


Grace Hill Mennonite Church

August 14, 2016

Worship – 10:00am

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering

* Gathering Song “Great is the Lord” HWB 87

PROCLAMATION

Mission Council Roberta Harms

Sharing by Jana Harms

Scripture Reading Revelation 5:1-14

Children’s Story & Sermon “Worthy is the Lamb”

RESPONSE

* Hymn “Crown Him With Many Crowns” HWB 116

Offering to God Local Church

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Sending Song “God Be With You” (vs. 1 & 4) HWB 430

*Benediction

POSTLUDE

*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.

Serving in Worship

Preacher	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Russ Janzen
Keyboard	Rebecca Schrag
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Rob & Diana Schunn
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & Russ Janzen
Nursery	Joyce Wedel & Quinn Dove

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Robert Yutzy, whose ordination service is this afternoon at First Mennonite Church (Halstead) where he is interim pastor.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia request prayer for a smooth government transition as the main opposition party, Mongolian People's Party, won the parliamentary elections on June 30.

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets.

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

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.

State Fair tractor drivers are needed to benefit the MCC Sale. The Whitewater area churches are responsible for supplying drivers on Tuesday, September 13. Shifts are 10 am – 1 pm, 1 pm – 4 pm, and 4 pm – 7 pm. For more information or to volunteer, talk to Kim Claassen.

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.

Nursery Next Sunday: Jane Washburn and Catina Wiebe

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Russ and Kris Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,361.00

Offering Next Sunday: Harvey Co. Homeless Shelter

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Et Cetera

On July 9 Sean Claytor, an employee of Wheat State Manor, passed away. To help relieve some of the family's financial responsibilities, Wheat State Manor will be hosting an Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for the Claytor family on August 20 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Wheat State Manor. This will be a free-will donation event. There will also be a silent auction and opportunity tickets will be available to purchase for your chance to win something BIG! 100 percent of the profits raised will go directly to the Claytor family.

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.

Laughter is Sacred Space is on tour and coming to Buhler during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month on Sunday, September 4 at 7:00 pm at Buhler High School, 611 N Main St, Buhler. \$2 admission, open to the public. Sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and NAMI Reno County. Call 620-543-2733 or email: bmcpastor@gmail.com for more information. In this gritty and dramatic talk, Ted Swartz walks you through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death. Using multi-media and his twenty years of storytelling experience, *Laughter is Sacred Space* is honest, funny and vulnerable, and reveals the unique journey of working as a comedic actor under the shadow of a mental illness, and offers hope and humor in a way that only Ted could deliver.

The annual Womens/Girls Retreat planned by Western District Conference and South Central Conference will be at Camp Mennoscah on September 9 - 11. Katherine Goerzen, pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, will be the featured speaker on Blessed, Beautiful, and Beloved. New this year are giant coloring sheets (bring your crayons, colored pencils, or markers) and catered meals. Music will be provided by Cousins Four. Activities are available for girls age 3rd grade through high school. Registration forms and a retreat flyer are in the foyer by the bulletin board. Deadline for registration is August 22. Come for part or all of the retreat which begins Friday evening and ends Sunday after lunch.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. The brochure is also available on the MCC website, www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Or, you can register on-line at that website. Both bikers and contributors are needed! Contributions for this MCC project from non-bikers should be made payable to MCC; "Flatlander Bike Ride" written on the memo line; and sent to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

WDC's Fall Reference Council gathering will be October 22, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX, on the theme *Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Urban Context*. Following last Spring's Reference Council gathering focused on the rural church, the Oct 22 event will include story-telling and table conversation about urban opportunities and challenges, and how urban and rural congregations in WDC can learn from each other as partners in God's mission. All WDC congregation members, commission/board members, and staff are invited! Plan now to attend, and watch for more information about the schedule. If you are interested in car-pooling, contact the WDC office.

Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit. You pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to www.bethelks.edu/audit, where there is also a "fall course schedule" link. Enrollment deadline is August 30.

Singing Success! The annual Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing celebrated the end of the 2016 summer camps with approximately 160 "choristers" and camp supporters. We sang and sang some more and then finished off the evening with popcorn and generic pop--a Camp Mennoscah tradition. Almost \$1000 was raised for new dishes, glasses, and other tableware as part of the kitchen renovations. Thank you, everyone, for your generous gifts and support of Camp Mennoscah!