

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

May 7, 2017

## 4th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* HWB 37

- GATHERING INTERLUDE -

CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21 HWB 853

\* *“The Church’s One Foundation”* HWB 311

OFFERING TO GOD MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Offertory

\* *Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

CHILDREN’S STORY

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\* SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

SERMON *“The Gate to Abundant Life”* Pastor Eric Buller

\* *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* HWB 355

\* BENEDICTION

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

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

Eric Buller is an ordained pastor in Mennonite Church USA. He has pastored at First Mennonite Church (Ransom, KS) and Inman Mennonite Church (Inman, KS). He is currently working as a Para-educator at Inman Elementary School. Welcome Eric!

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### Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Worship Leader	Doug Claassen
Scripture Reader	Kris Goossen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Deb Hiebert & Penny Hiebert
Ushers	Lucas Goossen & Lon Hiebert
Nursery	Lisa Harms & Bethany Regehr

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### For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregational and conference delegates planning to attend Mennonite Church USA assembly in Orlando this summer, as they prepare and discern action on the Seeking Peace in Israel-Palestine resolution.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for thousands of Mennonites in Democratic Republic of Congo who have gone into hiding to escape the violence that has claimed hundreds of lives. Pray that God would provide for those who have fled, for stable national leadership, and for an end to the fighting.

### *Grace Hill High School Graduates*

Renata Goossen – *Berean Academy*

Carson Dove – *Valley Center High School*

### *Grace Hill College Graduates*

Matthew Graber, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier – *Bethel College*

Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Paul Janzen, Amber Mock

– *Kansas State University*

Sara Harms, Ellen Mosiman – *Wichita State University*

### *Grace Hill Graduates with Masters*

Amanda Regehr – Master of Science – Reading Specialist

from *Emporia State University*

Jared Burns – Master of Physician Assistant

from *Wichita State University*

## Church Events

**Today during the Sunday School Hour** High School Graduation Reception for Renata Goossen and Carson Dove in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to stay to congratulate Carson and Renata! There will be no Sunday School classes today.

***Renata's future plans:*** Renata is going to be majoring in plant science, specializing either in landscape design or plant production, with a minor in entrepreneurship at KSU. She is also hoping to work part-time in the K-State Theater's Costume Shop.

**Today at 11:30 a.m.** Youth Fundraiser meal for the Youth trip to Orlando for the MCUSA Convention this summer. Stay for burgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings! Youth attending the convention are Jacob Hilgenfeld, Grant Janzen and Kyle Thiessen, along with Pastor Weldon. Donations will be accepted to help fund the trip.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Leadership Council meets.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater.

## Et Cetera

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** spring concert is this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston High School, Hesston. For more information visit [www.ksmenschorus.org](http://www.ksmenschorus.org).

**Upcoming Concerts at Bethel College:** *Open Road* - May 14 at 7 p.m., *Woven* - May 15 at 7 p.m., Both concerts will be in Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

**Thank You to everyone who helped make the 49th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success!** You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. The meal is \$15 a plate and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen by May 14. Or, contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863, [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com).

**Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full time Senior Executive for Human Resources who is passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world, committed to Jesus Christ, and active in a local congregation. Read the full position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Please send resumé and cover letter to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

**Survivor-Sensitive Resources:** Resources from presentations at the "Congregational Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence," event on April 29 are available by request. Also, Katherine and Peter Goerzen generously shared worship resources they developed for their worship series addressing the pain of sexual abuse and the journey toward healing. Email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) to request these resources.

**Hello, Nurse! Camp Mennoscah** is looking for a nurse with a valid license for June 11-17. This position comes with a stipend or camper discount. Campers needs are usually bandages, a listening ear for homesickness, and medications dispensed. Please contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for more information. It's going to be a fun time!

**Is the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 on your calendar?** Registration remains open. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a verb" with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. The convention will feature top speakers, including Mark DeVries and Rachel Held Evans, along with a wide range of workshops and a chance to enjoy the Orlando sunshine. Learn more at: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/).

**To fulfill the goals of the 2015 Mennonite Church USA delegate assembly resolution,** *A statement of support for our Palestinian and Israeli partners in peacemaking,* and to prepare delegates and congregations for the 2017 resolution at the upcoming convention in Orlando, a WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force has been developed. The letter posted on the bulletin board from the Task Force gives reference to information to help Orlando delegates prepare to vote on the resolution.

**Thank you to those who attended the Wheat State Manor fundraiser,** 101 meals were served and \$3,593 was received!

## Announcements

**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 Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Joyce Wedel

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Rob and Diana Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Adrian Nethercot

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,350.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## CHURCH OFFICES

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