



Grace Hill Mennonite Church

September 4, 2016

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

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Gathering

* Gathering Song “Sing Praise to God” HWB 59

PROCLAMATION

Children’s Story

* Scripture Reading Luke 14:25-33

Sermon “Carry the Cross!”

RESPONSE

* Hymns “Who Now Would Follow Christ” HWB 535

Offering to God Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Congregational Announcements, Sharing & Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* Sending Song “Lord, Let Us Now Depart” HWB 428

* 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	Josh Patterson
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Allen & Elaine Patterson
Ushers	Terry Klassen & Dean Patterson
Nursery	Katherine Claassen & Bethany Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

Alma Schmidt’s niece, Darla Koop, passed away on Tuesday, August 30. The family thanks you for your many prayers during this time.

One hundred fifty school kits were delivered to Central States MCC Center on Monday. Many thanks to all who brought items, helped with set up and clean up, sewed bags, assembled the kits, and furnished refreshments. Many school children will benefit from your efforts. Thank you, Michelle Armster, for your prayer of blessing on the kits.
Education Council

Western District Conference: Pray for Alex Awad, Palestinian Christian leader hosted by WDC for a visit to central Kansas this weekend, speaking today at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, and Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the UK Mennonite Trust (previously the London Mennonite Centre) as it provides resources for Anabaptism in the United Kingdom. Pray for chairperson Stuart Murray Williams as he mentors the next generation of Anabaptist leaders.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Missions Council meets at church.

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

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

September 25 5:00-8:00 p.m. Hospitality Council is sponsoring a Community Hog Roast on Sunday, September 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited to an evening of outdoor fellowship with food, yard games and music by the Flannelbacks. A free will donation will be accepted to support area food banks. There will need to be a lot of helpers to make this a successful event. We have sign-up sheets for anyone interested in being a greeter that evening, people to set up tables and chairs, people to take down tables and chairs, help to cut and shred pork before the event, as well as help with the food and serving. Please take a look at the sign-up sheets in the foyer and see where you would like to help out to make this community event fun and successful. Thank you!!! If you have any questions, chat with Pastor Weldon. ☺

September 28 at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Kick-Off & Wiener Roast.

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. Sign up for Pictorial Directory Portrait Session before or after church on September 11 & 18. We do expect all will sign up to have their picture taken. Everyone will receive a free 8x10 picture. And, there is no cost or obligation to buy additional portraits. - Hospitality Council

Announcements

Mennonite Central Committee Relief Canning is approaching quickly. There is currently \$2,670 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.

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 Sara Westerfield

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russ Janzen

Greeters Next Sunday: Russ and Kris Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,113.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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

Preschool, Classroom 5

Teachers: Kathy Balzer, Penny Hiebert, Tammy Regehr

Olive Graves

Seren Harms

Gracie Klassen

Hadynn Lanzrath

Case Westerfield

Landry Westerfield

Adrian Wiebe

Kindergarten – Third Grade, Classroom 4

Teachers: Kris and Renata Goossen

Rowan Dove

Pearl Graves-Brehm

Hadleigh Harms

Fourth – Eighth Grade, Classroom 7

Teacher: Deb Regier

Eva Hilgenfeld

Lily Hilgenfeld

High School and College, Meeting under the balcony

Teacher: James Regier

Young Adult, Meeting in the classroom across from the Library

Teachers: Russ and Kris Janzen

Adult Classes will again
be meeting in their previous locations.

Et Cetera

Please Join Us for Fall Sunday School Classes!

Laughter is Sacred Space is on tour and coming to Buhler during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month on 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.

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/>.

Urgent Need - Come to the MCC Kit Bag Assembly Party on Friday, Sept. 9, 9am-3pm at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th), lunch will be provided. Cutting, ironing and sewing stations will be set up to help meet the need. Call 316-283-2720 to RSVP. Please indicate if you can bring a sewing machine or serger that day. Donations of medium weight cotton fabric at least one yard in length and neutral thread are needed. Please no heavy denim or double knit. Bring your friends and come join in the fun!

Villa Partners invites you to the annual Villa Days celebration at Schowalter Villa on Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10. Highlights of the event include a bake sale, Friday night dinner, homemade ice cream and entertainment at Water's Edge, and breakfast and a live auction Saturday at Dyck Arboretum. Many vintage items, beautiful quilts and gift certificates will be available for bid. For a detailed schedule and more information, visit www.svilla.org or call 620-327-3497.

Retirement Income Seminar - Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy*, at 7 p.m. on the following Mondays: Sept. 12 and Oct. 10. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak about having enough for retirement, making your savings last and coping with the financial markets. There will also be time for your questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Register now for your fall camp adventure - Work & Play Camp! This all-ages, service-oriented retreat at Camp Mennoscah is scheduled over a weekend 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 out for whatever time you can squeeze into your schedule. (Those under 18 must be with an adult.) See the brochure and register online at www.campmennoscah.org! Our annual meeting will be on Sept. 18. No cost for this retreat. Donations for meals appreciated.

Everyone Invited! Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting is September 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall. There will be a couple of videos

from the summer, words from the new executive director, and information about the kitchen/dining hall renovations. The meeting is part of our Work & Play Camp, so make a full day of it! Join us for worship in the morning, lunch, and then enjoy an afternoon of free time before the annual meeting. No cost. Donations accepted for meals and, of course, the kitchen/dining hall renovations. Please register if attending for the full day. Call us at 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org

KIPCOR Film Series opens the 2016-17 year with *On the Bride's Side*, which crosses genres to examine what faces those trying to escape Syria and Lebanon for Europe, September 18 at 3 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; talk-back follows with Jennifer Doran-Pena, executive director, International Rescue Committee, Wichita.

September 24, 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Kauffman Museum hosts, for *one afternoon only*, the traveling exhibit "A Place for All People" that celebrates the grand opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. At 3 p.m., director Annette LeZotte will present a program on how the national museum developed and how it changes the visual landscape of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Volunteers needed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for volunteers for various projects, including the kitchen/dining hall renovations. If interested in volunteering, please send your name, email address, and information about skills you have to office@campmennoscah.org. You will be added to a volunteer database and contacted as needs arise. Thank you for being a volunteer!

AMBS-Kansas Center and Hesston College will join together to offer two events on trauma and resilience during the 2016-17 school year: a short course: "*Communities in Trauma: Responding Biblically, Theologically, and Ethically*", and "*When the Unthinkable Happens*" (Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series). Because of WDC's generous support in the past, a \$100 discount is offered to members of WDC. Register for both events and will receive an additional \$60 discount off the cost of AVDS. See more information at: <https://www.ambs.edu/academics/communities-in-trauma.cfm>.