

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

May 21, 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONGS

* *"I Saw the Light"*

* *"I'll Fly Away"*

- GATHERING INTERLUDE -

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

HWB 661

* *"Amazing Grace"*

HWB 143

OFFERING TO GOD

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Offertory

* *Doxology* (Psalm 100)

HWB 119

CHILDREN'S STORY

* *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

HWB 573

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:11-17

SERMON

"Living as Aliens and Strangers"

* *"Everlasting Arms"*

* 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

John Claassen

Keyboard

Ellen Mosiman

Music

Praise Team

Greeters

Debbie Claassen & Travis Harms

Ushers

Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen

Nursery

Jane Washburn & Quinn Dove

For Sharing and Prayer

May the Lord bless you for the many prayers, visits, calls, and cards during my in & out experience in Newton Medical Center since Easter Monday. And thanks to Pastor Weldon for his prayers and visits. All was much appreciated.

Alma Schmidt

Western District Conference: As the school year concludes, give thanks for WDC youth pastors and sponsors, and pray for youth groups preparing to attend Mennonite Church USA convention and other activities this summer.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure program is looking for unit leaders for households in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi. Pray that those whom God is calling to these positions will say yes.

Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed another school year. Thirty-six children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area churches and United Way. We again want to thank Grace Hill Mennonite Church for being one of those supporting churches. Your church graciously offers a yearly pledge and a Christmas Eve donation. These, along with the matching grant that we received from your church through the Everence Sharing Fund, are a vital part of our yearly budget. We want to acknowledge the service of Karma Hill as Grace Hill's representative on our board and ALSO for being one of our lead teachers. The hours she puts in as a volunteer help make it possible for us to continue to provide an affordable preschool experience to families who need it most. We solicit your prayers and continued support as we look forward to another school year!

With gratitude, Jeanette Leary, Director

Church Events

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Next Sunday, May 28 Sara Wenger Shenk, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary President, will bring the message.

Next Sunday at 11:20 a.m. Memorial Service in the Grace Hill cemetery.

Announcements

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

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Greeters Next Sunday: Doug and Katherine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,878.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Et Cetera

Two distinguished scientists will be coming to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, to speak and present their findings on their research and its connection to Mennonites. Dr. Michael Crawford of the University of Kansas has been since 1979 collaborating with the Mennonite communities of Kansas on biological aging and the history of Alexanderwohl. He has published a book entitled "Different Seasons: Biological Aging among the Mennonites of the Midwestern United States." Dr. McMahon will give an address and explain his research and clinical diagnoses of mood disorders. The public is invited to attend on Sunday, May 21, 7 pm for this free lecture.

Children ages 3-8 are invited to Summer Story Hour at the WDC Resource Library June 14 through July 26 (not July 5). Register today (space is limited*) at <https://goo.gl/forms/kQwNSzl9Bw8rr1q03> or by emailing/calling the library crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300. Due to limited space, children should be able to attend at least 4 of the 6 weeks offered.

The WDC Annual Assembly will be August 4-6 in Arlington, TX. A bus *may* be chartered from the Newton area, the cost of which would be dependent upon the number of passengers. Please let us know **BY MAY 30** if you have interest in traveling to Assembly by bus. A bus will only be chartered if enough interest is expressed, so it is important that you let us know! (316-283-6300) Thanks!

Looking down the Road! Camp Mennoscah has some summer events that aren't summer youth camps. Our Family Weekend is July 29-30 and our Young Adult Weekend is August 4-6. Check out the information at campmennoscah.org under Retreats or call us at 620-297-3290!

Join a ministry of hospitality and compassion in Germany with Journey International. Germany has taken in more than a million refugees from all over the Middle East in the past few years, and local Mennonite congregations have been actively extending welcome and hospitality to them. There are only two spots left – find out more and sign up today at www.MennoniteMission.net/JourneyInternational, or contact SharonN@MennoniteMission.net.

Bethel College seeks a full-time director of development. Bachelor's degree required with 3-5 years' experience in funds solicitation or a combination of transferable experience. Send cover letter, resume and three professional references to: Fred Goering (interim vice president for advancement), fgoering@bethelks.edu; see full job description at www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/.