



The Apostle Paul – Veria, Greece

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

November 13, 2016

Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

Welcome to...

Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of MC-USA

&

Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, KS.

Prelude

* Gathering Song “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” HWB 46

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Interlude

Call to Worship HWB 670

* Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HWB 71

Offering to God Offender Victim Ministries, Zion Mennonite Church USA, Grace Hill

Offertory

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Children’s Story

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

“In This Very Room” words/music by Ron & Carol Harris

Sermon “Celebrating God’s Abundance”

Prayer of Blessing

* Hymn “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” HWB 98

* Benediction

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

*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.
- 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

Pastor, Grace Hill Mennonite Church	Weldon Martens
Guest Preacher, Executive Director MC-USA	Ervin Stutzman
Guest Pastor, Zion Mennonite Church	Rosie Epp Reimer
Choir Director, Zion Mennonite Church	Nick Preheim
Guest Choir	Zion Mennonite Church
Choir Accompanist, Zion Mennonite Church	Karen Andres
Scripture Reader	Donna Balzer
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Rob & Diana Schunn
Ushers	Doug Hiebert & Russell Janzen
Nursery	Joyce Wedel & Quinn Dove

Today’s offering will be taken jointly. The treasurers from Grace Hill and Zion will separate donations to the donor’s local church. Cash given will be divided 50/50 to each congregation.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the Executive Board and staff to look and listen for God’s vision as they meet in retreat this Saturday.

Mennonite Mission Network: Colombia is negotiating a complicated peace process, both on the official level and among people who have a long history of division and violence. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for wisdom and courage for Colombia Mennonite Church members as they model the way of peace.

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: BBQ Meatballs

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

This is our final meal for the fall session.

Wednesday Bible Study Bible story from Good God Theater DVD.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice – The choir will practice on November 16 and 30 and will sing on December 4. Please come sing and fill the choir loft!

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets.

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

Next Sunday 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 this afternoon 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.

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**.

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.

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Jane Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Greeters Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Travis Harms

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Annette LeZotte, Kauffman Museum director, "Passage to New York: The 'Meet Me at MOMA' Alzheimer's Project," this afternoon at 3 p.m. at the museum.

Retirement Income Seminar Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy*, at 7 p.m. on the following Mondays: Nov.14 and Dec. 12. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak about having enough for retirement, making your savings last and coping with the financial markets. There will also be time for your questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, will have a fundraiser brunch on November 15 from 8 am - 1 pm at the First Mennonite Church (Newton) fellowship hall. The menu: biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, potato soup, cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee and juice.

The staff of The Mennonite, Inc. magazine and website invite you to a meet and greet event on Friday November 18. Come join staff members Hannah Heinzekehr, Executive Director, and Gordon Houser, Editor of *The Mennonite* magazine, for a come and go event on Friday Nov. 18 from 2-4 p.m. Gordon and Hannah want to thank readers in the area for their support of *The Mennonite* and chat about what's in store for the future of *The Mennonite*. Light refreshments, coffee and tea will be available in the upstairs community area in the Mennonite Church USA offices, 718 N Main St, Newton. You're welcome to stop any time during those hours to say hello. Feel free to bring along fellow readers and/or others who may just be interested in learning more about *The Mennonite*.

Kitchen renovations are moving along! Check out the pictures on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page to see all the activity going on. The Facebook page can be accessed from the Camp Mennoscah webpage at www.campmennoscah.org if you do not have a personal Facebook account.

Shine: Living in God's Light, the Sunday school curriculum produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is accepting applications for curriculum writers. The curriculum is for children age three through grade 8. Accepted writers must attend a Writers Conference in Virginia, March 2-5, 2017. Shine pays for meals and lodging during the conference and covers reasonable travel expenses. More details are available at www.ShineCurriculum.com/writers. Application and sample session deadline is December 1, 2016.

