



Grace Hill Mennonite Church

October 23, 2016

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

Jeremiah by Michelangelo, Sistine Chapel, 1483

Prelude

* Gathering Song “Now Thank We All Our God” HWB 86

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Interlude

Call to Worship HWB 670

* Hymn “O Worship the Lord” HWB 124

Offering to God Western District Conference

Offertory

**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Children’s Story

Reception of New Members – Weldon and Jenny Martens

Congregational Response:

We freely receive you, even as Christ has received us.

We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship, study and service.

We pledge our willingness to receive and give counsel, and to offer and accept forgiveness in the redeemed community.

We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of our spiritual family and in our mission to the world.

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:1-7

Sermon “Seek the Peace of the City”

* Hymn “I Bind My Heart This Tide” HWB 411

* Benediction

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

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- After the Reception of New Members 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!

Serving in Worship

Preacher	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Marianne Eichelberger
Keyboard	Rebecca Schrag
Song Leader	Penny Hiebert
Greeters	John & Miriam Claassen
Ushers	Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn
Nursery	Debbie Claassen & Deb Regier

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, encouragements and visits. A special thank you for the flowers brought by the Mariners SS class. I have spent many hours looking at and enjoying them. Thanks also for the physical help on the farm by a number of people. Your continued prayers for healing and patience will be appreciated. - Galen Harms

Western District Conference: – Give thanks for WDC pastors who participated last week in training for prevention of clergy misconduct, and pray for congregations and leaders to practice healthy relationships in their life and ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Marvin Lorenzana gives leadership to Mennonite Mission Network’s Missional Discipleship Initiative. Pray for Marvin and the 200 participants in 18 congregations who learn to share their faith in ways that can be heard as good news. Pray for others to join this initiative.

Announcements

Matthew Graber's senior recital will be on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bethel College Chapel.

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Greeters Next Sunday: Lon and Deb Hiebert

Offering Last Sunday: Wheat State Manor \$1,490.00

Offering Next Sunday: Care Fund

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

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: Pulled Pork Sandwiches

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

Wednesday Bible Study we will watch GOOD GOD THEATER: “The Tower of Babel”, scripture text is Genesis 11:1-9.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Praise Team will practice.
Stewardship Council will meet.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

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

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

November 6 Harvest Thanks Sunday – details on other side of page.

November 13 Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of MCUSA, will bring the message during the worship service and share during the Sunday school hour.

Harvest Thanks Sunday

November 6 Harvest Thanks Sunday – Ben and Alli Rudeen Kreider will be sharing with us during the worship service presenting “An Honduran Mennonite Chicken and A Tanzanian Choir.” They will also lead a combined adult and junior dept. Sunday School hour.

Ben and Alli Rudeen Kreider are recently married, 2015 Bethel College graduates and spent a year apart serving with Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) Service and Learning Together (SALT) program. Alli used her elementary education knowledge at a preschool in Karansi, Tanzania. Ben, having studied Bible & religion and social work, served with a Honduran Mennonite church organization in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Alli now teaches 3rd grade in Walton and Ben is Director of Prison Ministries at Offender Victim Ministries in Newton.

At 11:30 a.m. The Social Committee will be hosting our Harvest Thanks meal. The Social Committee will be providing meat, potatoes, rolls, and drinks for the meal. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer to bring salad or pie/dessert to add to the meal.

*A Harvest Thanks offering form and envelope are in your mailbox today. You may designate how you wish to give your offerings. On the back of the form is an explanation of each of the areas where you may wish to give as well as some information regarding the distribution of these funds. Please complete the form, and enclose it along with your offering in the envelope and place it in the offering plate on Harvest Thanks Day as your special offering. **If you are contributing funds through Mennonite Foundation or similar sources, please complete the offering form and place it in the offering on Harvest Thanks Day even if funds are not immediately available. Your offering will then be included in the offering summary.***

Et Cetera

Lois Barrett, Pat Cameron and Jerry Truex will lead a “Forum on Christian Faith and the Political Process” October 25, 7:30 p.m., at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland, Wichita. The event is free and open to the public.

The McKinney Sisters (Bluegrass Gospel Music) will be in concert on October 28 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Whitewater Community Church, 703 E. Central. This is a benefit concert for Brian and Tina Entz, Tina is battling chronic late stage neurological Lyme disease. Freewill donations are appreciated. Pie social following the concert. See the poster on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats! There's one week left for a couple of really lucky last minute folks to register for these retreats on October 28-30 and November 4-6. Go online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 to register. We can't wait to see all you scrappers and crafters!

Bethel College's annual Menno Simons Lectures with Perry Bush, professor of history at Bluffton (Ohio) University, on the overall topic “American Mennonites, History and the Common Good.” Please note that *the first lecture will be at 8 p.m. Sun., Oct. 30, different from previously printed calendars.* Second and third lectures, Oct. 31, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. – all lectures in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is seeking your clean hand-me-downs! We accept all kinds of clothing and shoes - even your old t-shirts and your "unmentionables." Don't let embarrassment get in the way of supporting Mennonite Central Committee and our local service organizations! Let us sort what gets recycled, what becomes a rug, and what ends up on our sales floor. The only things we turn away are smoky or moldy items. We keep your treasures from becoming trash, and upcycle your trash into treasures!

Donate now to Haiti Hurricane Disaster! MCC is accepting donations to support our response to the damage that Category 4 Hurricane Matthew has caused in Haiti. MCC is already responding with relief kits, blankets and pure water tablet distributions to women like Dete and Enit, who are displaced. When rushing water of the River Gris, overflowing with rain from Hurricane Matthew, washed away Sarditren Dete's and Antovan Enit's houses and possessions, it destroyed their livelihoods too. Dete said, “Yesterday we lost everything: our chickens, our pig, and our garden. This is how I eat, this is how I feed my children, this is how I keep them safe at night.” Designate your donation: MCC Haiti.

Mennonite Mission Network has launched a search for a director to provide leadership in partnership relationships, collaborative planning, direction and strategies for ministries in Asia and the Middle East. View the complete position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Preferred office location is either Elkhart, IN, or Newton, KS. Please send resumé and cover letter to StaffRecruitment@mennoniteMission.net or call Linda Krueger at (574) 523-3009 for more information about this position.

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.