

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

October 1, 2017



Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

* “*Crown Him With Many Crowns*” HWB 116

Gathering & Prayer

* “*Softly and Tenderly*” HWB 491

Offering to God Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Judges 16: 4-6; 17-22; 26-31

Children’s Story – with Rowan

Sermon “*Samson & Delilah*”

* “*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*” SJ 106

Communion

* Benediction

* “*The LORD Lift You Up*” 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.

Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Courtney Nethercot
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Allen & Elaine Patterson
Ushers	Lon Hiebert & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Kathy Balzer & Katherine Claassen

For Sharing and Prayer

A big thank you to everyone at Grace Hill for making the 2nd Annual Hog Roast a success!! Thank you to those who cut up pork, set out tables and chairs, organized yard games, decorated the fellowship hall, ate and donated, worked tirelessly in the kitchen and helped clean up and chase flies afterwards!! Job well done, Grace Hill! We served 216 friends and collected \$1,980.24 for the area food banks.

Thank you from the Hospitality Council

Western District Conference: Give thanks and pray for WDC pastors and chaplains who offer leadership in congregations and other institutions across WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside communities in Ecuador to help *Vida Juvenil* become a thriving, locally organized project. Pray for them as they help mothers, children and youth become grounded in a better quality of life.

Birthday to add to the calendar: Lindsey Regier – September 28

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**. The current balance in the fund is \$3,400. Please make checks out to Grace Hill and write MCC Canning on the memo line.

Church Events

Today during the Sunday School hour Semi-Annual Business Meeting – please plan to attend!

Monday at 7:30 p.m. Missions Council meets.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal and following the meal, Family Night for all ages – everyone is invited!

Menu this week: Taco Plate

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Leadership Council meets.

October 31 (afternoon), November 1 & 2 (all day) Meat Canning at the MCC Center in North Newton.

November 5 Harvest Thanks Sunday

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Bethany Regehr

Greeters Next Sunday: Marianne Eichelberger and Judy Janzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and David Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,123.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

Meal Auction and Annual Meeting! Everyone is invited to Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting on October 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the dining hall. We'll be celebrating Kelly Stucky's 19 years as the Senior High program director and auctioning off meals as a fundraiser. Get ready to bid on an Old-fashioned Sunday Dinner, German Sausage Tasting, "Mic Drop" Lasagna & Cheesecake, or the Bed & Breakfast at Bluestem! RSVP to office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3014. It's going to be a riotously fun time!

Getting ready to retire? Everence® Financial will present informational seminars this fall to help you make informed decisions. *An overview of Medicare* will go over what's covered (and what's not), enrollment deadlines and plans that supplement Medicare. It will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on November 6. *Retirement income strategy* will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. It will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and Dec. 4. All seminars will be at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Brad Roth, Pastor of West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge, has authored a new book *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*. This book is available to be checked out in the Conference Resource Library! A book signing will be on October 7 from 1-3 pm at the Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton.

Menno Simons Lectures with Lutheran scholar Timothy J. Wengert on the overall theme "Remembering 500 Years of Reformation Together"; 1st lecture, "Martin Luther, the 95 Theses and the Mennonites," October 8, 7 p.m.; 2nd lecture, "What Makes Martin Luther a 'Father of the Faith?'," October 9, 11 a.m.; 3rd lecture, "What Can Christians Do When Their Leaders Err?," October 9, 7 p.m.; all in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Fall Festival at Bethel College – October 12-15 with most events Saturday, October 14; see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/.

Bethel College Music and Theater present *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak as the Fall Festival musical – October 13, 7:30 p.m., October 14, 3:30 p.m., October 15, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or a minimum of one hour before showtime in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.

The Bethel College Women's Association is asking for donations of baked goods for the Market in the Round and Pie by the Slice booth at Fall Festival, Saturday, October 14. *Baked goods of any kind* may be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center Friday, Oct. 13, 3 pm-5 pm, or Saturday morning. *Pies* can be dropped off at Schultz Student Center, Seminar Room A near the cafeteria entrance, on Friday, Oct. 13, 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m., or Saturday morning at the Pie by the Slice booth. The request is for 9" pies; no cream pies, please. Please use an aluminum pie tin. If you have questions, contact Cindy Erb, cindy.l.erb@gmail.com. Thank you from BCWA!

Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, in partnership with Western District Conference (MCUSA), MCC Central States and Bethel College is sponsoring the Kansas premier production of "DISCOVERY: A Comic Lament" produced by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks. This is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice, land use, and Indigenous experience and nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. Several scenes in the show have their roots in Kansas locations. The production will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium on Bethel College Campus on November 19 at 7:00 pm. Ticket information will be released soon.

Announcing Great Day of Singing Events - Area congregations are invited to regional hymn sings - The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, working under the name Resonate Team, has invited congregations to hold a "Great Day of Singing" this fall and has scheduled a series of regional hymn sings. In WDC, on Sunday, December 3 at 6:30 pm (*not November 19 as was originally announced*), Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, will host a hymn sing led by project director and general editor Bradley Kauffman.

CHURCH OFFICES

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