



GRACE HILL Mennonite Church

May 8, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Marianne Eichelberger
Pianist: Ellen Mosiman Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Music

Call to Worship Psalm 2

- ¹ Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, ³ "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."
⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
⁵ He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, ⁶ "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."
⁷ I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father." ⁸ Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."
¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.
¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn *"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* HWB 110

Children's Story

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare

Youth Service Trip

How Many Miles to Elkhorn, WV?

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

"The Gospel to the Doubters & Despisers"

*Hymn

"We Know That Christ is Raised"

HWB 443

Offering to God

Local Church

Offertory & *Doxology

HWB 119

Congregational 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 new WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based) Byron Pellecer as he and his wife Hilda move this week to Dallas, TX, where he will begin his work May 15.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners with the new Centre for Anabaptist Studies in Bristol, United Kingdom, that has grown out of the ministry of the (now closed) London Mennonite Centre. Pray for the students from many denominations as they learn about mission, theology, and Bible interpretation from an Anabaptist perspective.

Grace Hill High School Graduates

Carine Claassen – *Remington High School*

Grace Hill Junior High Graduates

Quinn Dove – *Valley Center Middle School*

Grace Hill College Graduates

Mikayla Hiebert, Josh Janzen – *Bethel College*

Hunter Hill – *Hutchinson Community College*

Steven Harms – *University of Kansas*

Brett Harms – *Wichita State University*

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Missions Council meets.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group

Hospitality Council meets at Judy Janzen's home.

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

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

Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Praise Team practice. **Interested singers are invited to join the Grace Hill Praise Team!** We will sing once a month during the summer. Practices will be May 15, June 12 and July 10 at 7 p.m. at church. We will sing for Sunday morning services on May 22, June 19 and July 17. Please feel free to join us!

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

May 15 is "candy bar" Sunday. Bring food or money for the food pantries and receive a candy bar. Recipients of your donations will be Newton, Potwin and Whitewater food pantries.

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.

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.

Et Cetera

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

Thank You to everyone who helped make the 48th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success! You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton. 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 16. Or, contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com.

Camp Mennoscah loves having new friends visit! Everyone is invited to bring a friend with them this summer - it's a great way to share fun and faith! Returning campers and their first time friends get a free camp tee shirt. Fearless Faith: Courage in Community is our theme for the summer. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org!

Save the date! September 9-11, 2016 is Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by South Central and Western District Conferences. This year's featured speaker is Katherine Goerzen on the topic "Beloved, Blessed, and Beautiful." Registration forms will be coming to churches in July.

Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages: Oct. 6-8 at **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)**, Elkhart, Indiana. This practical event will empower Anabaptist pastors, teachers and lay leaders in the church to develop a robust understanding of life with Jesus and expand their imagination of faith formation for the 21st century. Keynote speakers include **John Roberto** of LifelongFaith Associates; **Rachel Miller Jacobs**, assistant professor of congregational formation at AMBS; and **Brian Quan**, pastor of Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church. Sponsors include AMBS, the Anabaptist Faith Formation Network, Mennonite Camping Association, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba and Mennonite Church USA/The Gathering Place. Early registration: \$125 USD/regular, \$50 USD/student until Sept. 14. More information and online registration will be available as planning continues; see mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith.

Holy Land Tour. You are invited to participate in the next Bethel College tour of the Holy Land, January 3-24, 2017. The tour is a joint endeavor with Tabor College and includes: a study of the history and geography of the region with connections to Biblical texts; the present Palestinian-Israeli conflict; the religions and cultures of the region; and time for worship and reflection. Some of the locations will include Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Mt. Nebo, Petra, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and the Sea of Galilee. Contact Peter Goerzen at pgoerzen@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5356 if interested.

Nursery This Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove
Nursery Next Sunday: Jane Washburn and Catina Wiebe

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen
Greeters Next Sunday: Russ and Kris Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,447.00
Offering Next Sunday: Bible School & Education

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