

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 18, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Rebecca Schrag

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Worship Leader: Roberta Harms

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,

All: we praise you, O God.

Leader: For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,

All: we praise you, O God.

Leader: For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the world with them,

All: we praise you, O God. Amen.

*Hymn No. 110 *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

Offering and Offertory

Anthem *The 23rd Psalm* by McFerrin

Choir

Children's Story

Valerie Klaassen

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Scripture 1 Samuel 17: 1-11

K. John Klaassen

Introduction of candidate and prayer

Doug Claassen

Sermon *Reading a Favorite Bible Story Again: David & Goliath*

Weldon Martens, Pastoral Candidate

*Hymn of Response No. 638 *God is working his purpose out*

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn No. 102 *To God be the glory*

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Choir

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Wheat State Manor.

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 Richard Gehring, Byron Pellecer and Heidi Regier Kreider as they travel this week to represent WDC at meetings of the Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council, October 19-21 in Archbold, OH.

Mennonite Mission Network: Deb and Wes Bergen of Mennonite Mission Network live at Good News Theological College and Seminary in Ghana. Pray for Wes as he teaches Bible classes, and for Deb as she works with a team to help people in West African countries process trauma.

Church Family News

. . . **Caleb and Berk-Leigh Regehr** have a new baby girl, Shalom Hope, born on October 8. Proud first-time grandparents are **Curt and Tammy Regehr**. Excited first-time aunts are **Bethany, Katrina, Melinda, and Amanda**. Tammy is visiting them in Florida this week. . . **Pauline Balzer** is a patient at Newton Medical Center . . . **Wilma Harms** is back home following physical rehab at Kansas Christian Home . . . **Justina Smith** memorial and committal service was this past Friday at Grace Hill . . . **Allen and Elaine Patterson** won the quilt on display in our foyer in a fund raising raffle for the public library at the Whitewater Fall Fest. The quilt was made by Rose Breitenstein . . .

Announcements

***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 **today**.

Nursery This Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Lily Hilgenfeld

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,788.02

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Church Events

Today during Sunday School Weldon will lead an adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary. He will be teaching on John 4-6.

Today at 11:45 a.m. Carry-in meal – everyone is welcome to stay.

12:45 p.m. Question & Answer time with Weldon

Following Q/A Weldon will meet with the councils

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

Menu this week: Sloppy Joes

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

Wednesday Family Night continues with Bible stories from the gospel of John. This week Randy will tell stories from John chapter 2.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets.

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

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets.

Next Sunday 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.

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

Et Cetera

Concerts by Goshen College's Parables Worship Team Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m. – Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston; October 20, 2:30 & 3:30 p.m. – Kidron Bethel Village Retirement Community, North Newton. These are all open performances and everyone is welcome! For more info on Parables: <https://www.goshen.edu/faith/parables-worship-team/>.

Bethel College Bible Lectures with Tom Yoder Neufeld (Conrad Grebel University College). **October 25, 7:30 p.m.**, "Anabaptists, the Bible and Violence"; **October 26, 11 a.m.**, "Romans 12: Paul's Sermon on the Mount." Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Kidron Bethel Village's Builders' Banquet will be October 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. The banquet is to benefit Kidron's Health Care Benevolent Fund. Meal prepared by Chef Tom Basore and Water's Edge Restaurant. Cost is \$125 per person. For more information, see Kaye Penner or contact Deb Ratzlaff at 316-836-4879 by reservation deadline October 21.

Staley Lectures at Bethel College with Safwat Marzouk (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary). **October 29, 7 p.m.**, "The Nations Marching to the Mount of Zion: A Postcolonial Reading Beyond Imperialism and Universalism"; **October 30, 11 a.m.**, "Thinking Theologically about the Character of the Monsters in the Bible." Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

The Western District Conference Annual Assembly planners invite you to be involved with this year's meeting through intentional prayer. Available in the foyer are copies of "prayer prompts" for each half hour of the Assembly, October 30-31. There is no more important way to support WDC and be involved with the Annual Assembly than through prayer. Pick up a copy of the list, (or find it online at: www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/) and plan to pray for at least one of the items/prayer times listed there.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter is having a volunteer recognition dinner November 6 at 6 p.m. If you have helped this past year with preparing meals and/or staffing for the evening and overnight shifts, please come and have dinner. Reservations are needed so call Donna Balzer to let her know you are coming by October 26.

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.