

Church Events

This evening at 6:30 p.m. The annual Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing is at 6:30 p.m. this evening at Grace Hill. Donations to help purchase new tableware - plates, bowls, glasses, etc. - will be accepted. We'll be singing camp songs and hymns, snacking on popcorn and pop, and chatting away with anyone and everyone. Summer staff will be leading this time of music and community. See you there!

Monday Kindergarten through Grade 8 are going to Tanganyika Wildlife Park Monday! Children will gather at the church Monday, 10 a.m. for lesson on God's creation and snacks. The group will then travel to Tanganyika for a great time! Lions, tigers and bears – oh my! Participants will return mid-afternoon. The event is sponsored by the Grace Hill Education Council.

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

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

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday - Mornings, Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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Announcements

No Sunday School classes for the month of August. Starting on September 4, we will return to the worship service beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the Sunday School hour at 10:45 a.m.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Partnership Home Project cabinets that were built by the Grace Hill crew. We are still in need of \$134.10 to cover the expenses. If you would like to contribute toward this mission, make your offering checks to: Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Put "Partnership Home Project" in the memo line. All excess funds contributed will be given to Mennonite Disaster Service.

Baby strollers needed for JVS! (request from Melinda Regehr) Many of the refugees resettled in Kansas City are families. JVS is trying to help families, especially stay at home moms, be more mobile! If you have any used or new strollers for kids of any age please bring them to church to donate to refugees in KC! Melinda will pick them up on August 14.

Mennonite Central Committee School Kit Supplies needed: (NEW items only) 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2, 70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic indicating both 30cm and 12 inches), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser. We will be assembling the school kits on Sunday, August 28.

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: Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen
Greeters Next Sunday: Rob and Diana Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$672.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

Nunez Partnership Home Project Celebration August 20 at 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Son Wray Ranch (west of Newton). A time to celebrate the completion of the project, the volunteers that gave time, energy, and talents, and the work that God's people were able to accomplish by working together on this project. Homemade ice cream with toppings and a short program.

Palestinian speaker to visit WDC: WDC will host evangelical Christian Palestinian leader Rev. Alex Awad for presentations in central Kansas September 2-6, in response to the Mennonite Church USA resolution on Palestine/Israel. Rev. Awad will lead a session on *Christian Zionism and Theology of the Land* on Sat., Sept 3, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton. On Sun., Sept 4, he will speak in 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and 10:45 a.m. worship at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, and at 7 p.m. at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite, Wichita. Rev. Awad will also visit Bethel, Hesston and Tabor colleges for presentations. All events free and open to the public. For more information see document on bulletin board or go to: <http://mennowdc.org/rev-alex-awad-palestinian-speaker-september-2-6-2016/>.

Two for One! This year Work & Play Camp and Camp Mennoscah Association's Annual Meeting happen over the same weekend. Work & Play Camp runs from September 16-20 and the Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, September 18. Work & Play Camp is a time of fellowship and service for all ages and abilities. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org, find the brochure under Retreats, or call us at 620-297-3290. We can't wait to share this fun time with you!

The deadline for submitting a seminar proposal for the Orlando 2017 convention of Mennonite Church USA is August 12! Seminars provided by people from across the church are a valued program component. Do you have a 60-minute seminar you'd like to share at the July 4-8, 2017, convention? Complete the seminar submission form at convention.mennoniteusa.org/seminars/.

Camp Mennoscah announces Michael Unruh as new Executive Director. The Board of Directors is excited Michael accepted the invitation to become executive director. He brings a passion for youth and Christian camping. Michael has experienced Camp Mennoscah as a camper, summer staffer, volunteer and program director. As part of a strong team, Michael will help Camp Mennoscah continue to provide people of all ages with the opportunity to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. He will begin on September 6, 2016.