

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

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

November 12, 2017



“A Fish Story of the Old Testament”

Prelude	
Greetings & Announcements	
* “My Soul is Filled With Joy”	SJ 13
Gathering & Prayer	Jonah 1
* “Here by the Water”	
Offering to God	Local Church
Offertory	
* <i>Doxology</i> (Psalm 100)	HWB 119
Sharing & Congregational Prayer	Jonah 2
Children’s Story	
Scripture Reading	Jonah 3-4
Sermon	“God, Jonah, and the Great Fish”
* “Who is So Great a God”	HWB 62
* 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	John Claassen
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Music	Praise Team
Greeters	Rob & Diana Schunn
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & Adrian Nethercot
Nursery	Joyce Wedel & Marge Harms

For Sharing and Prayer

To our church family: We would like to thank you for your acts of kindness, words of encouragement, notes of get well wishes and visits. All of these acts of kindness were appreciated. We especially thank you for your prayers and would like you to continue remembering us.

Edgar and Agnes Harder

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet next week, and in their support of church planters and emerging congregations in WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: For the past months, Connie and Dennis Byler have been visiting congregations in the United States. Pray for them as they return to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mennonite Mission Network and as they continue to share the gospel in "retirement" in Spain.

Church Events

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal. Following the meal, we will assemble MCC Relief Kits. See the insert for the list of items needed.

Menu this week: BBQ Meatballs

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

This is the last Wednesday Meal/Bible Study for the fall.

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Worship Council meets.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Harvest Thanks Sunday

Next Sunday 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 were placed in your mailbox or extras are in the foyer. 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

On November 26, the Hospitality Council invites you to help put together care packages for our 12 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 26.

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 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 Next Sunday: Jane Washburn and Quinn Dove
Greeters Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Travis Harms
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,194.00
Offering Next Sunday: Harvest Thanks

CHURCH OFFICES

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens
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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen
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Et Cetera

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.

Seminar to help people prepare for long-term care costs - Many families face the high cost of long-term care at some point, and most of the costs are not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. Everence[®] is presenting a seminar, *Current strategies for long-term care*, at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Court, Newton. Information will focus on handling costs of long-term care without wiping out your life savings. Coffee and desserts will be served. Please RSVP to Sandy Popp at (620) 662-7900 or sandy.popp@everence.com.

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.

On November 19 at 7 pm, 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. The production will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium on Bethel College Campus. Tickets are \$10, available from the Bethel College Bookstore, 316-283-2500.

We need your help! Camp Mennoscah is seeking volunteers to help prepare the kitchen for renovations beginning **Saturday, December 2**, and continuing Monday-Saturday **December 4-9** until the kitchen is completely gutted. Both women and men are welcome to come out and help, and we will have a variety of tasks to complete. All work will be inside, so don't worry about cold temperatures! If you wish to volunteer multiple days, that's great! We can arrange lodging and meals for you. Carpooling to camp may be available on some or all of the days. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdwyder@cox.net, or Camp Mennoscah at (620)297-3290, office@campmennoscah.org. Bring a friend, or bring multiple friends! Thank you for considering this opportunity!

The WDC Israel Palestine Task Force is encouraging members across the Western District to show solidarity and support for one of our members, Esther Koontz, who has been denied employment by the State of Kansas because of her Anabaptist convictions. Find out more and support Esther at <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/support-esther-koontz/>.

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).