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## Grace Hill Mennonite Church

September 11, 2016

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

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### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

Gathering HWB 659  
\* Gathering Song “Praise the LORD” HWB 50

### PROCLAMATION

Children’s Story  
\* Scripture Reading Luke 16:19-31  
Sermon “One Tough Word”

### RESPONSE

\* Hymn “Take My Life” (vs. 1-2, 5-6) HWB 389  
Offering to God Local Church  
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.

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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

Preacher	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Rita Patterson
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Russ & Kris Janzen
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & Lon Hiebert
Nursery	Kaye Penner & Sara Westerfield

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### For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for participants and leaders who have gathered this weekend for the WDC Women and Girls' retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Bishop Leonard Dow and Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in Philadelphia will host an African-American leadership gathering on Sept 16-17. Pray for the inspiration of God’s Spirit as African-American Mennonite Association and Mennonite Mission Network collaborate to deepen relationships and respond to God’s call to mission.

## Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Praise Team practice. Praise Team will sing next Sunday, September 18.

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

**Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at Charlies, 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 11:30 a.m.** All Church Meal - The Social Committee is planning a salad luncheon for the meal. Please bring a salad. Bread, dessert and drinks will be furnished by the committee.

**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 **today and next Sunday, September 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

## Et Cetera - # 1

**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](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**Bethel College's Office of Alumni Relations is hosting the Thresher Golf Classic**, Saturday, September 17, at Sand Creek Station in Newton. The deadline to register (yourself or a team) has been extended to Sept. 12. Cost is \$90 per player. Call 316-284-5251 to sign up.

**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](http://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](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org).

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](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.

**M2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity** Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 80 prisoners who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New Volunteer training for M-2 will be on Monday, Sept. 19 at 12:00 p.m. at Hutch Correctional Facility or Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Hesston College, Kropf Center room 160. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at [ben@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org) or (316)281-5244.

**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.

## Et Cetera - # 2

**Western District Conference Reference Council** will be held at Luz del Evangelio in Dallas Texas on October 22 from 9 am-3 pm, with scripture reflections by theologian Lois Barrett, storytelling 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! Hotel suggestions at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016fallReference>. Please RSVP to WDC by October 10.

**MEDA Convention: "Women Changing the World"** Join MEDA for 4 days of inspiration, information and networking in San Antonio, Texas during October 27-30, 2016. Plenary sessions feature topics on entrepreneurship and women in business. Go to [www.medaconvention.org](http://www.medaconvention.org) for full descriptions of the plenary sessions, seminars, tours and on-line registration, or call 1-800-665-7026 for more information.

**Calling all visual artists!** Mennonite Church USA is looking for freelance visual artists to contribute to a paid upcoming project. Email Alyssa Bennett Smith at [alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org) if you're interested or know someone who is!

**September is a good time to renew your daily practice of prayer!** Find recommendations for daily devotional podcasts or emails at [AnabaptistFaithFormation.org](http://AnabaptistFaithFormation.org). The site is sponsored by Central Plains Mennonite Conference, an area conference of Mennonite Church USA.

*Music is the language of our heart, and it brings us together in worship to honor God.* *Hymnal: A Worship Book* was released in 1992; MennoMedia is now developing a new song collection in partnership with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. It will cost approximately \$606,000 to develop this song collection before any sales are made. MennoMedia needs your generous support to ensure this project becomes a reality and that the printed books and digital resources, when available, will be affordably priced. You can give a gift of any amount in support of this project. Brochures with more information and a donation card are available in the foyer or go to [www.MennoMedia.org](http://www.MennoMedia.org), look under Quick Links and Hymnal Project.

## Announcements

**Mennonite Central Committee Relief Canning** is approaching quickly. 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.

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Quinn Dove

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Travis Harms

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$748.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Anabaptist Menn. Biblical Seminary

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

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