

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

October 22, 2017



“Favorite Stories of the Old Testament”

Prelude	
Greetings & Announcements	
* “Here in This Place”	HWB 6
Gathering & Prayer	
* “Obey My Voice ”	HWB 163
Offering to God	Western District Conference
Offertory	
* <i>Doxology</i> (Psalm 100)	HWB 119
Sharing & Congregational Prayer	
Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 3
Children’s Story	“The Lord Calls Samuel”
Sermon	“The Fall of Eli and the Call of Samuel”
* “Here I Am LORD”	HWB 395
* 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	Donna Balzer
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Music	Praise Team
Greeters	John & Miriam Claassen
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Debbie Claassen & Deb Regier

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for members of WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee, and staff as they attend Reference Council on October 28 to build relationships and share together in the work of WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, 26 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants begin their five-day retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for safe travels and a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

Church Events

Today following the worship service, the congregation will vote on the amended constitution and the 2018 Leadership Council slate.

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

Menu this week: Sloppy Joes

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

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Stewardship Council meets.

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

Change of date – Harvest Thanks has been changed to November 19. The date was changed due to a scheduling conflict for our speaker, Byron Pellecer, Western District Conference Associate Conference Minister (Texas-based).

The Newton Area Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning will take place October 31 in the afternoon and November 1 & 2 all day at the MCC Center in North Newton. Below is a schedule:

<u>Grind/Can</u>	<u>Label</u>
6:10 am	
8:40 am	9:10 am
11:15 am	11:40 am
1:45 pm	2:15 pm
4:20 pm	4:45 pm
6:55 pm	7:20 pm

Please arrive 15 minutes before the shift. Each shift takes about 1 hour.
Contact Kendall Claassen or Kim Claassen if you have questions.

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 by November 12.

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Lily Hilgenfeld

Greeters Next Sunday: Galen and Roberta Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Wheat State Manor \$1,518.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Disaster Service

Et Cetera

First Mennonite Church, Halstead, will hold their annual hog roast on October 22 from 5-7 pm at the Scout Park Gazebo, at 3rd & Locust Street in Halstead. Bring your lawn chair, and enjoy bluegrass music (Flannelbacks), a pulled pork dinner and the beautiful fall atmosphere. Cost by donation, with proceeds to Harvey County Circles of Hope and WDC Hurricane Harvey Relief in the Houston area. Inclement weather plan: inside at First Mennonite Church, 427 W. 4th St, Halstead.

On October 22 at 7 pm, the West Zion Mennonite Church (101 S Washington Ave, Moundridge) Concert Series continues. Featured performers include Ken Rodgers, Organ; the McPherson Community Brass Choir directed by Jerry Toews; Jonathan Schrag, Baritone Vocalist; Hopeful Blues instrumental quintet; and Donna Stucky, Piano. No admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received during the concert. After the concert, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Lecture by Brad Born on Pat Barker's novel *Regeneration*, October 29 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. This talk is part of the programming around the museum's special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War." Born is professor of English at Bethel College, and the novel is set during World War I.

On November 19, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, in partnership with Western District Conference, MCC Central States, and Bethel College, is sponsoring the Kansas premier production of "**DISCOVERY: A COMIC LAMENT**" produced by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks. This is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice, land use, and Indigenous experience and nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. Several scenes in the show have their roots in Kansas locations. The production will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium on Bethel College Campus. Tickets are \$10, available from the Bethel College Bookstore, 316-283-2500.

The Hesston College Music Department invites alumni and friends to sing with the college choirs for the annual Masterworks Concert, *Light Eternal*, Saturday, December 9, 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* (Light Eternal) is the concert's central work. In memory of lost loved ones, this performance is a reminder of the Light that comforts us during the holiday season. Singers should plan to attend Monday choral rehearsals beginning October 23. For more information and a complete schedule, visit www.hesston.edu/lighteternal or contact director Russell Adrian at 620-327-8143, russell.adrian@hesston.edu.

The 2018 WDC Annual Assembly, scheduled for July 27-28, will be an opportunity to meet together and see the worship and fellowship spaces in several central Kansas locations! On Friday, July 27, the Annual Assembly will be at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton; and on Saturday, July 28, it will be at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Then on Sunday, July 29, all are invited to worship at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel. Save these dates for the next WDC Annual Assembly!

CHURCH OFFICES

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