
Grace Hill Mennonite Church

November 20, 2016

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

Prelude

* Gathering Song *I will call upon the Lord* STJ 19

Greetings & Announcements

Call to Worship STJ 177

* Song *God of the Bible* vs. 1, 2 & 5 STJ 27

Offering to God Local Church

Reading STJ 148

Offertory

**Doxology* (Psalm 100) HWB 119

Special Music *Here by the Water
Waterfall*

Children's Story

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

HWB 348 *O Lord, hear my prayer* - before and after spoken prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 103

Congregational Response *Alleluia* HWB 101

Sermon *The Three F's*

* Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* vs. 1,3,4 & 5 HWB 145

* Responsive Reading

Leader: From where we are to where you need us,

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what
you will reveal,

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape
of your kingdom,

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love
God,

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

Music *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

* Benediction

*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	Weldon Martens
Guest Speaker	Michael Unruh
Worship Leader	Valerie Klaassen
Scripture Reader	Courtney Nethercot
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Music	Praise Team
Greeters	Debbie Claassen & Travis Harms
Ushers	Mike Balzer & Kendall Claassen
Nursery	Katherine Claassen & Jane Washburn

Welcome to Michael Unruh! Michael Unruh is the Executive Director at Camp Mennoscah, beginning this role on September 6. He and his wife, Lina, live in Wichita and attend Tabor Mennonite Church. Michael also continues to take classes at AMBS, working toward his Master of Divinity degree, which he *hopes* to finish in the next five years. Before returning to Camp Mennoscah as Executive Director, he served there on summer staff, as a Mennonite Voluntary Service volunteer, and as a junior high program director.

Michael will also be sharing with us during the Sunday School hour.

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Weldon is on vacation through November 24. If there are care needs, please contact a member of the Care Council: Kaye Penner, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt or Doug Claassen.

Thank you for all of the cares and concerns shown me when I was in the hospital. Pastor Weldon's, as well as all your, visits were greatly appreciated.
Mary Ann Wiebe

Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for faithfulness through all seasons of our lives.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home in Ivory Coast for child soldiers and other children who don't have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives. Pray for mentors to train life skills through mechanical trades and other apprenticeships.

Church Events

Beginning Wednesday, November 30 and continuing every Wednesday in December at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Program practice for preschool through high school age. Please talk to Josh Patterson or Courtney Nethercot if you have questions.

Announcements

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.

On November 27, The Hospitality Council invites you to help put together care packages for our 22 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.

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Greeters Next Sunday: Adrian and Courtney Nethercot

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,886.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Weldon Martens

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Et Cetera

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.

Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church; scores provided.

Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles 1&2, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

The Bethel College Women's Association Council needs your help in providing Christmas cookies, peppernuts, cinnamon rolls, candy, and other Christmas baked goods to sell at the 5 Places of Christmas, December 3. This year, we will be joining with the Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts. Please bring your goodies to the Kauffman Museum on Friday, December 2 during museum hours or Saturday morning 8-10.

Summer Youth Camp Volunteer Christmas! Everyone who has ever been involved in a summer youth camp (program director, cook, nurse, counselor, summer staffer, etc.) is invited to bring their family to Camp Mennoscah on Dec. 17 at 2:30pm-ish. We will provide cookies and drinks in the dining hall. Bring a white elephant gift (if you choose) and your favorite tasty treat to share (if you choose). We'll see you there!

Now on display in the Resource Library: Worship resources for Advent and Christmas, Advent devotionals for families and adults, Christmas fiction for children and adults, and more. Stop by today and start preparing your heart and mind for the Advent/Christmas season!

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 is coming up July 4-8 in Orlando, with the theme "Love is a Verb". A new flier provides more details on speakers and other events. Also consider donating to the Convention Scholarship Fund or partnering with a congregation that can't afford to send people on its own, and think about ways you can show love to your family, friends and community. Learn more at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is seeking new volunteers! We have a fabulous crew at work every day, but need a little extra help. If you (or your Sunday school class or your small group) have a Saturday a month to help at the store, please let us know! If you have a Monday morning to spare, you're welcome to join our volunteer rug crew working at Kidron-Bethel Village in North Newton. Our next "New Volunteer Orientation" is Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-7:30 at the store. Please call if you'd like to sign up: 316-283-9461. Thank you for 40 years of support for the Newton Et Cetera Shop and its mission!