

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Worship – 9:30am

August 13, 2017



## “Popular Stories of the Old Testament”

◆◆◆ Preaching Series ◆◆◆

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

\* “Great is the LORD” HWB 87

Gathering (Ps. 46) & Prayer HWB 817

\* “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” SJ 106

Offering to God Local Church

Offertory

\*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

“Azure Dawn” Rebecca Schrag & Billie Selichnow

Scripture Reading Genesis 37:1-11

Children’s Story - with Rowan “Joseph Forgives His Brothers”

Sermon “Jealousy, Hate, Fear, & Famine...But God was Saving”

Scripture Reading Genesis 45:4-7; 50:18-20

\* “God is Working His Purpose Out” HWB 638

Communion

\* The LORD Lift You Up” SJ 73

\* Benediction

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

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- After the children’s story children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare.

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### Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Valerie Klaassen
Keyboard	Rebecca Schrag
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	Rob & Diana Schunn
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & David Janzen
Nursery	Joyce Wedel & Marge Harms

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### For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Lynn Schlosser as she is installed today as pastor at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, a WDC congregation near Inman.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Alisha and Josh Garber are beginning an assignment in Spain with MMN. Pray for them as they adapt to a new language and culture and as they serve alongside the leaders of the Barcelona Mennonite Church, focusing on youth outreach and congregational mission.

### Church Events

**Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** Men’s Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

**September 24 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Grace Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hog Roast

**October 1** Semi-Annual Business Meeting

**November 5** Harvest Thanks Sunday

## **Announcements**

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

**State Fair tractor drivers** are needed to benefit the Kansas Relief Sale. The Whitewater area churches are responsible for supplying drivers on Tuesday, September 12. Remaining shifts are 1-4 pm and 4-7 pm. For more information or to volunteer, talk to Kim Claassen.

**August 27<sup>th</sup> is Back to School Sunday! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to assemble 77 MCC School Kits following the Service.**

School Kit Contents (new items only, please):

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 10 ½ inches and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

You may leave supplies at the collection table in the foyer. As MCC is transitioning from supplying School Kits to Mission Buckets, we will only be assembling kits for which we already have bags made. Plans are underway for Grace Hill to participate in the Mission Bucket project in the future.

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Jane Washburn and Quinn Dove

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Travis Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,425.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** New Hope Shelter

## Et Cetera

**The Bethel College Alumni Choir concert** scheduled for this afternoon (Aug. 13) has been cancelled. Any former Bethel choir members are invited to sing with the group at Fall Festival (Sat., Oct. 14). For more information, contact Andrew Voth, [votha@usd411.org](mailto:votha@usd411.org), or check out the Bethel College Alumni Choir Facebook page.

**Camp Sing on August 13, 6:30 pm, at Faith Mennonite!** Camp Mennoscah will hold the annual celebration of our summer camps with camp songs, hymns, popcorn, and pop on August 13 at 6:30 pm at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Everyone is invited to come, whether to listen, sing, or simply see other camp folks! Donations will be accepted for upgrading the sound system at Main Camp. We'll see you there!

**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!

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop** is hiring a bilingual sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/clerk receives and sorts donations, focusing on clothing; assists Spanish-speaking customers and donors; and helps to translate written documents. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or via e-mail at [generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com). Applications are due Monday, August 14 and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

**Have you heard? Everence is moving to new offices in North Newton!** Finishing touches are now being made and we'll be in our new building starting August 21. Everence will now be located at 3179 N. Main Street, North Newton – just north of the Mennonite Central Committee offices. Feel free to stop by anytime!

**Searching for an exciting way to serve?** MCC is urgently searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience, to travel with the mobile cannery before the season begins in October. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Come serve in this exciting way! Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at [johnhillegass@mcc.org](mailto:johnhillegass@mcc.org) or (717) 859-1151.

**At WDC Delegate Assembly** on August 5, the WDC Executive Board presented a statement opposing Texas Senate Bill 4. Set to take effect September 1, SB4 bans local law enforcement agencies from adopting "patterns or practices" that limit cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The WDC Executive Board statement lists specific reasons for opposing SB4, based on the belief that the Gospel calls for social justice. The statement concludes, "The Executive Board of the Western District Conference of the Mennonite Church USA laments the passage of this law characterized by rejection, discrimination, and racial profiling and urges that this law be rescinded. Furthermore, we urge the Western District Conference, the Mennonite Church USA, and all faith communities to stand in solidarity with our Hispanic-Latino/a brothers and sisters and with other people of color in the rejection of this law and the mindset which has created it." The full statement is posted on the WDC website at <http://mennowdc.org>.

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