

Deep Sea Discovery – God is with me wherever I go! is the theme for the Community Vacation Bible School, June 6-10 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Remington Middle School in Whitewater. For Prek-6th grade. Please join us for fun and excitement! Register online at <http://whitewatervbs2016.eventbrite.com>. Online registration closes Friday, June 3. Registration welcomed at VBS.

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!

The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

Nursery This Sunday: Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Greeters Next Sunday: Rob and Diana Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,664.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

KIPCOR Film Series wraps up with *The Waiting Room*, this afternoon at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back session with Dr. Ted Cook, medical director of the emergency department at Newton Medical Center.

Woven will be giving a concert, May 14 at 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

Thank you to all who attended the Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation Fundraiser at Camp Mennoscah! Book of JEBB graced us with wonderful music and their own camp memories, and the meal was superb! Your generous gifts bring us \$9331 closer to reaching the estimated \$200,000 needed. A painting of the camp drive by Virgil Penner is up for grabs, too. Be the first to donate \$25,000 or more, and it's yours!

MCC Workroom Update! Thank you for your generous response to our recent request for kits supplies. We still have a number of school and infant kits to complete. We welcome your time to come and fellowship and assemble the kits along with donated items to complete them. As of now, we need gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material) size 3-9 months for the Infant Care Kits and colored pencils (pack of 12) for the School Kits. A friendly reminder we do not need toothpaste for any of the relief kits. Please come on your own or bring a group. You can let us know of your attendance by calling 316-283-2720. See you soon!

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 year! Opportunities to serve and live in community with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations, including teaching in Puerto Rico. Ages 20+ can apply at MennoniteMission.net/Serve, or contact NeilR@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter is holding their Spring Fund Drive May 1-31, with a one month goal of \$25,000. *Following Christ, Building the Community. Together we can restore hope!* Please send donations to HCHS, PO Box 978, Newton, KS 67114 or give online at www.hchs-ks.com/donate.

Mennonite Central Committee and WillowSpring Downs are hosting two events the weekend of June 11-12. **June 11, 1-5 p.m. *Fun on the Farm*:** In the tradition of Day on the Farm, but different, Fun on the Farm features interaction with animals, relays, snacks, games, nature scavenger hunt, obstacle course, stick horse race, rides, and crafts for children of all ages. Come at 1:00 for all the fun, and you just might learn a little bit about MCC's work around the world in the process! Admission is free. In case of rain, call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates. **June 12, 5-8 p.m. *Song on the Lawn*:** This year's mini-music festival features the Book of JEBB, Cottonwood River Band, Newton Men's Quartet, Senior Jammers, and Elaine Unruh/Emil Schmidt and Friends. Meal catered by Keith Banman. Bring your lawn chairs, table service, friends and family. Admission is free, donations accepted for MCC. In case of rain, event will be at Goessel Elementary School. Call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates. Directions to WillowSpring Downs for both events: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hwy K-15, 4 miles east on 150th, ¾ north on Falcon. From Hillsboro: 4 miles south on Indigo, 3 miles west on 150th, ¾ north on Falcon.

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