



GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 30, 2024

Worship Service

Prelude	<i>“Barcarolle in Canon”</i> <i>“Morning Has Broken”</i>	by Halven arr Cindy Blevins
Greetings & Announcements		
Gathering: Philippians 2:5-11		HWB 855
*Gathering Hymn	<i>“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”</i>	HWB 76
Offerings & Prayer		Peace Connections
Offertory	<i>“Doxology”</i>	HWB 119
Sharing & Prayer + Lord’s Prayer	<i>“Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us”</i> - HWB 352	
Scripture Reading		Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Special Music	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</i> <i>“The Water is Wide”</i>	arr by Cindy Blevins arr by Cindy Blevins
Sermon		<i>“Where is Our Citizenship?”</i>
* Hymn	<i>“What Wondrous Love is This”</i>	HWB 530
* Benediction		
Postlude	<i>“Sonatina”</i>	by Handel

*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: *Doug Claassen*
 Flute: *Lucy Burch* Clarinet: *Valerie Klaassen*
 Piano: *Ellen Youngman* Song Leader: *Bonita Schroeder*
 Usher: *Doug Hiebert*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: We are in the middle of the year 2024 and let’s pray that the rest of the year, His presence will shine upon us. Let’s pray that God will open doors for us and witness the moving of His holy Spirit, whispering to our inner being the desires of God, so that we may arise and move. “Revive your work in the midst of the ages” said Habakkuk. All this we ask as the WDC Church Planting Commission, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Kate Widmer, as she helps extend the community outreach ministries of La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite Church in France, through a café, a bookstore and building relationships in the Muslim neighborhood in which she lives. Pray for renewal of energy and spiritual insight, as she pours herself out in service.

Church Events/Announcements

Education Council is asking for volunteers to teach children's Sunday School this summer. The curriculum will be animated New Testament videos with reproducible activities related to the story. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please consider this opportunity to support our children at Grace Hill!

Western District Conference Annual Assembly August 2-4 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Grace Hill can send seven delegates to the assembly. Let K. John Klaassen know if you are interested in being a delegate. Registration deadline is July 21.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church 150th Homecoming Celebration will be Saturday, August 31st & Sunday, September 1st, 2024. Food, self-guided tours, programs and festivities will be in store! More information to come. Contact Virgil Penner at (316) 283-6738 or Marianne Eichelberger at meichelbe@gmail.com with questions.

Our Grace Hill Safe Church Policy (available in the church library) outlines procedures to keep children safe at Grace Hill. These procedures include background checks and child safety training every five years. Most of our current volunteers went through the screening and training process in 2019; therefore, it is time for a refresh. Our screening process includes three separate background checks (KS Department for Children and Families, KBI Offender Registry, and County/National Criminal Search through Protect My Ministry). New forms have been placed in mailboxes of current volunteers, new attendees, and parents of young children. Additional forms are available on the table in the foyer if needed. Please see Deb Regier, Diana Schunn, Courtney Nethercot, or Pastor Weldon if you have any questions.

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

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Et Cetera

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Fireworks Extravaganza on Thursday, July 4, at 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. Arrival may begin at 7:30 p.m., and fireworks will begin at sundown. Admission is free. This fun family event will feature games, giveaways, and food for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Kidron Bethel Village Health Care Benevolent Fund.

From Camp Mennoscah: We urgently need 2-3 more kitchen staff for the week of July 7-12 (Junior High II Camp with Derek Klingenberg). David Enns is the head cook. No special skills are needed, just the ability to follow directions and willing hands. Kitchen staff must be at least 18. If you are able to come for part of the week, you are welcome! Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org, call 620-297-3290 or text 316-293-7313. You are needed to make this week of camp a good experience for campers and staff alike.

Mini Blitz at MCC! Come tie, trim, or bind comforters at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton on Friday, July 12 from 9-5 and Saturday, July 13 from 8-2. Bring a snack to share and a sack lunch/supper. Drinks will be provided. Beginners are welcome!

The Live Wire Stringband will perform at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 12, at Kidron Bethel Village's Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The Live Wire Stringband is a collection of players with decades of experience performing for audiences throughout the Midwest. They play old time fiddle tunes, gospel and traditional songs on the fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass. Enjoy lively tunes that will make you want to move your feet! The concert is free and open to the public. Members of Live Wire Stringband include: Jesse Graber, Steve and Gail Goeke, and Bob and Melissa Atchinson.

WDC Annual Assembly: Is your congregation talking about how to re-imagine faith formation? Send a non-delegate adult (and their child or grandchild) to Annual Assembly. The first 3 hours of the Intergenerational Faith Formation Track will be age-specific, with adults discussing faith formation ideas led by the experienced FMC Beatrice Pastor of Faith Formation, Sarah Neher. The hour after lunch will be intergenerational, putting into practice what we've learned. Join us for Annual Assembly, August 2-4, 2024, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Register [HERE](#) Registration deadline is July 21.

Colorado Peaches are coming! The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are looking to be a good crop once again. Peaches will be available to order from July 1-31. Orders can be made by contacting the MCC Central States Office at patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Two sizes are available: 9 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41. Payment for peaches in the form of cash or checks is due by August 1 to MCC. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line. Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Office, 121 East 30th, North Newton, on Monday, **August 19** (tentative date). This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Castle Rock, Colorado, October 18-19.

Bible classes offered on Hesston College's campus Lifelong learning is a goal of many individuals. Did you know Hesston encourages community members to enroll in Bible courses? We even have a discounted rate for senior citizen attenders. This coming fall semester we have opportunities to take two Bible classes on campus: Biblical Literature (at two different times) and Missional Leadership on Monday evenings. These classes will only be offered in person this semester. To learn more, visit hesston.edu/bible. If you are interested in enrolling in a course, contact Michele Hershberger at michele.hershberger@hesston.edu.

The MCC Sale Quilter's Corner is looking for donations of quilts, quilt tops, fabric, books, magazines and vintage linens for our next sale. We hope to have an October sale if we receive enough donations. Donations can be dropped off at the MCC Center in North Newton labeled for Quilter's Corner or at Stitches Quilt Shop in McPherson. If you have questions, please contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

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

Mennonite Education Agency Article - [Mennonite Education Agency](#) (MEA) is announcing a new Anabaptist Biblical Institute study center in Guatemala, in partnership with [Western District Conference](#) (WDC) of [Mennonite Church USA](#), and [Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano](#) (SEMILLA – Latin American Anabaptist Seminary), Guatemala City. WDC has nurtured a close relationship with Mennonites in Guatemala and recently planted a church called Iglesia Arca de Salvación (Ark of Salvation Church) in Usphantán, a region of 70,000 people in El Quiché, Guatemala...

-WDC's commitment to providing scholarships for IBA students at Iglesia Arca de Salvación is through the WDC Church Planting Commission.