



Grace Hill Mennonite Church

September 25, 2016

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

Rembrandt's *Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem*. 1630. Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.

Prelude		
* Gathering Song	“Here in This Place” (vs. 1 & 2)	HWB 6
Greetings & Announcements		
	Interlude	
Call to Worship		Psalm 91
* Hymn	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	HWB 106
Children’s Story		
Offering to God	Western District Conference	
Offertory		
*Doxology (Psalm 100)		HWB 119
Sharing & Congregational Prayer		
* Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 32:1-15	
Sermon	“Bet on the Future”	
* Hymn of Response	“O God, Our Help”	HWB 328
* Benediction		
* Sending Song	“Lord, Let Us Now Depart”	HWB 428

*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.
- At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.
- The Adult Sunday School classes will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!

Serving in Worship

Preacher	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Doug Claassen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	Roberta Harms & Travis Harms
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Courtney Nethercot & Katrina Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastor peer groups who meet regularly for sharing, counsel, encouragement and prayer together.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Jonathan Brenneman of Mennonite Mission Network as he begins a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment helping implement the Israel-Palestine Partners in Peacemaking resolution adopted by Mennonite Church USA delegates at the Kansas City convention.

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.

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 **today**. Please make checks out to Grace Hill and write MCC Canning on the memo line.

Church Events

This evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Community Hog Roast in the Outback!! 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. Bring lawn chairs, wiener sticks for the S'mores and a friend! The event will happen - rain or shine!

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

Wednesday at 6:15 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 5. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as to our Wednesday programming.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets.
Stewardship Council meets.

Next Sunday 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.

Nest Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Semi-Annual Business Meeting.

October 6, 7 & 8 Lifetouch is scheduled to take our pictures for a new church directory. Thursday, October 6, has been added for another picture day. Please sign up in the foyer to get your picture taken. Everyone will receive a free 8x10 picture. There is no cost or obligation to buy additional portraits.

November 6 Harvest Thanks Sunday

Et Cetera

Fall Story Hour (ages 3-5) begins Thursday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Western District Conference Resource Library. Story Hour will run through Thursday, November 17. Come join Carol Flickinger for stories, activities, and lots of fun. Please let us know if you're planning to attend by contacting us at 316-283-6300 or <https://goo.gl/forms/qo6YEhOux4gZKNsj2>.

Fall Festival at Bethel College, September 29-October 2; for a complete schedule, see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

The Friends of Kidron invites you to the Annual Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Fresh sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee will be served. The meal is by donation and everyone is welcome! Proceeds from the event will benefit the Kidron Bethel Health Care Benevolent Fund.

Bethel College Fall Fest is just around the corner and BCWA Council is jumping in to something new this year! Due to popular demand, we are hosting a Pie By the Slice Booth as part of our fundraising efforts that benefits our beloved college. Our goal is to get 100 delicious pies for this booth, and we are seeking your contributions! Would you be willing to contribute pies for this endeavor? We are asking for 9" pies, in disposable containers, no cream pies, of course. Pies can be brought to the Student Center on Friday evening, September 30th or Saturday morning, October 1st. **There are some other changes** that you might be interested in checking out! Our Market on the Green is moving in to the Luyken Fine Arts Center and will become Market in the Round. If you are not a pie baker and would like to contribute other baked goodies, BCWA will gladly accept donations. Thank you always for your ongoing support of Bethel College!

IBA Benefit Dinner Please join us in supporting IBA – Instituto Biblico Anabautista (Anabaptist Biblical Institute), a vibrant educational movement that has been training Anabaptist Hispanic leaders for over 29 years. A celebration and fundraising dinner will take place October 14 at 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of Newton. Please come and hear how this ministry is building strong Anabaptist Hispanic congregations. Dinner by donation. In addition to a dinner prepared by Chef Carlos Lujano, the evening will include a short program with a testimony by Miguel Alatorre, an IBA student and a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania. If you have questions, contact Violeta Ajquejay at VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

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>.

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, look under Quick Links and Hymnal Project.

The Mennonite magazine welcomes your original submissions of feature articles, poems, original artwork and photos for our November 2016 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the idea "Fidelity of Place." You can read the full details online at <https://themennonite.org/november-call-submissions-fidelity-place/>. Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org by October 3.

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Bethany Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Greeters Next Sunday: Allen and Elaine Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Anabaptist Menn. Biblical Seminary \$1,175.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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