

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

July 30, 2017



“Popular Stories of the Old Testament”

◆◆◆ Preaching Series ◆◆◆

Prelude	
Greetings & Announcements	
* “ <i>Longing for Light</i> ”	SJ 54
Gathering & Prayer	HWB 824
* “ <i>Be Thou My Vision</i> ”	HWB 545
Reception into Membership: Elizabeth Martin	
Offering to God	Peace Connections
Offertory	
* <i>Doxology</i> (Psalm 100)	HWB 119
Children’s Story	“ <i>Jacob’s Dream</i> ”
“ <i>Three Wooden Crosses</i> ”	David Janzen
Scripture Reading	Genesis 28:10-22
Sermon	“ <i>Encountering God</i> ”
* “ <i>We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder</i> ”	
Sharing & Congregational Prayer	
* <i>The LORD Lift You Up</i> ”	SJ 73
* 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.
- 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	Levi Goossen
Keyboard	Joel Brejda
Greeters	Galen & Roberta Harms
Ushers	Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen
Nursery	Debbie Claassen & Lily Hilgenfeld

“We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
Soldier of the cross

Ev'ry round goes higher higher (x2) / soldier of the cross
Sinner do you love my Jesus (x2) / soldier of the cross
If you love Him why not serve Him (x2) / soldier of the cross
Do you think I'd make a soldier (x2) / soldier of the cross
Faithful prayer will make a soldier (x2) / soldier of the cross

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for all who will travel to WDC Annual Assembly in Arlington, TX, next weekend, and for all who are planning and leading assembly activities.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network’s Missional Discipleship Initiative uses small groups to encourage spiritual growth in congregations. Because of its relational nature, transformation spreads to the entire church. Pray for Marvin Lorenzana, the coordinator, and all who open themselves to the Holy Spirit’s work through this ministry.

Birthday to add to the July calendar: Amber Janzen – July 27

Church Events

Friday – Sunday Western District Conference Assembly in Arlington, Texas - Attending WDC Assembly and serving as delegates for Grace Hill are Pastor Weldon, Valerie Klaassen, and Virgil & Kaye Penner.

Next Sunday Pastor Weldon will be in Arlington, Texas attending the 2017 Western District Conference Assembly. Preaching next Sunday will be **Jennifer Rose**, Executive Director of Peace Connections in Newton. She will share the mission of Peace Connections and what it means to her.

Announcements

During the month of August there will be no Sunday School.

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

Greeters Next Sunday: Doug and Katherine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Lucas Goossen and Lon Hiebert

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$871.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Young Adult Friends and Folks! We say you should come to the Young Adult Weekend at Camp Mennoscah on August 4-6. It's a blast. It's a hoot. It's a great time to be in God's creation and bum around with your fellow folks. This weekend is for you to do (almost) anything you please. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Questions about what "almost anything" means? Email us at office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. Scholarships are available as part of the online registration process.

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 3-4 - Join us, all people affected by mental issues, including friends and families! We will have sessions on the theme of Branching Out. Also part of our time together are crafts, a hayrack ride, worship, swimming, and time to visit with old and new friends! Register online at campmennoscah.org Scholarships are available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 with questions.

Registration is now open for the Womens/Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah September 8-10. Our theme is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Retreat schedules and registration forms are available in the foyer or available to print at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/>. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars. Hope to see you all at Camp Mennoscah!

Detour to Camp Mennoscah - We know this sounds like a great summer theme, but it's sadly the truth. Smoots Creek Bridge, located directly south of US-54, is being replaced. Alternate routes take you east or west of NE 100 Ave. The bridge will be closed until June 2018.

The Mennonite, Inc. welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our October 2017 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Scripture: Texts that move and shape you. Submissions are due no later than August 1, 2017. We welcome written reflections—personal stories, biblical or theological reflections, poetry and more (800-1200 words), as well as original photography, multimedia products (including, but not limited to, original song or music recordings, music playlists, videos and vlogs) and artwork on the theme. For more info: <https://themennonite.org/october-call-submissions-scripture/>.