

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

November 6, 2016

Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

Harvest Thanks Sunday

Ben & Alli Rudeen Kreider

Prelude

* Song “When We Walk With the Lord” HWB 544

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Interlude

Call to Worship

* Hymn “For the Fruit of All Creation” HWB 90

Offering to God

Offertory

* *Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Children’s Story

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 84

Sermon

“An Honduran Mennonite Chicken & A Tanzanian Choir”

* Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” HWB 521

* Benediction

* Closing “Praise God From Whom” HWB 118

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

- After the Children’s story children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare.

Serving in Worship

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| Pastor | Weldon Martens |
| Guest Preachers | Ben & Alli Rudeen Kreider |
| Scripture Reader | Russ Janzen |
| Keyboard | Tara Harms-Becker |
| Song Leader | Penny Hiebert |
| Greeters | Allen & Elaine Patterson |
| Ushers | Terry Klassen & Dean Patterson |
| Nursery | Lisa Harms & Bethany Regehr |

On this Harvest Thanks Sunday, we receive a special offering for the work of God's kingdom. It is an opportunity to give a special gift to the ministries supported by the congregation. Rejoice in what God enables you to give for the transforming of lives for God's kingdom. Harvest Thanks offering envelopes are available from an usher.

Welcome to Ben and Alli Rudeen Kreider this morning! They will share with us during the worship service as well as lead a combined adult and junior department Sunday School hour. Ben and Alli 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.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for our leaders and congregations to follow the way of Jesus in love, justice and peace in this election process and beyond.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Stefan Baumgartner, Laura Hassel, Meg Short and two associate house members as they live in community and work alongside their neighbors to share God’s love in San Francisco.

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. The Social Committee will be hosting our Harvest Thanks meal. Everyone is welcome to stay!

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: Lasagna

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

Wednesday Bible Study we will watch GOOD GOD THEATER: “Jacob”, scripture text is Genesis 50.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Praise Team practice. Praise Team will sing on November 20.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's, Newton. Senior breakfasts will resume again in January 2017.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Missions Council meets.

Next Sunday Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of MCUSA, will bring the message during the worship service and share during the Sunday school hour. *Zion Mennonite Church will be joining us for the morning.*

November 20 Michael Unruh, Executive Director of Camp Mennoscah, will preach during the worship service and will also speak during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Weldon will be on vacation.

Announcements

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

On November 27, The Hospitality Council invites you to help put together care packages for our 20 college students. Bring your non-perishable items such as individual size snacks, gum, crackers, cookies, sticky notes, microwave popcorn, wrapped candy, Gatorade, fast food coupons, etc. There will be a table with boxes for each student set up in the foyer Sunday morning, November 27th.

Church Pictorial Directory: If you or your family were unable to participate in the scheduled Lifetouch photography dates, you may submit photographs of your own. The submitted photograph requirements are: 1) high quality 5x7 or smaller photograph, 2) head and shoulder view in full-color, 3) vertical orientation. Please have your photos to a Hospitality Council member by **today**. Thank you!

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 13.

Donate now to Haiti Hurricane Disaster. MCC is accepting donations to support our response to the damage that Hurricane Matthew caused in Haiti. Items are needed for Relief Kits and Hygiene Kits, lists of items are available on the table in the foyer. The North Newton office is almost completely empty of relief kit supplies. They can use all of the supplies on the list and especially towels, bars of laundry soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers, bars of hand soap. They are quite well supplied with sanitary pads and band aids. Also checks to MCC and labelled for Haiti are most welcome. The supplies can be piled in the tubs at the table in the church foyer. We will deliver the supplies to MCC Center after Sunday, November 20. If you have questions, please talk to Ed or Marge Harms.

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.

Et Cetera

Today - Bethel College Sings, featuring Women's Chorus, Men's Ensemble, Woven, Open Road and Concert Choir, November 6 at 3 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.

You are invited to join First Mennonite Church's Choir (Newton) in singing Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m. Rehearsals: Sundays, November 20 - December 11, 2-3:30 pm and Wednesdays, November 2-December 14, 7:15-8 pm. Bring your own book or purchase one for \$10 at the first rehearsal. Contact: Kay Schroeder, 316-283-0273, kays@firstmennonitewton.org.

Did you know? The Western District Resource Library subscribes to more than 10 magazines/journals that are available to you for checkout? This includes the children's bilingual magazine *High Five* (from *Highlights*), *Children's Ministry, Group, Sojourners, Christianity Today, Christian Century*, and of course Mennonite periodicals like *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review*. Come in and read (or checkout an issue today).

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen
Greeters Next Sunday: Rob and Diana Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Care Fund \$1,371.82
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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