

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Worship – 9:30am / Sunday School – 10:45am

September 3, 2017



## “Popular Stories of the Old Testament”

◆◆◆ Preaching Series ◆◆◆

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

\* “*What is This Place*” HWB 1

Gathering & Prayer

\* “*I Love to Tell the Story*” HWB 398

Offering to God Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

\**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20 HWB 807

Children’s Story - with Rowan “*The Ten Commandments*”

Sermon “*God’s Ten Words*”

\* “*Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*” HWB 50

\* 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.
- The Adult Sunday School classes will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!

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### Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Deb Hiebert
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Allen & Elaine Patterson
Ushers	Lucas Goossen & Lon Hiebert
Nursery	Kris Janzen & Amber Janzen

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### For Sharing and Prayer

Ross Litton passed away on August 24, 2017. Services were held at Grace Hill on Thursday, August 31. Please keep Emma Mae and the family in your prayers.

Thank you for the cards, thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness extended to us, during our time of loss of our mother, Dorothy Unruh. Also, a special Thank You to Pastor Weldon for his visit during this time. It was greatly appreciated. Jo Schroeder

Thank you to all who donated supplies and helped bag the school kits last Sunday – 143 school kits were delivered to MCC.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregations in Texas, as they cope with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, and for all who are responding with assistance and support for flood victims.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Janie and Neal Blough of Mennonite Mission Network have committed most of their adult lives to ministry in France. Pray for them as they continue to share the good news of Jesus through lectures, workshops, and in worshiping with their multicultural congregation, a visible witness to the “healing of the nations.”

### Fall Sunday School Classes begin today!

Teachers for the Junior Department:

Pre-School: Kathy Balzer, Penny Hiebert, Tammy Regehr

Kindergarten – 4th grade: Travis Harms

5<sup>th</sup>-8th grade: Deb Regier

High School: James Regier

Adult classes will be meeting in their previous locations.

## Church Events

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

**Thursday at 7:30 p.m.** Missions Council meets.

**Next Sunday:** Baptism of Bethany Regehr and Quinn Dove. During the morning worship service they will share their testimonies. Their baptisms will take place at Camp Mennoscah at 4:00 p.m. An ice cream social will follow the baptism service.

**Next Sunday at noon** A young adult get together is planned for Sunday, Sept. 10 at noon at John and Valerie's home for food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Valerie or John by Sept. 9 at [jvklaassen@gmail.com](mailto:jvklaassen@gmail.com) or text to 316-799-9456.

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

**October 1** Semi-Annual Business Meeting

## Announcements

**The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries** are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kaye Penner and Katherine Claassen

**Greeters Next Sunday:** John and Miriam Claassen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Adrian Nethercot

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$979.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## Et Cetera

**Rachel Waltner Goossen**, professor of history at Washburn University, will speak on "The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness," to introduce the special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," on September 10 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Opening reception for the exhibit is at 4 p.m.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 16, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Camp Mennoscah** invites you and everyone you know to Work & Play Camp from September 29 to October 3! It's a hootin', rootin' good time for folks of all ages. We'll be working on projects and making camp shiny from head to toe. Interspersed with all that fun will be breaks, devotions, and friends to chat with and play games. On Sunday, October 1, we'll break from our routine with worship and the annual meeting. Come for a day or for the full camp. NO COST for this retreat! Please let us know you're coming by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or calling 620-297-3290. This is a fun time!

**Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting** is October 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or calling 620-297-3290. More information coming soon!

**It's time to pull out your pictures and craft supplies!** Camp Mennoscah offers two Scrapbook & Crafts Retreats this fall on Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 15-17. These long weekends are great for taking a break from what you do and spending some time crafting, creating, and cropping. Be as productive as you want or spend some time meandering across the camp ground. Whatever you choose, know that you will have great company! Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290 for a paper registration.

**MCC has heard a call** from many churches and individuals to work at gun violence prevention, in all of its forms. Suicide is among other parts of this work, as 2/3 of all gun deaths in the U.S. are suicide. MCC is anxious to hear from others as we begin to work at this. Please share your voice with us in this survey, about your experiences with and perspectives of gun violence, so that we can understand how best to work with churches and communities on this topic. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDLP5IbrbeDKlisiSSCaq\\_DX\\_vWScnqZETGF-FtSUNOEhSPQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDLP5IbrbeDKlisiSSCaq_DX_vWScnqZETGF-FtSUNOEhSPQ/viewform) Questions? Contact Mike Martin at [mike@rawtools.org](mailto:mike@rawtools.org) and/or Jessica Buller at [jessicabuller@mcc.org](mailto:jessicabuller@mcc.org).

**Responding to aftermath of Hurricane Harvey:** Please pray for WDC's 14 congregations and church plants in Texas, particularly for those most impacted by flooding in the Houston area. Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer is keeping in contact with WDC pastors and with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), as we continue to assess how WDC can best offer support. MDS is accepting financial donations for hurricane response at <https://www.mds.mennonite.net> or mail to Binational Office, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. See also this article from The Mennonite at <https://themennonite.org/daily-news/reports-houston-mennonites-path-tropical-storm-harvey/>.

**In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the "war to end all wars,"** the National World War I museum in Kansas City is hosting a symposium on resistance and conscientious objection leading up to and during WWI. "Remembering Muted Voices" is Oct. 19-22 and explores the whole range of people who objected to and resisted WWI, from religious persons to socialists to suffragists. Registration is \$125, with \$99 early bird registration available through Sept. 8. Co-sponsors for the symposium include Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Historical Society, The Mennonite Quarterly Review, and Rainbow Mennonite Church. For more information, see <https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/remembering-muted-voices>.

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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