

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Worship – 9:30am

August 20, 2017



“Popular Stories of the Old Testament”

◆◆◆ Preaching Series ◆◆◆

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

* “*How Firm a Foundation*” HWB 567

Gathering (Ps. 24) & Prayer

* “*Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly*” HWB 514

Reception of Elizabeth Martin into Membership HWB 794

Offering to God New Hope Shelter

Offertory

**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

WDC Assembly Report

Valerie Klaassen, Virgil & Kaye Penner, and Pastor Weldon

Scripture Introduction Exodus 1

Scripture Reading Exodus 2

Children’s Story – with Rowan “*Tiny Baby Moses*”

Sermon “*Find God in This Birth Story*”

* “*Lead Me, Lord*” HWB 538

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

* *The LORD Lift You Up*” 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.

Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Marianne Eichelberger
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Galen & Roberta Harms
Ushers	Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen
Nursery	Jane Washburn & Quinn Dove

For Sharing and Prayer

Ray and Elfrieda Schmidt’s 69th wedding anniversary will be on August 28. Elfrieda’s 94th birthday will be September 8. If you would like to send a card or drop by, it would be appreciated! Mailing address: 3054 Ivy Court, Rm. 31 South, North Newton, KS 67117.

The family of Ray and Elfrieda Schmidt

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission and Ministerial Leadership Commission, each gathering this week for their first meeting in the new organizational year.

Mennonite Mission Network: Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons spent July in North America speaking on behalf of MMN. Pray for them as they return to South Africa, working with Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to achieve 2020 vision: 20 trained conflict mediators in 20 communities by 2020.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Care Council meets.
8:00 p.m. Stewardship Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C’s, Newton.

Next Sunday following the service we will gather to assemble school kits.

September 10 Baptism will take place at Camp Mennoscah, later in the afternoon.

September 24 5:00-8:00 p.m. Grace Hill 2nd Annual Hog Roast

Announcements

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

If you are willing to teach children's Sunday School, please contact James Regier.

If anyone has a quilt to display in the foyer, please let Kathy Balzer know.

Stop by the room adjacent to the kitchen and enjoy two of Virgil Penner's paintings. They are on loan to the church for a few months. Thanks Virgil!

A Grace Hill group email was sent out last Sunday, August 13. If you did not receive it and would like to be on the group email list, please contact Debbie Claassen.

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. There is one remaining shift: 4-7 pm. For more information or to volunteer, talk to Kim Claassen.

August 27th 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.

Et Cetera

Ben Goossen will speak on "Are Mennonites German? Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora," and sign his book *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (2017), August 27 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum (books will be available for purchase in the museum store).

Labor not and come to Camp Mennoscah! The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat is September 3-4 and everyone is invited. The theme for the weekend is Branching Out and will include sessions, activities, a hayrack ride, swimming, and time to catch up with friends both old and new. More information and a registration form can be found online at campmennoscah.org. You can also register online and save a stamp! Contact us at 620-297-3290 with questions. We can't wait to see you!

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 16, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th St, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in India. 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.

Getting Ahead Class to be offered in Hesston by Harvey County Circle of Hope. The 18-week Getting Ahead Class teaches budgeting, personal goal setting, and future planning to families and individuals struggling to make ends meet. Classes start September 19 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Supper and childcare will be provided. If interested, contact Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or visit www.peaceconnection.org. With the start of this class, we will also be looking for volunteers to help provide supper and childcare. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping in any way. Thank you again for your ongoing support in helping to transform lives throughout our community.

Work & Play Camp for all ages at Camp Mennoscah! This service-oriented retreat will take place Sept. 29-Oct. 3 in the wild prairie on the Ninnescah River. We'll be working on projects that have popped up and having coffee and conversation, too. It's a great opportunity to be part of our camping ministry and to see Camp Mennoscah in the fall. We'll have plenty of hot chocolate or iced tea--whatever the weather calls for--and lots of good fellowship. There is no cost for this retreat. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. Come for one day or for all days!

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are just a couple of months away! All crafty, scrappy, and cropy people are invited to join us for a weekend of creativity, relaxation, conversations with friends, and maybe productivity. It's whatever you want! Two weekends are offered this fall, November 3-5 and November 17-19. Register online at campmennoscah.org or give us a call at 620-297-3290. We'll help you out!

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Katherine Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Lon and Deb Hiebert

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,619.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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