

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

September 17, 2017



“Popular Stories of the Old Testament”

◆◆◆ Preaching Series ◆◆◆

Prelude	
Greetings & Announcements	
* “ <i>Be Still</i> ”	SJ 75
Gathering & Prayer	
* “ <i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> ”	SJ 56
Offering to God	Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Offertory	
* <i>Doxology</i> (Psalm 100)	HWB 119
Sharing & Congregational Prayer	
Reception into Membership: Elizabeth Martin	HWB 794
Scripture Reading	Joshua 6
Children’s Story - with Rowan	“ <i>Jericho’s Tumbling Walls</i> ”
Sermon	“ <i>The Difficult Reading of Joshua</i> ”
* “ <i>If the War Goes On</i> ”	SJ 66
* Benediction	
* “ <i>The LORD Lift You Up</i> ”	SJ 73

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- Following 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!

Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Donna Balzer
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Debbie Claassen & Travis Harms
Ushers	Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen
Nursery	Marge Harms & Quinn Dove

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and visits extended to us during our time of loss. It was greatly appreciated.

The family of Ross Litton

Thank you for the cards, visits, and prayers following my recent accident and hospital stay. My family and I appreciate your care and concern.

Willard Wiebe

Thank you to those who drove tractor for the MCC Shuttle at the State Fair. Drivers from Grace Hill were Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Gary Hill, David Janzen, Russ Janzen, Dean Patterson, Rob Schunn and Fred Stuart. Thank you!!

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Resource Commission as they meet this week to discern ministry goals and direction for the coming year.

Mennonite Mission Network: Yesterday, the Argentina Mennonite Church began celebrating their centennial anniversary. Pray that God will be glorified as church members and guests worship and remember God’s faithfulness. Pray also that today’s mission rally in the greater Buenos Aires area will introduce people to Jesus in new ways.

Hurricane Harvey Support - There are two ways through Grace Hill that you may give: 1) Western District Conference: 100% of the contributions to the WDC Harvey Relief fund will be distributed directly to WDC congregations in the Houston area, to assist them as they help members and neighbors in their communities. Or 2) Mennonite Disaster Service. To donate to either organization please write check to Grace Hill and designate which organization on the check and place in the church offering.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Care Council meets.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlie's, Newton.

Next Sunday 5:00-8:00 p.m. Hospitality Council is sponsoring a Community Hog Roast on Sunday, September 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited to an evening of fellowship with food, yard games and bluegrass music by the Regier family. 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.

Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Kick-Off – all church wiener roast in the Outback! Rain or shine. Donation for meal – bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks. Wednesday Family Nights begin on October 4. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as to our Wednesday programming.

October 1 Semi-Annual Business Meeting – A change this year is that the meeting will take place during the Sunday School hour. There will not be a meal.

Et Cetera

Come to Hesston College for A Hesston College Homecoming, September 22 to 24. The weekend is full of events celebrating the college's community and international presence, including a children's festival, Global Tastings meal, and international music concert, Sept. 23. Go to www.hesston.edu/homecoming for a full weekend schedule, event descriptions and registration.

"Fall into a Good Book" with the Conference Resource Library's Fall Story Hour. Join leader Carol Flickinger for stories, rhymes, and fun Thursdays September 28 through November 16 at 10:00am. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/ZpYYWCRbiFdSLgbU2> or by contacting the library at crlib@mennowdc.org or (316)283-6300. Please sign up by September 21.

The MCC Mini Comforter Blitz will take place September 29 & 30 at the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton! MCC is in need of 7000 comforters to meet our partner requests by November. Requests for comforters from areas affected by current natural disasters will make that number climb higher. Check mcc.org/comforter-blitz for more details, or contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.

Camp Mennoscah invites you and everyone you know to Work & Play Camp from September 29 to October 3! It's a blast 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 or calling 620-297-3290.

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 or calling 620-297-3290. The meeting will include a Live Auction Fundraiser with meals for 6-10 people up for bid, hosted by board members and supporters of Camp Mennoscah. Meals include "Mic Drop" Lasagna and Cheesecake, an Old-fashioned Sunday Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at Bluestem, and a German Sausage Tasting. The agenda also includes recognition of Kelly Stucky's 19 years as the Senior High Camp program director, updates on the dining hall and kitchen renovations, and stories from campers about Camp Mennoscah's impact in life and faith.

Scrapbook and Craft Retreats for everyone! Pack up your pictures, punches, stamps and scissors and join us for one of our fall retreats at Camp Mennoscah, Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 15-17. Enjoy the weekend however you'd like - create page after page of scrapbook and crafty artworks or take fall walks by the river. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for a paper registration. Retreats often fill up!

MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief

The Leadership Development office of Mennonite Church USA is seeking applications for an office manager, currently a two-thirds time position. Primary responsibilities of this position includes maintaining the national database (MennoData) and technical support for the "calling system" which assists pastors, congregations and conferences in the pastoral search process. Successful candidates will be detail oriented with strong computer skills and able to work in a confidential environment. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

Nursery Next Sunday: Courtney Nethercot and Lily Hilgenfeld
Greeters Next Sunday: Adrian and Courtney Nethercot
Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,474.00
Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:
Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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