

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

November 17, 2024

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

“Active Faith: Forgiveness”

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Scripture (In Unison)

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his exceeding greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

* Gathering Hymn “*When in Our Music God is Glorified*” HWB 44

Time of Sharing & Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

“*Hear Thou Our Prayer, Lord*” - HWB 23

Children’s Story

Melinda Taylor

Special Music Penny Hiebert, Valerie Klaassen & Bonita Schroeder

“*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*” arr by Cindy Blevins

“*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*” arr by Cindy Blevins

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

“*Active Faith: Forgiveness*”

* Hymn

“*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*”

HWB 137

Worship in Giving

Local Church

* Doxology

HWB 119

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn “*Heart with Loving Heart United*”

HWB 420

Postlude

* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Lisa Harms

Piano: Marcene Entz Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Usher: Mike Balzer

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to those who provided salads and desserts for the Harvest Thanks meal last Sunday and those who helped with clean up.

Social Committee

Western District Conference: Pray for chaplains in WDC who are serving in hospitals, hospice, health-care communities, educational institutions, corporate settings and other organizations. Give thanks for their gifts of healing and care, and pray for God’s peace and presence to sustain them daily.

Mennonite Mission Network: Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Bolivia, request prayer for all regions around the world experiencing a lack of rainfall that is leading to devastating wildfires. Pray specifically for Chiquitania, near Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where fires are wiping out the world's largest remaining area of healthy dry forest ecosystems.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Practice
(also December 4 & 11)

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

Sunday, December 15 You are all invited to join a joint Zion/Grace Hill faspa and Christmas hymn sing on December 15 at Grace Hill. We will have faspa at 5, then sing Christmas songs together around 5:45. For those who wish to go caroling, there will be opportunity to form small groups to go caroling after the hymn sing. All ages are welcome!

Announcements

***Anabaptist World* subscription list is being updated.** The church has a group-rate policy and each subscription costs the church \$39.00. If you are not receiving *Anabaptist World* and would like to, or if you are currently receiving it and would like to discontinue your subscription, please contact Debbie Claassen by **December 8**.

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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

Church address: 10218 SE 12th, Whitewater, Kansas 67154

Et Cetera

KIPCOR Film Series presents *Food, Inc. 2*, November 17 at 2 p.m., Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This is the sequel to the 2009 documentary *Food, Inc.* Audience talkback to follow with Ryan Goertzen-Regier of the Kansas Rural Center.

Everence® November workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step
Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity invites you to join us for our annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser on November 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave, Newton. Dine-in and carry-out options are available. This is Harvey County Habitat's largest fundraiser of the year, and we need your generous donations to help ensure we can continue to build a new home for a qualifying family each year. Please reserve your pork chop meal (includes pork chop, potatoes, green beans, dessert and a drink) by visiting our website at <https://harveycountyhabitat.org/pork-chop-dinner-reservations/>. Thank you for supporting the vision of Habitat for Humanity, where everyone has a decent place to live.

First Mennonite Church of Halstead, invites you to their annual Mission Supper on Saturday, November 23 from 5-7pm at the church (427 W 4th). The menu will be German Sausage, Chicken Borscht, Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Zwiebach & Pie. Donations will benefit missionaries: Stutzmans (Germany), Givens (France), Woodward-Breckbills (Paris Mennonite Center); as well as The Neighbors Store.

Hesston College Masterworks Concert The Hesston College music department will perform its annual Masterworks concert on Saturday, November 23 at 7 p.m. in Hesston Mennonite Church. "Te Deum: A Concert of Thanksgiving" will feature the works of Johann Sebastian Bach and Joseph Haydn. The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken to support the Hesston College music department.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, "Diversity and Complexity in Indian Kansas," Eric Anderson, Haskell Indian Nations University, November 24 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium, North Newton.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 - 3:00 at Goerz House, Bethel College. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your homemade cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as fudge, peanut clusters, peanut butter balls and peanut brittle as well as other non-chocolate candies. We are also looking for Christmas craft items to sell. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 6, from 2:00-5:00pm or on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30-10:00am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

50,000 MEALS TO BE PACKAGED! Your help is needed to help package 50,000 meals in one day. Each meal will be used to address local food security by donation to local food banks. [Buhler Mennonite Church](#) and [IdeaTek](#) are partnering with [The Outreach Program](#) to again package non-perishable meals at the Sand Hills Event Center in Hutchinson. The meals will be packaged on Saturday, December 7, with the first shift beginning at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and the second from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. You can work one or both shifts. Job orientation is provided and no previous experience is needed! The event is open to all interested in volunteering their time and energy. There are jobs for volunteers ages 4 to 124! "What a great way to give of your time during the Holiday season and to help those who struggle to put food on the table," shared a volunteer at last year's event. To volunteer please go to buhlerchurch.com. For more information please contact: bmcpastor@gmail.com.

Camp Mennoscah: There are currently materials on hand for 18 of 35 projects remaining on the HVAC renovation at the Retreat Center. Work groups can be of any size (within reason). Contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 or Olivia at 316-293-7313 to set up a time for you or your group. If you are interested in working on a weekend, advance notice of two weeks is needed. A lack of construction skills should not keep you from helping. Willing hands and the ability to follow directions are the only requirements. (Activities for those under 18 are limited and likely not at the Retreat Center.)

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

2024 Harvest Thanks Offering

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

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| Mennonite Church USA Total Mission | 9,800.00 |
| Mennonite Mission Network (Missions) | 1,750.00 |
| Mennonite World Conference | 50.00 |
| Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary | 2,750.00 |
| Bethel College | 850.00 |
| Hesston College - facilities | 100.00 |

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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| WDC Total Mission | 13,250.00 |
| WDC Church Plant | 150.00 |

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

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| Camp Mennoscah | 5,050.00 |
| Habitat for Humanity | 2,930.00 |
| Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre | 510.00 |
| Mennonite Central Committee | 11,505.00 |
| Mennonite Disaster Service | 3,465.00 |
| New Hope Shelter | 7,580.00 |
| Offender Victim Ministries | 1,630.00 |
| Peace Connections | 500.00 |
| Wheat State Manor | 1,960.00 |

LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT

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| Local Church Missions | 67,081.05 |
| Care Fund | 2,080.00 |
| Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale | 5,375.00 |
| Landscape Fund | 480.00 |
| MCC Relief Canning | 6,389.99 |
| Mission & Service Inquiry Fund | 50.00 |
| Mission Partner Fund | 1,830.00 |
| Scholarship Fund | 100.00 |

Other

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| Circle of Hope | 50.00 |
| Wednesday Evening Meals | <u>500.00</u> |

TOTAL RECEIVED (and pledged) \$ 147,766.04

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| 2023 Harvest Thanks Offering | \$135,929.60 |
| 2022 Harvest Thanks Offering | \$121,402.36 |
| 2021 Harvest Thanks Offering | \$150,674.91 |