

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Worship – 9:30am

August 27, 2017



## “Popular Stories of the Old Testament”

◆◆◆ Preaching Series ◆◆◆

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

\* “We Sing to You, O God” SJ 1

Gathering (Psalm 8) & Prayer HWB 812

\* “When the Storms of Life are Raging” HWB 558

Offering to God Western District Conference

Offertory

\*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Presentation of Bibles to...

Pearl Graves-Brehm, Rowan Dove, & Hadleigh Harms

Special Music “How Majestic is Your Name”

Scripture Reading Selections from Exodus 6-14

Children’s Story - with Rowan “The Ten Plagues”

Sermon “Let My People Go”

\* “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” HWB 46

\* Benediction

\* The LORD Lift You Up” SJ 73

\*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	Russ Janzen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Flute	Samantha Claassen
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	Lon & Deb Hiebert
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Katherine Claassen & Kris Goossen

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### For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Stephen Wilcox as he is installed today at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, that God will bless his ministry as a new pastor in WDC.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served MMN in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

### Church Events

**Today following the service** we will gather in the fellowship hall to assemble school kits. All are welcome to stay!

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Hospitality Council meets.

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

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

## **2017-18 College Students**

**Bethel College** – Carine Claassen, Rebecca Schrag, Kylee Schunn

**Kansas State University** - Alex Carr, Paul Goossen, Renata Goossen,  
Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen, Noah Schmidt

**Kansas University** – Rachelle Claassen

**Wichita State University** – Carson Dove, Ashley Guhr

## **Announcements**

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

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Janzen and Bethany Regehr

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Allen and Elaine Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lucas Goossen and Lon Hiebert

**Offering Last Sunday:** New Hope Shelter \$1,081.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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## 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).

**The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College** for the fall semester 2017 begins on August 30. This program is designed especially for persons 60 and above. See the brochure on the bulletin board for a complete schedule.

**Camp Mennoscah invites you to come to our Mental Health Spiritual Retreat,** September 3-4. The retreat will have time to relax, sessions on the theme of Branching Out, a hayrack ride, crafts, and great conversations. All affected by mental illness--including family, friends, and advocates--are welcome! Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or contact us at 620-297-3290 to request a paper form. It's going to be a wonderful time!

**It's not too late to register for the womens/girls retreat at Camp Mennoscah** September 8-10! Find the schedule and registration forms in the foyer or online at [mennowdc.org/calendar/](http://mennowdc.org/calendar/). Offering on Sunday morning will go to Mennonite Women USA. We'll be celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Women Friday evening with a drama and hymn sing, lots of fun seminars and activities for girls age 3rd grade on up and women of all ages, swimming and water aerobics, campfire, giant coloring sheets, catered meals, spiritual directors available and Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker on "Together: Rooted and Reaching." Come join us! Those going to Camp Mennoscah for the womens/girls retreat on September 8-10, please note the detour due to a bridge being worked on. Alternative driving directions and a map are on the Camp website at: <http://campmennoscah.org/map/>.

**Leonard Pitts Jr.,** will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books on September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Bethel College's Memorial Hall. This event is in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

**IBA Benefit Dinner** – The annual Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will take place September 15 at 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church in Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow, featuring testimony from IBA students Vicky Velazquez and Jose Suastegui, a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania and some words and greetings from our new director, Marco Guete. Dinner is by donation. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at: [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call 316-281-4342.

**The Mennonite, Inc.** welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our November 2017 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Transition. Submissions are due to [Editor@TheMennonite.org](mailto:Editor@TheMennonite.org) no later than September 8. More details can be found online: <https://themennonite.org/november-transitions/>

**Help displaced people in Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the DR Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at [mcc.org/congo-relief](http://mcc.org/congo-relief) or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

**Here's what's up with the new playground structure at Camp Mennoscah.** We're going with a wooden structure similar to the previous "whale" structure because we think it better fits the Camp Mennoscah ambiance and natural setting. Our artistic architect Aaron is working with a structural engineer and things are moving forward. We do not have a timeline yet, but we will have a whale of a party when we finally have our fishy friend back. (Yes, we do know that a whale is not a fish.)