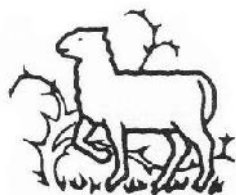

Grace Hill Mennonite Church



August 28, 2016

Worship – 10:00am

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering

* Gathering Song “Here in this place” HWB 6

PROCLAMATION

Children’s Story

* Scripture Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon “Holy Hospitality”

RESPONSE

* Hymns “Guide my feet” HWB 546

“You are salt for the earth” HWB 226

Offering to God Western District Conference

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Sending Song “When peace, like a river” vs. 1, 2 & 4 HWB 336

*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
Guest Preacher	Michelle Armster
Worship Leader	Roberta Harms
Scripture Reader	Lisa Harms
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Music	Praise Team
Greeters	Adrian & Courtney Nethercot
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Kris Goossen & Renata Goossen

Welcome to Michelle Armster. She is Executive Director of MCC Central States. Michelle is a graduate of Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas with a degree in Speech/Theatre Arts and has a Masters of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Prior to her work with MCC Central States she worked as Associate and Co-Pastor of multiple churches, MCC Office on Justice and Peacebuilding Co-Director, and Director of Mennonite Conciliation Services. Armster brings experience and a proven track record of success in mediation/facilitation experience for labor, family, community, victim/offender, conferencing, church, interpersonal and workplace conflict resolution, which will be invaluable in meeting the Executive Director goals and objectives.

For Sharing and Prayer

Congratulations and God’s Blessings to Ray and Elfrieda Schmidt on their 68th wedding anniversary. Thanks be to God for their years together in service to God, their family, the church, and the community.

Congratulations Ray and Elfrieda Schmidt on your 68th wedding anniversary today! - Your loving family

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: Give thanks for Derrick Ramer, who began as pastor at New Creation Fellowship Church (Newton) this month.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Argentina Mennonite Church, a Mennonite Mission Network partner, operates Life School and Little Seeds Preschool in Neuquén. Pray for Andrea Pineda, the new director of the high school, and others who contribute to the school administration, as they seek to improve the financial status of their institutions.

2016-17 College Students

Bethel College – Carine Claassen, Matthew Graber, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Rebecca Schrag, Kylee Schunn

Kansas State University - Alex Carr, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Paul Goossen, Matthew Hiebert, Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen, Paul Janzen

Kansas University – Rachele Claassen

Wichita State University – Ashley Guhr, Sara Harms, Ellen Mosiman

Church Events

Today following the worship service we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to assemble MCC school kits. Everyone is welcome to stay!

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

Announcements

Next Sunday we will return to the worship service beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the Sunday School hour at 10:45 a.m.

Mennonite Central Committee Relief Canning is approaching quickly. There is currently \$2,650 in the MCC Relief Canning fund. If you would like to contribute to strengthen Grace Hill's support of this mission, please do so by September 25. Please make checks out to Grace Hill and write MCC Canning on the memo line.

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: Katherine Claassen and Bethany Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Greeters Next Sunday: Allen and Elaine Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Harvey Co. Homeless Shelter \$1,434.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

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.

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.

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!

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.

Register now for Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages! This practical event will empower Anabaptist pastors, teachers and lay leaders in the church to develop a robust understanding of life with Jesus and expand their imagination of faith formation for the 21st century. The cost for the event, which will be held October 6-8 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Elkhart, Indiana, is \$125/regular, \$50/student until September 14. Keynote speakers will be John Roberto of LifelongFaith Associates; Rachel Miller Jacobs, assistant professor of congregational formation at AMBS; and Brian Quan, pastor of Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church. Sponsors: AMBS, the Anabaptist Faith Formation Network, Mennonite Camping Association, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba and Mennonite Church USA/The Gathering Place. See <http://mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith> for the schedule, plenary speaker topics and 30 workshop offerings.

Reference Council will be held at Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, Texas on October 22 from 9 am-3 pm, with storytelling, theological reflections and table conversations on the theme "Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Urban Context". Lunch will be provided; contributions will be invited to help cover expenses. Interested in carpooling from Kansas? Let us know! Please RSVP to WDC by October 10.

Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality.