



Grace Hill Mennonite Church

October 2, 2016

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

The Entombment of Christ by Carravaggio, 1603

- 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!

Prelude

* Gathering Song "God is Here Among Us" HWB 16

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Interlude

Call to Worship

* Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns" HWB 59

Children's Story

Offering to God Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

* Scripture Reading Matthew 26:26-28

Sermon "The Blood of the Covenant"

Communion

Service of the Bread

Service of the Cup

* Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HWB 259

* Benediction

* Sending Song "Lord, Let Us Now Depart" HWB 428

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Serving in Worship

Preacher	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Levi Goossen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Allen & Elaine Patterson
Ushers	Terry Klassen & Dean Patterson
Nursery	Tammy Regehr & Bethany Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who made the Hog Roast a fun and successful evening! Thank you to the people who helped cut up the meat, the set up committee, game planners, kitchen help and clean up committee, as well as, the ones who attended and gave funds....thank you!!! It definitely took a group effort to bring this evening together. We served 208 people and collected \$1,761.16, which will be given to the Whitewater, Potwin and Newton Food Banks. God is good!

Thank you sincerely, the Hospitality Council

Western District Conference: On this World Communion Sunday, give thanks that WDC is part of the global body of Christ, and pray for our sisters and brothers around the world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network's Jackson, Mississippi, Service Adventure unit in thanking God for a good start to their year living and serving in community. Pray for unit leaders Caleb and Hannah Hochstetler, and participants Susannah Epp, Valerie Haupt, Niklas Kugler, and Jenessa Woodrich.

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. All Church Meal – Everyone is welcome to stay!

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

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

Thursday-Saturday 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. Talk to anyone on the Hospitality Council if you have questions.

October 10 at 1:00 p.m. Ladies - want to help sew a comfort at church on Monday, October 10? At 1 p.m. we will be meeting to sew a comfort top for MCC. Bring cutting mat and cutter. Questions contact Gladys Reimer or Agnes Harder.

Announcements

The wall hanging in the foyer was made for Rita Patterson by her granddaughter Nicole Patterson Menefee, while a student at Emporia State University in 2002. If you have a Christmas wall hanging/quilt you would like to display, contact Kathy Balzer.

We have begun sorting out books in our library which have not been checked out in at least the last ten years. These books will be on tables in the west foyer for you to take for your own library. More will be added each week as we continue this process. After we have completed this, we will take the remainder to either Book Reviews, Et Cetera, or some other place. Also, we have purchased some new books and have also added some new Believers Church Commentaries per request by former and present pastors. We ask that you use the commentaries in church or, if you must, check them out for only one week. We want to make them accessible for any who desire to use them for study. If you have questions or suggestions, please visit with either Pauline Toews or Alma Schmidt.

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: Courtney Nethercot and Lauren Graves
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen
Greeters Next Sunday: Judy Janzen and Marianne Eichelberger

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$870.01
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

Et Cetera

Life Chain Sunday is today from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Main & 9th Street in Newton. The Life Chain is an annual, fun, peaceful, prayerful public witness of thousands of Americans standing in honor of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion.

A Parkinson's Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. North Newton. On Tuesday, October 4, Jim Dunn, retired pastor, will share his reflections on "My Personal Pilgrimage with Parkinson's Disease." The meeting is open to persons with Parkinson's and their caregivers, and others who wish to increase their ability to support someone with Parkinson's

Please be in prayer for a gathering titled "Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages." The event, designed for pastors, teachers and other leaders to re-imagine faith formation ministry, takes place in Elkhart, Indiana, Oct. 6-8. Information is at mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert on Sunday, October 9, at 7 p.m. Musicians scheduled to perform include the following: Ken Rodgers, Organ; Open Road, a male vocal group from Bethel College, North Newton; McPherson Brass Quintet; and Donna Stucky, Piano. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be received. There will also be a time of fellowship after the concert with refreshments being served.

Book of JEBB will be having a free concert at First Mennonite Church in Newton on Sunday, October 9, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come hear bluegrass, gospel and folk music played with taste and skill by Bethany Amstutz Schrag, Ben Regier, Eric Schrag and Tim Regier. An offering will be taken for the church Musical Instrument Fund.

You are invited to attend a presentation and workshop with Aziza Hasan, founder of NewGround, a Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change. Join us at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 South Lorraine, Wichita, for our Peace Weekend presentation on Saturday, October 15. The presentation is at 2:30 p.m. with a faspa at 4:00. RSVP to secretary@lorraineavenue.org.

Fun times! Again, as we so often and always do in the fall, the dam at Camp Mennoscah will be removed on Sunday, October 16, beginning at approx. 2 pm. People are welcome to participate or to watch. Dress appropriately and bring spare clothes if you would like to change after helping or are not sure whether you'd like to be in or out of the river. Whatever the weather, we will proceed unless it is determined to be unsafe. Contact us at 620-297-3290 if you have questions.

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.

Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are a hoot! We've got a place for you at Camp Mennoscah either October 28-30 or Nov. 4-6. Putting those pictures in order is a great way to reminisce about those great vacations and wonderful milestones in life that have happened. Spend some time doing a Make-n-Take or talking with the nifty folks who attend. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for more information!

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. To learn more, or if you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at alezotte@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612. There is more information on "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War" at the "Traveling Exhibits" tab of the museum website, kauffman.bethelks.edu (see kauffman.bethelks.edu/Traveling%20Exhibits/Voices-of-Conscience/index.html).