



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 5, 2024

Grace Hill Mennonite Church Worship Service

Prelude	
Greetings & Announcements	
Gathering: I John 4:18-21	HWB 859
* <i>"Heart With Loving Heart United"</i>	HWB 420
Offerings & Prayer	MC-USA
Offertory	
<i>"Doxology"</i>	HWB 119
Sharing & Prayer + Lord's Prayer	
<i>"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"</i> - HWB 356	
Children's Story	Courtney Nethercot
<i>"My Jesus, I Love Thee"</i>	HWB 522
* Scripture Reading	John 15:9-17
Sermon	<i>"Love One Another"</i>
* Hymn	<i>"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"</i> SJ 43
* Benediction	
* <i>"You Shall Go Out with Joy"</i> (2x)	HWB 427
Postlude	

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: *Weldon Martens* Scripture Reader: *Camille Claassen*
Piano: *Ellen Youngman* Song Leader: *Penny Hiebert*
Usher: *Kendall Claassen*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for youth ministers, sponsors and mentors in WDC congregations, and pray for them as they accompany young people in the journey of faith.

Mennonite Mission Network: Robin Gingerich, of Mennonite Mission Network, has served as an administrator and teacher at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. She requests prayer for wisdom, patience and kindness among faculty, staff and students, as they complete the school year. Pray also for an end to the war in neighboring Ukraine.

Church Events/Announcements

June 2-6 *Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus*, Vacation Bible School at Zion. See Deb Regier if you have questions.

Offerings for April 1-30, 2024

Bethel College	990.00
Local Church	7,020.00
MCC	50.00
MCUSA	1,820.00
MVS	100.00
Mission Partner Fund	100.00
OVM	100.00
Peace Connections	100.00
WDC	<u>1,510.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,790.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

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Et Cetera

Come join us for "A Century of Mennonite Quilts" at the Wellness Center at Pine Village by Moundridge on Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 for a display of 110 years of Mennonite art expressed through fabric. We will have quilts representing all the decades from the 1920's to the 2020's, and most of the reasons, methods, and sources of materials. This is one of the events celebrating 150 years since our ancestors came to the US from the Ukraine in 1874. All are welcome to appreciate the beauty and talent of many resourceful people who used fabric they had or created new designs. Donna Zerger and her Quilt Committee are bringing over 50 quilts to show you.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with Stan Senner of the National Audubon Society, May 5 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. Senner will speak on "Birds and Birding Connect Kansas to the World."

Woven and Open Road joint concert, May 5 at 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Living with Loss support group will be offered May 7th through June 11th at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. The support group is open to all who have experienced the death of a loved one, divorce, unemployment or any other life experience that has created grief. Living with Loss support group is co-facilitated by Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and Dr. Gary Blaine, a retired chaplain and certified in grief counseling and grief group facilitation, as well as palliative care and hospice care. The meetings will last six weeks, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The support group is open to anyone and requires a minimum of six participants for the group to form. The cost is \$10.00 per week. The group will gather for six weeks. The group will be closed to new participants after the second session. To register, please call Pastor Schmidt at (316) 283-3667 or Dr. Blaine at (316) 239-5474.

Peace Connections will hold a Donor Appreciation Come & Go Event on Friday, May 10, 9:30-11:00am at Cornerstone Law Office, 725 N. Main, Newton. Music, brunch and organizational updates throughout. Feel free to bring a friend along to share the joy! RSVPs are encouraged at 316-284-0000.

May 10 - International Chorale Farewell Concert Join us May 10 at 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church as the Hesston College Chorale presents their concert titled "Veni, Sancte Spiritus." Following this kick off concert, the chorale will travel to Europe for their biennial international tour from May 14 to June 4, where they will perform at churches in the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland.

Bethel College commencement weekend is May 11-12. Events: Baccalaureate, 10 a.m., and Commencement, 4 p.m., May 12, both in Memorial Hall.

Ach, ja. Unfortunate news, folks. The Camp Mennoscah Retreat Center HVAC project will not be finished by the start of the summer. There have been unexpected discoveries that have extended the time line for completion. The Facilities Committee and Camp Mennoscah board are reviewing the next steps. Camp Mennoscah staff will be in communication with groups with Retreat Center reservations. Work will continue on the project with a brief hiatus to get campgrounds and the pool ready for Summer Youth Camps. Please keep the board, camp staff and the project in your prayers. Questions can be directed to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

All sorts of camp volunteer fun! Tasks to keep Camp Mennoscah moving along smoothly are many. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks - mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already volunteered!

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

Job Openings - Mennonite Mission Network is currently searching to fill the following two positions: *Divisional Coordinator for Advancement* and *Development Representative*. To learn more about these positions and how to apply, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/mission-network-job-openings/>