The Spirit and Church in Acts

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship
Come, Holy Spirit
With rushing wind that sweeps away the chaff in our lives;
With tongues of fire that sets our hearts burning.
Come, Holy Spirit
With words that unite us;
With love that leaps over the walls between us
Come, Holy Spirit.
With power from above,
using our weakness to form strength;
Giving power and reason to take the next step of faith.
Come, Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Come gracious Spirit
Confession and Forgiveness
Acts 2:36-40
Silent confession
Prayer
O breathe on me, O breath of God
Sing the Journey 46

Offering and Offertory

Children’s Story
Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care
Scripture
Acts 1:1-14
Sermon
What a Difference a Day Makes
*New earth, heavens new

How did it happen? A group of 120 believers hiding out in the upper room became an international movement of faith within a generation. The next worship series, “The Spirit and Church in Acts” reflects on this relationship and some key moments in the growth of the church and the gospel. Next Sunday’s scripture will be Acts 2:42-47.
For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to all who donated items, helped assemble, Michelle for refreshments, Pastor Randy for leading the dedication of the kits, Elaine for her display on the communion table, Ed for set-up, the ladies who sewed the bags, and for those who made the work lighter by carrying all the kits to the van. The grand total was 175 school kits. We pray that 175 children will be blessed as they receive these kits.

Education Council

Thank you for your recent gift to MCC! Your support is very valuable to us. Without people like you, MCC could not work with our partners in places like the DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo), where we are providing seeds, gardening tools and rented land to displaced Congolese families living in camps. This way, they can grow their own food in a dignified way. Thank you for making a difference in the DRC and all over the world!

MCC Central States

Western District Conference: Give thanks for June Thomsen, chair, and other members of the Annual Assembly Planning Committee. Pray for God's guidance for them as they prepare for WDC's gathering October 30-31 at Bethel College.

Mennonite Mission Network: Amanda and Gamaliel Falla of Mennonite Mission Network serve as mentors to Mennonite pastors in Colombia. Pray for the Fallas as they encourage Colombian pastors to make their relationship with God top priority. Ask God to provide the resources for their families’ needs.
**Church Events**

Today at 5:00 p.m.  Wheat State Manor Vesper Service will be led by Randy with Mary Ann Wiebe accompanying.  Everyone is welcome to attend.  Also this week at Wheat State:  Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  Structure Task Force meets.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  Adult Choir will begin practice this Wednesday with Matthew Graber as choir director.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  Business Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m.  Senior Breakfast at Mom’s Café in Whitewater.

Thursday at 3:00 p.m.  Kidron-Bethel Coffee, hosted by Spiritual Council.

Friday – Sunday  Women & Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoncah.  For information see the fliers in the foyer or go to http://campmennoncah.org/camp-retreats/.

Next Sunday  There will be an all-church meal on Sunday, September 13 in the "outback" (north outdoor shelter), following the Sunday School hour.  Please bring either a salad or dessert.  The Social Council will provide ham sandwiches, chips, drinks and table service.  Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship!

Monday, September 14 at 11:30 a.m.  Hands of Friendship -The first meeting of Hands of Friendship for the fall will be a Salad Luncheon held at church on Monday, September 14 at 11:30 a.m.  Bring any salad ingredient to be tossed with lettuce.  Dessert will be furnished.  Devotions will be lead by Marge Harms from the new devotional book Spark Igniting your God-Given Creativity by April Yamasaki.  This devotional book is sponsored by Mennonite Women USA.

October 25  Semi-Annual Church Business Meeting

**Announcements**

Lynn Graham has been hired as the Grace Hill custodian.  She began on August 22.  Lynn lives in Whitewater and is also currently a custodian at Remington Middle School.

Cupcake Sunday will be September 20.  All those who bring food for the food pantry or donate money for the pantry on Sunday, September 20 will receive a coupon to exchange for a cupcake between Church service and Sunday School.  The food will go to the Whitewater and Potwin Food Pantries.  Thanks for your participation.

Delegates are needed from Grace Hill for the Western District Conference Assembly at Bethel College, October 30-31.  If you are willing to serve as a delegate, please notify Tim Harms.  The delegate session is October 31, 8:30-3:00 with a lunch break.  Registration is $65.00.  Register online or pick up a form in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday:  Kaye Penner and Sara Westerfield
Nursery Next Sunday:  Deb Regier and Katrina Regehr
Ushers Next Sunday:  Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday:  Peace Connections $1,222.00
Offering Next Sunday:  Local Church

**CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor’s Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Transition Pastor:  Randy Smith
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Church Secretary:  Debbie Claassen
Secretary’s E-mail:  secretary@gracehillmc.org
Join us at West Zion for a discipleship workshop with Marvin Lorenzana of Mennonite Mission Network on Sept. 12, 9:00-noon. Marvin will focus on how we grow as disciples of Jesus in the context of Missional Discipleship Groups, a form of small group. Lunch will be provided. Please register online at: http://goo.gl/forms/rcF3DMOedv (or on the West Zion church website). West Zion Mennonite is located at 101 S. Washington, Moundridge, 620-345-8143.


KIPCOR Film Series 2015-16 begins with Slavery by Another Name, September 13 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. This PBS documentary deals with the reenslavement of black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Talk-back session with Dr. Galyn Vesey to follow.

Work & Play Starts with a Whizz-Bang! Camp Mennoscah’s Annual Meeting on September 20 will start our Work & Play camp! The whizz-banging will start at 3:30 p.m. with disc golf (new baskets & course!), bath house tours, and scavenger hunt with a simple business meeting and meal following. All the lucky Work & Play folks will stick around a few more days (until Sept. 23) for some work projects, coffee breaks, and fellowship. Be one of the fortunate fun-sters! Register for the camp online or by calling 620-297-3290 (no fees, suggested meal donation). Everyone of all ages invited to the Annual Meeting and to Work & Play Camp!

It's Scrapbooking Season! Camp Mennoscah is looking at another full fall season of cropping, chatting, and creating with Scrapbooking Retreats on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8. We're tapping toes and dancing in our seats waiting for you to sign up (online at www.campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure)! Grab a box of pictures from your closet (or laptop) and a scrapbooking friend - we've got room for both the fun-seeking and the productive!

Information about the WDC Annual Assembly on October 30-31 has been sent to the congregation by email. Start thinking now about how you would like to be involved - as a delegate, attender, volunteer, or host home. There's a place for every Western District congregation and every Western District person at the Annual Assembly! Information is available in the foyer.