

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

May 28, 2017

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

* *“Praise Him, Praise Him”*

HWB 100

- GATHERING INTERLUDE -

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

* *“I Believe in You, Lord Jesus”*

HWB 440

OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory

* *Doxology* (Psalm 100)

HWB 119

CHILDREN’S STORY

Ken Hawkley

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

INTRODUCTION TO ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-9, 2:29-42; Ephesians 2:13-22

SERMON *“The Church is Dead. Long Live the Church”*

* SENDING SONG *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* HWB 285

* 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
Guest Preacher	Sara Wenger Shenk
Children’s Story	Ken Hawkley
Scripture Reader	Levi Goossen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Greeters	Doug & Katherine Claassen
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Kris Goossen & Renata Goossen

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus. Today we mark this celebration. In many traditions, the Feast of the Ascension is one of the holiest and most celebrated moments in the liturgical year; it is also among the most ancient of Christian traditions. The Church holds that the day of Ascension is a day for celebration because all the work that Jesus came to do has been accomplished, and he returns to the right hand of God the Father.

Welcome to **Sara Wenger Shenk** – She serves as president of *Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary* in Elkhart, Indiana, a position she began in fall 2010. And welcome to **Ken Hawkley** – since 2008 Ken has served associate director of development at AMBS.

For Sharing and Prayer

TO THE CONGREGATION...In celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary Jenny and I will be away June 11-27 on a trip to Europe. In my absence Pastor Marvin Zehr will fill the pulpit and give pastoral care as called upon. – Pastor Weldon

Western District Conference: – Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission meeting this week, as they provide support and accountability to leaders in our congregations.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Margrit Kipfer Barrón as she compiles a book-study of Luke’s Gospel to introduce non-Christian readers to Jesus. She wants this current project to be available to people living in remote areas of Bolivia where her pastor-husband, Freddy, helps to organize book fairs.

Church Events

At 11:20 today there will be a brief Memorial Service in the church cemetery.

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

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 Janzen and Bethany Regehr

Greeters Next Sunday: John and Miriam Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Lucas Goossen and Lon Hiebert

Offering Last Sunday: Christian Education \$836.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Et Cetera

Impromptu special Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum event, May 28 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. David Moon, professor of history, University of York (United Kingdom), will present “The Amerikan Steppe: Influences from Russia and Ukraine on the Great Plains, 1870s-1930s,” as a “prequel” to the film *America: Promised Land* that includes the story of Mennonite immigrants to Kansas, scheduled to air on History (cable channel) May 29-30. May 28 is also the final day of the special exhibit “Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen.”

Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E First, Newton) will host a Community Conversation on Immigration on Saturday, June 3 at 10-11:30 am. It will be a moderated panel discussion with a question and answer time to follow. The discussion will focus on the panelists' general perspectives on issues that affect refugees and immigrants in Kansas and Harvey County. The confirmed panel participants are Bob Myers (Newton City Manager) and Tim Hodge (State Representative). If you have questions about the event, contact Shalom at office@shalomnewton.org.

Everence Financial will hold a retirement income seminar on June 5 at 7 p.m., the seminar will help you determine if you have enough money to retire, what to do if the market doesn't cooperate and how to know if your savings will last. Seminar is held at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Hesston College alumni and friends are invited to Explore KS! June 24 and 25. The overnight tour includes Saturday at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art and Kansas City Royals game. Sunday worship service will be at Kansas City's Frank Lloyd Wright designed Community Christian Church with professional baritone Anthony Brown performing, and the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka. Details available at hesston.edu/explore-kansas or call 620-327-8147 to register by June 12.

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 convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/.

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!

Save the date! The annual Womens/Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be held September 8-10. The theme this year is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" led by Barb Krehbiel Gehring. We will also be celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Women. Watch for more details and registration in July.

Save the Whale! Camp Mennoscah started a Go Fund Me campaign to help fund the new playground structure. A gift of \$5 buys enough of the new playground for 1 camper to play on for 1 week of camp over the course of 25 years. Gifts of any size are welcome. Go to [gf.me/u/hmes8](https://www.gofundme.com/u/hmes8) and check out the progress!

Please be in prayer for the Mennonite Health Services (MHS) Board meetings taking place this week.

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.