

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

November 5, 2017



“A Tragic Story of the Old Testament”

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

* “Come, Ye Thankful People” HWB 94

Gathering & Prayer

* “For the Beauty of the Earth” HWB 89

Offering to God Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 11

Sermon “David & Bathsheba: Once and Continually Again”

* “For the Healing of the Nations” HWB 367

* 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	Levi Goossen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Doug & Katherine Claassen
Ushers	Lucas Goossen & Lon Hiebert
Nursery	Lisa Harms & Bethany Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the participation of WDC church members in Mennonite Central Committee relief sales this weekend in Enid, OK, and next weekend in Houston, TX.

Mennonite Mission Network: Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of Mennonite Mission Network visit Mennonite churches and youth groups throughout Colombia. Pray for safe travels, good listening skills, and discernment as they facilitate the national committee’s decision-making process.

Church Events

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

Menu this week: Lasagna

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

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Charlie’s, Newton. This will be the only breakfast in November; next one will be in January.

Harvest Thanks Sunday

November 19 Harvest Thanks Sunday – Byron Pellecer will be our guest speaker.

Byron Pellecer is Western District Conference Associate Conference Minister. He supports congregations and pastors in Texas, and plans for the annual assembly when it is in Texas. He works with the Church Planting Commission to nurture emerging congregations and sister church partnerships, and advocates for intercultural transformation, undoing racism, and Hispanic ministries across WDC. On November 19 he will give the sermon during the worship hour. During the Sunday School hour he will have a PowerPoint presentation showing some church plants followed by a Q&A time.

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

Announcements

Austin Regier, a Social Work and Bible & Religion major at Bethel College, is conducting a survey of adults within Mennonite churches of central Kansas. This project will attempt to look at the connection of race and ethnicity, economic status, education, political stance, and age with religious viewpoints. The data from this survey will be useful to Mennonite organizations such as MCUSA, MCC, MEA as well as Bethel College, church pastors, spiritual leaders, social workers and helping professionals. Austin is asking that all adults attending Grace Hill over the age of 18 take the 10-minute survey. It is available online at <https://goo.gl/forms/WfITGI0j5YwrXfCM2>. Hard copies of the survey are available on the table in the foyer. Online completion is the preferred method. Please complete the survey by December 3. Return hard copies to the secretary's mailbox. If you have questions, please talk to Kim Claassen or John Claassen.

The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Joyce Wedel and Marge Harms

Greeters Next Sunday: Rob and Diana Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Adrian Nethercot

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Disaster Service \$2,501.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:
Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens
Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

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

Et Cetera

Bethel College Sings, featuring the Women's Chorus and the Men's Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, the Concert Choir, and soloists, November 5 at 3 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.

The KIPCOR Film Series presents the Kansas premiere of *Healing Justice*, addressing the school-to-prison pipeline and the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, November 12 at 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College.

The 5th Annual Celebrity Servers Fundraiser to benefit Harvey County Circle of Hope is scheduled for November 13 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Water's Edge Restaurant in Hesston. Guest celebrities will help raise funds by waiting on tables and collecting tips for Circle of Hope. All tips will be donated to Harvey County Circle of Hope. Reservations strongly encouraged! Call 316-284-000 or email info@peaceconnections.org.

Ted Swartz, *Slightly Left of Normal: Theatrical Musings on Life, God and Other Minor Details*, November 17 at 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (Bethel College); ticket purchase required unless registered for the Worship and the Arts Symposium (see www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts).

Worship and the Arts Symposium Hymn Festival worship service, "Singing the Mystery of Faith," November 18 at 7:30 p.m., Bethel College Memorial Hall; offering of non-perishable food and funds taken for Harvest of Love.

Christmas Gathering at Camp Mennoscah! It's time to mark your calendars for the Christmas gathering of all Camp Mennoscah volunteers from any and all years. Write it in bold, black letters and highlight it with fluorescent colors. We'll gather at the Retreat Center on December 16 at 2:30pm-ish for conversation, games (indoor or outdoor), and cookies! Questions? Call us at 620-297-3290 or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org! Bring your families!

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start

now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply!

Missions Council invites you to bring items from the list below for assembling MCC Relief Kits on Wednesday evening, November 15, after the fellowship meal. New items only, in original packaging.

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13-24 oz.; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6-8")
- 1 finger nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 count, thin maxi)

Contents will be placed in a bag, delivered to MCC. Kit will be repacked in a new 5-gallon bucket with lid. NO toothpaste (added later by MCC due to expiration date).