

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

October 8, 2017



“Favorite Stories of the Old Testament”

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

* “Great is the Lord” HWB 87

Gathering & Prayer

* “Oh, Have You Not Heard” HWB 606

Offering to God Local Church

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Ruth 1

Children’s Story – with Rowan

Sermon “Famine, Death, and Now Refugees”

* “When the Storms of Life are Raging” HWB 558

* 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.
- 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	K. John Klaassen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	Marianne Eichelberger & Judy Janzen
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & David Janzen
Nursery	Tammy Regehr & Bethany Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the generous financial support received by WDC to assist congregations in Houston to reach out to members and neighbors following Hurricane Harvey.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Mennonite Mission Network confesses the complicity many in our church have had in land theft and oppression. Pray for repentance, restitution, and for the many mission workers who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.

Church Events

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

Menu this week: Spaghetti Casserole

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C’s, Newton.

Next Sunday Marisa Smucker with Mennonite Mission Network will be bringing the message next Sunday.

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

November 5 Harvest Thanks Sunday – Byron Pellecer, Western District Conference Associate Conference Minister (Texas-based) will be our speaker.

Announcements

Nursery Next Sunday: Courtney Nethercot and Lauren Graves

Greeters Next Sunday: Russ and Kris Janzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,117.00

Offering Next Sunday: Wheat State Manor

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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Et Cetera

You are invited to Living Water, presented by the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, at Hesston Mennonite Church at 2 p.m., October 8. The program is created in partnership with the Hesston Common Read and will feature the work of Mennonite Central Committee, with an offering collected to support an MCC water project.

Dams away! Camp Mennoscah is removing the dam for its annual winter "vacation" on October 8 at 2pm-ish. Everyone is welcome to come and help, watch, or cheer. We'll meet at the dining hall area, though some may be at the maintenance shed to gather the supplies needed. Call 620-297-3290 with questions.

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.

You and your family are invited to the Annual Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village on October 14. Breakfast will be served by donation from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Kidron Bethel Health Care Benevolent Fund. We hope to see you there! (Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton)

The Bethel College Women's Association is asking for donations of baked goods for Fall Festival, Saturday, October 14. Baked goods of any kind may be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center Friday, Oct. 13, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., or Saturday morning. Pies can be dropped off at Schultz Student Center, Seminar Room A near the cafeteria entrance, 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 use an aluminum pie tin. Questions: contact Cindy Erb, cindy.l.erb@gmail.com.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah! Sign up online, email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to join the fun on November 3-5 or November 17-19. There are people to chat with, make-n-takes, scrapbook tools, devotions and lots of time to finish projects. It's a hugely fun time!

Mark your calendars for the Year of Evangelism kick off event, sponsored by the WDC Resource Commission, January 19-20, 2018 at the Alexanderwohl church in Goessel. We'll gather for this two-day event starting Friday evening for vibrant worship, inspiring teaching from Marvin Lorenzana and Heidi Rolland Unruh, and practical workshops meant to equip your congregation for outreach. On Saturday, congregational leaders will have a chance to brainstorm outreach ideas with a coach so that they can return to their mission fields with a practical plan for sharing the good news. All of this great resourcing is only \$30 per person! (Registration info to follow.) Consider sending a group of leaders from your church or even making this event your annual leadership retreat. Join us as we're equipped to spread God's healing and hope in the world!

Web and Social Media Manager - Mennonite Church USA is seeking a .6 FTE Web and Social Media Manager. 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.

"Thank you so very much for your generous contributions given to us for Hurricane Harvey." This recent message from pastor Simon Tlumang of Chin Emmanuel Church in Houston also expresses WDC's gratitude! As of today, \$16,050 has been received by WDC and distributed to our four congregations in Houston. Pastors report that funds are being used to pay for expenses such as temporary lodging, construction materials, furnishings, rent, utilities, medical expenses, and other needs for families displaced from their homes by flooding or dealing with loss of work income due to the storm. Pastor Alberto Parchment of Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero says, "The needs are not over. We as pastors are working hard, trying to help all whom we can. The whole congregation is very grateful for your kind contribution to their needs." WDC continues to welcome contributions for this purpose. Send checks, designated for Hurricane Relief, to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 or give online at mennowdc.org. All designated contributions will be sent directly to Houston congregations to assist them as they continue to help members and neighbors in the community. Thank you for your generosity!

From Mennonite Central Committee Washington Office: On the night of October 1, at least 59 people were killed and more than 500 wounded at an outdoor music festival in Las Vegas, making it the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Our prayers and thoughts are with all those affected, as we affirm our commitment to work toward common-sense gun policies. Here are links to several resources related to the prevention of gun-violence:

From MCC: <https://washingtonmemo.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/mcc-u-s-gun-violence-prevention-guide.pdf>

From Menno Media: <http://thirdway.com/the-right-to-safety/>

The following is a list of the books added to our library. We hope you will enjoy these books, some of them were recommended by you and others chosen during the church librarian day at Faith and Life Bookstore.

Brown, Roland P. "Healing Hands" Roland & Sophia Brown spent four decades of relief and mission in Taiwan. They were known by many in the Newton/North Newton area.

Dobson, Melanie "Catching the Wind" Time of WWII, two children, ages 13 and 10, in Germany, escape as their parents are taken from their homes. They flee, hiding in the forests, then they separate promising they will find each other again, each carrying a carved wooden figure. After seventy years they do meet again, both in England.

Evans, Richard Paul "The Broken Road" He travels Route 66, mostly walking, meets interesting people, and finally he finds his story. A Must-Read!

Hauck, Rachel. "The Writing Desk" Tensley and Birdie are bound together across time and from a different world by a shared dream.

Karon, Jan "To Be Where You Are" Father Tim Kavanagh in his retirement in Mitford again meets many challenges. He and Cynthia work through different challenges for an interesting retirement.

Kingsbury, Karen "Love Story" John Baxter is asked by his grandson to tell his life's story of love and problems he and his wife shared.

Klassen, Julie "The Inn Keeper of Ivy Hill" With the help of friends, Julie restores life to the Inn in the English village. Book I in a new series.

Skeesuck, Justin, and Patrick Gray. "I'll Push You" Justin and Patrick have been best friends since childhood. Justin becomes very ill and is diagnosed with progressive neuromuscular disease. He shares with his friend that he has always dreamed of traveling the famous Camino de Santiago in Spain. Patrick says he will push him on this journey of 500 miles--two best friends and one wheelchair. Book has some photos of their journey. A challenging book.

Sorrells, Amy K. "How Sweet the Sound" As Comfort struggles to recover from tragedy, her new-found friend comes to her aid.

Sorrells, Amy K. "Then Sings My Soul" Nel meets many problems in her life but finds a solution with the help of many.