

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

October 13, 2024

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Worship – 9:30am † Sunday School – 10:45am

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## “Active Faith: Ambassadors in Mission”

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

\* “Here in This Place” HWB 6

Gathering Words HWB 673

Sharing & Prayer/Lord’s Prayer “Spirit of the Living God” HWB 349

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Sermon “Faith: Ambassadors in Mission!”

\* Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” HWB 545

Worship in Giving Local Church

\* Doxology HWB 119

\* “This Little Light of Mine” - Traditional Children join at the front!

Postlude

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\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Kristine Goossen

Guitar: David Janzen Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Usher: Doug Hiebert

### For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for the many prayers, visits and other expressions of concern during the time following our mother's death. Grace Hill was a very important part of her life (and ours) and we are appreciative of all of your support. - Darryl & Stacy, Carmen & Paul, and all of the grandchildren

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for WDC congregations that are hosting special events during this fall season, as they share food and fellowship with their wider community, and invite participation in ministry and mission projects.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** On Tuesday, participants will embark on Mennonite Mission Network's first Just Peace Pilgrimage to South Africa. Pray for them as, for the next two-plus weeks, they will immerse themselves in the country's struggle against apartheid and wrestle with the church's role in upholding racial segregation in South Africa and the United States.

### Church Events

**Monday at 4:30 p.m.** Hospitality Council meets.

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets.

**Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** Wednesday evening fellowship meal. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Following the meal, Kara Klingenberg will share about her Medical Mission trips. All are welcome!

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Care Council meets.

**October 29-31** 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 October 29-31 for Newton area churches at the MCC building in North Newton. If you would like to contribute financially to strengthen Grace Hill's support of this mission, please do so by next Sunday, October 20. The current balance in the fund is \$5,345. Please make checks out to Grace Hill and write MCC Canning on the memo line.

**November 10** Harvest Thanks Sunday

**Offering Next Sunday:** Wheat Sate Manor

**Peace Connections and New Hope Shelter** are both in need of hygiene items, so Missions Council is suggesting donations of these items during the month of October. What is collected will be split between the two organizations. A table and a poster will be in the foyer during October to receive donations of:

- Deodorant/Antiperspirant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap/Body Wash
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Toilet paper
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap/Quarters

Thank you for your support!

### **Church Offices**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday – Afternoon, Friday – day off

***Pastor: Weldon Martens***

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## Et Cetera

**The Western District Israel Palestine Task Force** promotes two upcoming events associated with the October 7th anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel. The presenter, Tareq Abuhailima, is a graduate student with Bluffton University. The purpose of these events are to create a safe space for education and dialogue about Israel-Palestine and the Gaza War. Events are Tuesday, October 15th, Peace Mennonite, 615 Lincoln St, Lawrence, 6:00 sandwich supper, 7 pm presentation and dialogue. Wednesday, October 16, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 481 Zeandale Road, Manhattan, 7:00–8:30pm presentation and dialogue. For more information, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/events-on-the-conflict-in-israel-palestine/>

**The dam at Camp Mennoscah** will be taken out on Sunday, October 20, at 2pm. Meet at the shelter area (look for people and things happening). Spectators welcome, as are people to help take out the boards and clean them. Taking the dam out is not for younger ages due to the weight of the boards. Be prepared for whatever weather/temperatures there are. It's a fun time for both those helping and those watching!

**Join First Mennonite of Halstead** for their Annual Hog Roast on Sunday, October 20 from 5-7pm at Scout Park Gazebo, 3rd & Locust, Halstead. A Pulled Pork Supper with Fixins will be served. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy Bluegrass/Gospel Music by *Color Green*. Cost is by donation with proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved inside the church (4th & Santa Fe).

**Join Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, for our Annual Sausage Mission Supper** on Saturday, October 26, 5:00 – 6:30. This will be a curbside pick-up meal featuring our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. Picnic tables are available if you wish to stay and eat. If inclement weather, tables will be set up inside. Cost is by donation with all proceeds going to New Hope Shelter, Newton. To order meals now, call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Teresa (620-242-2357)

**Warkentin House Hymn Sing and Faspa** Gather at Warkentin House for a hymn sing and faspa meal on October 27 at 4:00 p.m. at 211 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Newton. The hymn sing will be led by Andrew Voth and accompanied by Karen Bauman-Schlabaugh. Reserve your spot by emailing [warkentinmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:warkentinmuseum@gmail.com). Suggested donation of \$15.

**Kauffman Museum at Bethel College** - Sparked by the 150th anniversary of Mennonites migrating from Russia and Prussia to the central plains of North America and the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, special exhibit, *Unlocking the Past, Immigrant Artifacts and the Stories They Tell*, invites you to reflect on your own family journey and immigration issues today. Check out this exhibit and attend programming that digs deeper into migration stories from September 29, 2024-May 25, 2025. Go to:

<https://kauffmanmuseum.org/exhibitions/special/unlocking-the-past/>

**Responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza:** Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and provide relief today. MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at [mcc.org/palestine-israel](http://mcc.org/palestine-israel)

**Mennonite Central Committee seeks a full-time HR Recruiter and Central States HR Generalist.** As HR Recruiter, this position supports general recruitment and selection processes for openings across the organization. As a regional HR Generalist, this individual is the front-line HR contact for all local employees, assisting with a range of HR tasks, and redirecting to specialist colleagues as appropriate. This position can be based in Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, or Minnesota with a preference for North Newton, Kansas office. [Apply online here by October 23.](#)

**Mennonite Church USA's** Peace and Justice ministry has launched the latest Learn, Pray, Join initiative with a focus on conflict transformation. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-conflict-transformation/>

**Staff position opening:** Western District Conference seeks a fulltime Hispanic Transitional Ministry Resourcing Facilitator for a two-year project beginning February 1, 2025, to resource Hispanic congregations in WDC for pastoral and congregational transition. For more information go to: <https://mennowdc.org/employment/>

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