

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 11, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

The Spirit and Church in Acts

Gathering Music Ellen Mosiman
Welcome and Announcements Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship

Call to Worship Hymnal 298
Veni Sante Spiritus
Curtis Regehr, soloist

*Psalm of Praise Psalm 103
(Congregational refrain)
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.*

*Prayer
*God in whom we delight,
we give thanks for the fresh light of morning.
As we rested in your care through the shadow of night,
may we dwell in your peace through the hours of this day.
Guide us in our work and worship so that when evening comes,
We may once more give you thanks and praise. Amen*

*Morning has broken Hymnal 648

Confession and Forgiveness
Coming to Prayer
Silent Confession
The Good News of God Jeremiah 31:31-34
New earth, heavens new Hymnal 299

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story Penny Hiebert
Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Scripture
Acts 15: 1-22 Debbie Claassen

Sermon

Keeping Everybody Happy

Will you let me be your servant Hymnal 307

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn Hymnal 418
Move in our midst

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church.

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!

"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."

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for leaders and students in WDC congregations who participate in Instituto Biblico Anabautista, as it equips Hispanic leaders in the Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Beyler of Mennonite Mission Network is attending a different Mennonite congregation in Hokkaido, Japan, each Sunday this month. Pray for her today as she preaches and engages through a music ministry of piano accompaniment and teaching new hymns.

Church Family News

. . . **Galen** and **Roberta Harms** won state fair champions for their Hampshire hogs for both boar and gilt . . . **Joyce Wedel** received the Cheerful Face Happy Award so declared by **Kaye Penner** at last Thursday's Senior Breakfast . . . **Virgil Penner** has an art exhibit at the Carriage Factory Gallery through November 2. Sadly he missed a three foot birdie putt on Wednesday . . .

Announcements

Delegates are needed from Grace Hill for the Western District Conference Assembly at Bethel College, October 30-31. If you are willing to serve as a delegate, please notify Tim Harms. The delegate session is October 31, 8:30-3:00 with a lunch break. Registration is \$65.00. Register online or pick up a form in the foyer.

The Mennonite subscription list is being updated. The church has a group-rate policy and each subscription costs the church \$37.00. If you are not receiving *The Mennonite* and would like to, or if you are currently receiving it and would like to discontinue your subscription, please contact Debbie Claassen by October 18.

Nursery This Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Tammy Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Lily Hilgenfeld

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,249.66

Offering Next Sunday: Wheat State Manor

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

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Director of Youth Ministry: Joshua Janzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

The Sunday school hour today will feature the Organizational Task force presenting a power point description in the sanctuary of the proposal for how to organize our ministries and leadership.

This evening at 7:00 p.m. we will have a delegate listening session for the upcoming Western District Conference Assembly, which will take place October 30-31. Our delegates are Roberta Harms, Valerie Klaassen, Rita Patterson, Diana Schunn, and Pauline Toews. Information about the resolution for the upcoming Assembly is posted online at www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited! We are having meals every Wednesday through November 18.

Menu this week: Santa Fe Chicken Soup & Cinnamon Rolls

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

Wednesday Family Night this week is “show your team” night. Come wearing a team shirt of your favorite team. Deryll Amstutz will continue telling stories from the Gospel of John.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Youth Group meets.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Business Council meets.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Next Sunday Pastor Candidating Sunday – Weldon Martens will be with us. We will have a carry-in meal following the Sunday School hour. See the insert for the complete schedule.

October 25 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting. The Social Council will serve a pizza and salad lunch at 11:30 a.m. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

November 3-5 Mennonite Central Committee meat canning in North Newton.

Et Cetera

The Women’s Ministries of Palmyra Baptist Church (999 NW Butler Road) invites you to join them for the Annual Guest Tea on October 14 at 1:30 p.m. Orin Friesen, from Prairie Rose Chuckwagon of Benton will be the guest speaker. Please join them for this time of worship and fellowship together.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista-IBA BENEFIT dinner will take place Friday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Mennonite Church of Newton fellowship hall. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow featuring a hymn by IBA student Javier Rodriquez, a dance performed by the children of Iglesia Mennonita Casa Betania, and video presentation by Ervin Stutzman. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity for a Sunday School, Small Group or individuals to come and hear how this program is equipping Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency’s Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education Program. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church, 43 13th Ave., rural Inman, scheduled its annual Mission Supper from 5 – 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 17. The proceeds to benefit Saint Francis Community Services – Hutchinson Adoption Unit to provide Christmas gifts for special needs children waiting for adoptive families. For a free will donation, diners served include baked sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, applesauce, rolls and homemade pie.

Do you like food with your meetings? Yes? Then please register by October 16 to receive the meal plan while you are at the WDC Assembly on October 30-31. Go to mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/ and get ready for a great time of discerning, learning and worship.

Looking for a few good (or not so good) scrapbookers! Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbooking Retreats on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8 have space for beginner scrappers, expert scrappers, and all in-betweeners. It's a time for chatting, snacking, and organizing all those memories. You can register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. We'll see you soon!

The Annual Meeting for Mennonite Disaster Service Region III will be held October 30-31, 2015 at The Ark on Table Rock Lake, Conference Center, 1190 State Hwy. East, Eagle Rock, Missouri. You are invited to attend. A registration form is available on the bulletin board.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015 Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast for Young Adults with Weldon Martens
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school with Weldon in sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m. Pot-luck Lunch for Everyone
- 12:45 p.m. Q/A time with Weldon and the congregation

Following the congregational meeting, Weldon will meet with all the various church councils for introductions and to hear the purpose and goals of each council.

Administrative Council

Business Council

Education Council

Social Council

Spiritual Council

Worship Council

This is a candidating event, giving opportunity for all in the congregation to get better acquainted with the candidate, and the candidate to get better acquainted with the congregation; for the candidate to better understand the church structures and to be introduced to the governing board and councils. This is a discerning process and we pray that all will seek God's direction for both the candidate and the congregation. A vote will be taken on Oct. 25 to discern the outcome.

Biographical Sketch for Weldon R. Martens

Weldon grew up in Inman; was baptized in the Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. He graduated from Bethel College, and earned an MDiv degree at AMBS, Elkhart, IN. He took additional CPE training at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, KS.

He was ordained at the Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church in Harper, KS, and has ministerial credentials in Western District Conference.

Weldon has served these churches as pastor:

- **Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church**, Harper, KS 8/84-7/95 (Pastor)
- **Bethesda Mennonite Church**, Henderson, NE 9/95-12/10 (Lead Pastor)
- **Grace Hill Mennonite Church**, Whitewater, KS 2/4/13-5/19/13 (Supply Pastor)
- **Bethel College Mennonite Church**, North Newton, KS 10/13-7/14 (Associate Pastor)
- **Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church**, Harper, KS 8/14-8/15 (Supply Pastor)
- **Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church**, Inman, KS 9/15 -12/15 (Supply Pastor)

Weldon has also traveled and hosted tours following the footsteps of Paul in Greece, Italy, and Rome. His wife, Jenny, is a physician assistant at the VA hospital in Wichita. Grown daughters Laurel and Michaela are located in Boston and Lincoln, NE, respectively. Weldon and Jenny live in North Newton.