



GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 14, 2024

Worship Service

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

A Gathering for Summer Genesis 8; Psalm 3
* Hymn *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* HWB 327

Dedication of Bennett Oliver by Austin & Amanda Robinson
Congregational Commitment HWB 791
"Come, Thou Fount" – I Samuel 7:12-14 HWB 521

Offerings & Prayer Local Church Missions
Offertory
* *"Doxology"* HWB 119

Sharing & Prayer + Lord's Prayer
"Spirit of the Living God" - HWB 349

Children's Story Melinda Taylor

Scripture Reading I Thessalonians 5:23-28

Sermon *"The God of Peace"*

* Hymn *"We are People of God's Peace"* HWB 407

* Benediction
* *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* 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: Kristine Goossen
Keyboard: Karen Andres & Marcene Entz
Song Leader: Penny Hiebert Usher: Doug Hiebert

For Sharing and Prayer

Allen and Elaine Patterson will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary at Grace Hill on July 21. Everyone is invited to a reception from 2-4 pm in the church fellowship hall. Cards may be sent to their home address if you cannot attend: 7805 SE 36th, Whitewater, KS 67154

Western District Conference: Pray for all who are preparing to lead and participate in WDC Annual Assembly on August 2-4, as we open ourselves to the transforming presence of Christ in this gathering of the church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's workers in Asia and the Middle East recently completed a five-day retreat in Thailand. Pray that the refreshing times of worship, fellowship and encouragement will help them return to their ministries renewed.

Church Events/Announcements

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Missions Council meets.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Council meets.

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

Next Sunday Don Patterson will be our guest preacher giving the sermon on the Sunday of his parent's 70th wedding anniversary celebration.

Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Our Mission Partners, Joseph and Rachel Givens, will be in Kansas very briefly to share with their five supporting churches at one event. We are invited to hear them share about their ministry at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, providing support for migrants. Plan to attend Sunday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge. Refreshments will follow.

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.

For the 150th Celebration: Photos are being collected for “Guess the Baby”. If you have a photo of yourself (age 5 or under), please give to Cassandra Lehman by August 4. Give copies, not originals, with your name and birthday on the back of the picture. The pictures will be displayed during the 150th celebration where everyone will have an opportunity to guess who the babies are!

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**.

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. Please complete and return the form to Deb Regier by July 15.

Et Cetera

On Sunday, July 14, 2024 to continue the 150th celebrations there will be an opportunity to hear story telling from two women, Pauline Sharp, Kaw People and Annette Voth, Alexanderwohl People. Their stories told side by side present a unique perspective of the history of the Kaw and Alexanderwohl people. The event will be held at the Tabor Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm, 891 Chisholm Trail Rd, Newton.

Bluestem Communities will host its annual Dementia Forum at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 17, at Kidron Bethel Village's Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The event is free and open to the public. Amy Siple, APRN, will present "Understanding Dementia and Caring for Those Who Have It." The forum is designed to be beneficial for anyone providing care for someone living with dementia, both professional caregivers and family or friends. One Continuing Education (CE) hour available for \$15. Those wanting the CE must register for it prior to the forum at bluestemks.org/events.

Scam Awareness Webinar: Learn how to outsmart the scammers and protect your finances. In this webinar, you'll discover how to recognize the most common forms of scams and fraud, how to reduce your risks and how to respond if fraud occurs. Tune in on July 25 at 2 p.m. ET, with Steve Bustos, Everence Stewardship Consultant, and Kim Miller, Partner Relationship Specialist for Financial Choice. Register at [Scam-proof your finances link](https://www.everence.com/everence-events/everence-stewardship-partners/scam-awareness-webinar). (link to <https://www.everence.com/everence-events/everence-stewardship-partners/scam-awareness-webinar>)

Summer Story Days are BACK! Stop by the WDC Resource library, 2517 N. Main in North Newton, on **Saturday July 27 from 10:00am-7:00pm** for Read Alouds; self-guided, come-and-go activities; and opportunities to learn and grow together! Activities geared for ages 3-8 and their families, but open to all ages. Take advantage of these Saturday hours to tour the library and check out resources.

WDC Annual Assembly: Delegates will process recommendations to receive three congregations into membership in WDC (Crystal Springs Mennonite Church, Harper, KS; New Life Christian Center, San Benito, TX; and Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS), and to release West Zion Mennonite Church from membership in WDC. Delegate agenda also includes approving a financial budget for WDC ministries in 2025, and affirming new leaders for elected positions. Join us at the WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Register [HERE](#) -Registration deadline is July 21.

Greetings from Camp Mennoscah, On Saturday, August 3rd, at 3:00 pm at Faith Mennonite Church (Newton) we will be holding our annual Camp Sing event. All are welcome to join us for a gathering of the Camp Mennoscah community to sing camp songs led by the Summer Staff, enjoy a recap of the summer, and hear testimony to the great work camp is doing. Following the singing we will have popcorn and generic pop together! We would love to see you all there.

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

MCUSA Article - *What does my pastor do all day?* Once, during my congregational ministry days, a regular attendee and former board chair of the congregation came up to me and said, "I don't know what you do all day. I'm guessing some of what you do involves sermons. Beyond that, I have no idea. But it seems like you are doing a good job." My response was "... thank you?" Was this a complement? A critique? A combination thereof? To this day, I have no idea. His comment, though, is not an unusual one... To continue reading, go to: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/what-does-my-pastor-do-all-day/>

Offering Next Sunday: Hands of Friendship

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