



Grace Hill Mennonite Church

August 21, 2016

Worship – 10:00am

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering

* Gathering Song “Praise, I Will Praise You Lord” HWB 76

PROCLAMATION

Children’s Story

* Scripture Reading Luke 13:10-17

Sermon “What’s In a Name?”

RESPONSE

* Hymn “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” HWB 307

Offering to God Harvey County Homeless Shelter

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	Donna Balzer
Keyboard	Debbie Claassen
Flute	Samantha Claassen
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	John & Miriam Claassen
Ushers	Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen
Nursery	Jane Washburn & Catina Wiebe

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Weldon will be on vacation August 24-30. If there are care needs, please contact a member of the Care Council: Kaye Penner, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt or Doug Claassen.

Thank you for allowing me to share my upcoming plans with you! If you would like to share in my mission experiences through email updates, email me at jxharms@gmail.com. For those who want to partner with me financially as I complete Spanish Language School in Mexico, please send donations to Centre Point Church, PO Box 400, Whitewater, KS 67154. Make checks out to "Centre Point Church" and put "Mexico Mission Fund" in the memo line. Please do not put my name on the check. As I learn more from Reach Beyond about my planned time in Ecuador, I will keep you informed. - Jana Harms

Western District Conference: Pray that WDC and its congregations might be open to the Spirit’s leading in planting new churches and strengthening sister-church partnerships.

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, Mary Beyler is visiting congregations in the United States, sharing about her Mennonite Mission Network ministry in Japan that spans 42 years. Pray that she will inspire many to increase their involvement in God’s mission across the street and around the world.

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. Remaining shifts are 1 pm – 4 pm, and 4 pm – 7 pm. For more information or to volunteer, talk to Kim Claassen.

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Greeters Next Sunday: Adrian and Courtney Nethercot

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,707.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Church Events

Today at noon Young adult swim party at Tim and Lisa Harms'. No green algae or Zika at this swim event - only food and fun! #swimlikeanolympian #2020tokiobound

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Care Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Praise Team practice

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

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

Next Sunday Michelle Armster will be our guest preacher. Michelle is Executive Director of MCC Central States.

Next Sunday August 28th is Back to School Sunday! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to assemble 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

If you would like to sew cloth bags for the assembled school kits, directions can be found online at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag> or at the MCC office in North Newton. Questions? Please talk with any Education Council Member (Miriam Claassen, Ed Harms, Michelle Hilgenfeld or James Regier).

September 25 5:00-8:00 p.m. Community Hog Roast in the Outback!! Come for food, yard games, fellowship and music! Free will donation for area food banks.

October 2 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-Annual Business Meeting.

October 7 & 8 Lifetouch is scheduled to take our pictures for a new church directory.

Et Cetera

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for the fall semester begins on August 24 and ends on November 16. This program is designed especially for persons 60 and above. A copy of the program schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Palestinian Christian leader, Alex Awad, will visit central Kansas September 2-6, sponsored by WDC. See <http://mennowdc.org/rev-alex-awad-palestinian-speaker-september-2-6-2016/> for a schedule of his presentations.

Courage in Community - Camp Mennoscah's Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, Sept. 4-5, will focus on having courage in and as a community. The retreat will include a hayrack ride, music and worship, swimming, crafts, and free time. All those affected by mental illness, including family, friends, and community members, are welcome to join us for a weekend of relaxing and fellowship. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290.

It's time to register for Women/Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 9-11. Registration forms are available in the foyer, or you can download and print them at this link: <http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/>. To avoid a \$10 late fee, register before August 29!

Work & Play Camp is over a weekend! This service-oriented retreat at Camp Mennoscah is scheduled this year to allow folks who are busy on weekdays to take part in the fun. The retreat runs September 16-20 and all ages are invited to come on out for whatever time you can squeeze into your schedule. (Those under 18 must be with an adult.) We'll be working at nifty-fying the camp grounds and having a great time! Our annual meeting will be on Sept. 18. No cost for this retreat. Donations for meals appreciated.

Renovation Information! Camp Mennoscah Association's Annual Meeting on September 18 will include gobs of information about the kitchen and dining hall renovation, a tasty meal, words from the new executive director and a great opportunity to be at Camp Mennoscah. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Camp folks of all ages are welcome to arrive early and enjoy this beautiful and sacred space on the prairie.

These retreats often fill up! The Fall Scrapbooking Retreats at Camp Mennoscah are Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. The retreats are a wonderful time to work on projects, get some new ideas, and be with some really cool people. Renetta Gooden is our leader for the retreats. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290. It's a lot of paper-cutting fun!