



Grace Hill Mennonite Church

October 9, 2016

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

- After the Child Dedication 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 “O Lord, Our Lord” HWB 112

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Interlude

Call to Worship

* Hymn “O Worship the Lord” HWB 124

Dedication of *Abigail Jane* by *Tyler & Sara Westerfield*

Congregational Response (Unison) HWB 791

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” HWB 620

Offering to God Local Church

Offertory

**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Lamentations 1:1-9

Sermon – Part 1 “How Deserted...How Lonely!”

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:21-24

Sermon - Part 2 “Yet I Have Hope”

* Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” HWB 327

* Benediction

* Sending Song “Lord, Let Us Now Depart” HWB 428

Serving in Worship

Preacher	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Kris Goossen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	Judy Janzen & Marianne Eichelberger
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & Russ Janzen
Nursery	Courtney Nethercot & Lauren Graves

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in Dallas, TX, hosting staff and board members from Mennonite Mission Network this weekend.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Pray for North American Mennonites of European descent to confess their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of this continent. Pray also for Mennonite Mission Network personnel who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.

New Address: Orville & Nancy Schmidt
201 SW 12th, Newton, KS 67114

Add birthday to calendar:
Tyler Westerfield, October 30

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Church Events

Monday at 1:00 p.m. The ladies will be meeting at church to sew a comfort top for MCC. Bring cutting mat and cutter. Questions contact Gladys Reimer or Agnes Harder.

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

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

Menu this week: Santa Fe Chicken Soup & Cinnamon Rolls

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

Wednesday Bible Study we will watch GOOD GOD THEATER: CAIN & ABEL – This well-known story from Genesis 4:1-16 is certainly more than rightly rejecting the murder of Abel or calling for self-control. Life seems perpetually skewed from the beginning. Is there gospel beyond punishment and curse?

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Leadership Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café in Whitewater.

November 1- 3 MCC Meat Canning in North Newton – Our shifts will begin Tuesday noon and all day Wednesday & Thursday.

November 6 Harvest Thanks Day

Announcements

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.

Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Lily Hilgenfeld

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Russ and Kris Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$940.00

Offering Next Sunday: Wheat State Manor

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday - Mornings, Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Today at 3:00 p.m. – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with quilt historian Marla Jackson, “From Slavery to a Free State: The Story of Maria Rogers Martin,” Kauffman Museum, Bethel College.

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.

Retirement Income Seminar - Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy*, at 7 p.m. on Oct. 10. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak about having enough for retirement, making your savings last and coping with the financial markets. There will also be time for your questions. The seminar will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

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.

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 fasma at 4:00. RSVP to secretary@lorraineavenue.org.

The Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church annual Mission Supper is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 15 from 5-7 p.m. Benefits support Mobility Worldwide providers of Personal Energy Transportation Carts. Menu is German Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Creamed Peas, Applesauce, Zwieback and Pie. Directions (HMC, 43 13th Ave., Inman): From Hesston ~ 14 miles west, 2.5 miles north. Questions: call 620-585-6733 or visit Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church on Facebook.

Out with the dam! The dam at Camp Mennoscah will be taken out on October 16, Sunday, at approximately 2 p.m. You are welcome to help (wear river-appropriate clothes) or to watch as it pleases you. Feel free to bring a change of clothes with you. We will take out the dam, regardless of the weather, unless deemed unsafe. Contact us at 620-297-3290 with questions.

Everyone is invited to the WDC Reference Council on the theme "Being Church in the Urban Context" on October 22 from 9 am - 3 pm. It will be held at Luz del Evangelio, 1524 Dowdy Ferry Rd, Dallas, TX. Come learn about other congregations and members of WDC and explore how God is at work in our diverse contexts. Speakers include Lois Barrett, Damian Rodriguez, Simon Tlumang, Lee Lever and members of Southern Hills Mennonite Church. Lunch provided. Please RSVP to WDC by October 10, so that we can plan for your attendance.

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 is coming up July 4-8 in Orlando, with the theme "Love is a Verb." One way you can show love: Consider donating to the Convention Scholarship Fund or partnering with a congregation that can't afford to send people on its own. Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter.