



**Grace Hill
Mennonite Church**

Worship – 9:30 am
Sunday School – 10:45am
November 7, 2021

Harvest Thanks 2021

Prelude	
Greetings	
Gathering - Psalm 100	HWB 821
* <i>“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”</i>	HWB 94
* Gathering Prayer	
* <i>“Now Thank We All Our God”</i>	HWB 86
Harvest Thanks Prayer <i>“We give you thanks, O God”</i>	HWB 721
Harvest Thanks Offering	
Offertory	
* <i>Doxology</i> (Psalm 100)	HWB 118
Sharing, Announcements & Prayer	
*Gospel Reading	John 10: 1-10
Sermon <i>“Abundant Life”</i>	Sara Dick
* <i>“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”</i> vs. 1, 2 & 5	HWB 110
* Benediction	
* <i>“You Shall Go Out With Joy”</i>	HWB 427
Postlude	

* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

*Pastor: Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader: Levi Goossen
Keyboard: Ellen Mosiman Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder*

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 on the table in the foyer.

Welcome to Sara Dick! Sara is currently manager of the Newton Et Cetera Shop and previously pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church.

Adults will return to the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour for more from Sara Dick. Children’s Sunday School will be held as usual.

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

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC Pastors’ Day Apart on November 13, that the Holy Spirit would guide participants and presenter Sara Wenger Shenk in exploring the theme, *Tongue-Tied: Is Talking About Faith a Lost Art?*

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Sue and Wally Fahrner's ministries of music, church-planting, pastoring and counseling in the United Kingdom, which spanned nearly four decades. Pray for them as they continue to serve God in their retirement in Liverpool, England.

Church Events

Wednesday at 6:10 p.m. Wednesday evening fellowship meal. Pastor Weldon will provide input from 7-7:30 p.m. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. This is our last meal for the fall.

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale meeting at Grace Hill.

November 16 & 17 Mennonite Central Committee works to meet hunger, sanitation and education needs around the world. One of the ways local people can help is at our yearly meat canning event. This year it will be November 16 and 17 for Newton area churches at the MCC building in North Newton. Please use the following link to sign up to help.

<https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2021>

Offerings received October 1-31, 2021

Local Church	20,668.68
MCC Relief Canning	150.00
MCUSA	680.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	1,170.00
WDC	1,160.00
Wheat State Manor	<u>1,330.00</u>
	\$ 25,158.68

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Church Offices

Pastor's Office Hours:
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

Bethel College's Organ Recital Series returns in-person with Shirley Sprunger King, D.M.A., November 9 at 7 p.m., in the Ad Building chapel. Chapel seating will be limited, and there will be a livestream option on the big screen in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer at Newton EtCetera Shop, we're holding a new volunteer orientation on Thurs. 11/11/21 6-7 PM. Join us to learn more about volunteering at our shop! Newton Et Cetera Shop is a nonprofit thrift shop at 619 N. Main in Newton, Kan., supporting Mennonite Central Committee and local partners. The Shop aims to share God's love with all creation - inside our thrift shop, in the local community, and around the world.

You are invited to the Mennonite Disaster Service Region 3 Annual Meeting November 12 & 13 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. Meeting in a hybrid fashion (local and virtual) Local - masks and social distancing. Virtual - zoom meeting at <https://tinyurl.com/2e4v6ups> Theme: MDS-Deep Roots-New Growth, A house is not always the answer. Throughout the weekend you will have opportunities to meet/greet some of the MDS binational staff and learn about MDS activities. Online registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/2xa9bys9>. There are no registration fees.

First Mennonite Church of Halstead, is hosting a drive-thru Mission Supper on November 13, from 5-7pm outside their church building at 427 W 4th in Halstead. Donations from this meal benefit the Neighbors Store and missionaries: Dave and Rebekka Stutzman of Germany and Rachel Givens of France. The menu includes smoked sausage, chicken borscht, zwieback, green beans and a cookie. Be sure to join us!

KIPCOR Film Series: *A Home Called Nebraska*, November 14 at 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Emily Haverkamp, an immigration and asylum lawyer from Wichita, will lead the discussion following the screening.

Western District Conference invites you to visit their website at <https://mennowdc.org/> to read the latest news, stories and announcements.

Camp Mennoscah is seeking a full-time Director of Development, Marketing & Communications to lead ongoing operational and advancement needs. Camp Mennoscah also has openings for a part-time custodial/housekeeping position (10 hours) and a part-time office/administrative position (30 hours with benefits). Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for more information.

Camp Mennoscah is grateful for you! We continue to get calls from volunteers and receive gifts of items off the Wish List. These items and projects help with the faith formation that happens at Camp Mennoscah. The list has more wishes and there are more projects to do. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to [Get Involved!](#) and support camp's ministry. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer. See the [Wish List](#) for other ways to support Camp Mennoscah!

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, December 4, at Goerz House on Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, craft items, and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 3, from 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday, December 4 from 7:00-9:00am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

Life Enrichment at Bethel College has been canceled for spring 2022, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board welcomed seven new board members during their first meeting of the biennium. At this meeting, the Executive Board received training and focused on agency relationships and processing resolutions. Read the news release here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/7-new-members>.

The Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council met in October to discuss its role in preparing churches for the special delegate assembly, which will take place May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri. Read the news release here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-meeting-oct21>.