

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

February 2, 2025

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

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Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.
And all the people said, “Amen, and praised the Lord.”
...from I Chronicles 16

Prelude

Greetings, Announcements & Gathering: I Chronicles 16

“I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord” HWB 459

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Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen. – Ps. 89:52

“Bless'd Be the Tie That Binds” HWB 421

Sharing & Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

“Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us” HWB 352

Children's Story: *My Coins Count* Valerie Klaassen

Offering to God *My Coins Count* & MC-USA

*Doxology (Psalm 100) HWB 119

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All the people gathered and Ezra read from the Law of Moses. The ears of all were attentive. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord. - ...from Nehemiah 8:1-6

“Bless'd Be the Tie That Binds” HWB 421

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To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Amen

Revelation 1:6

* Benediction

Postlude

* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Max Taylor

Keyboard: Ellen Youngman Usher: Mike Balzer

A bucket offering for My Coins Count will be taken today for the Mennonite Relief Sale, which is April 11-12 in Hutchinson. This collection goes to support Mennonite Central Committee and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. An offering will be taken on the first Sunday of each month leading up to the sale. Following is a link that includes a calendar that people can use to highlight ways the money will be used to help those in need around the world.

<https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count>

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Search Committee members are Camille Claassen, Marianne Eichelberger, Roberta Harms, James Regier, Austin Robinson and Rob Schunn. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the pastoral search process.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations supporting immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees, as they seek justice and safety in the face of threat and fear.

Mennonite Mission Network: Would you like to help Mennonite youth learn more about their Anabaptist heritage? There are still two weeks to register for Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture "Anabaptism at 500: Looking Back to See the Future" trip this summer. Pray that the next generation of Mennonite leaders will be shaped by the rich diversity of the global Mennonite church during this once-in-a-lifetime encounter in Germany and Switzerland.

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. There will be a soup lunch before the Annual meeting. All are welcome to stay!

Today at 12:45 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening fellowship meal. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Following the meal, Willard Wiebe will share. All are welcome!

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Education Council meets

March 2 Pastor Weldon & Jenny's "a wish of well-being at parting"

Offerings received January 1-31, 2025

Local Church	11,812.02
MCUSA	625.00
Mennonite Relief Sale	1,925.00
WDC	<u>1,735.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,097.02

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church Missions

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

The annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum will be held February 2 at 2:00pm at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, 1 mile north of Goessel. Following a short business meeting Dale Schrag will present a program about the 500th anniversary Anabaptist movement. Following the program, everyone is invited to *faspa* including zwieback, cheese, cold cuts and cake. This event is free and open to the public.

Join Dyck Arboretum Sunday, February 2 at 4 p.m. to hear the duo Moors and McCumber. James Moors and Kort McCumber create that rare chemistry that happens when two gifted singer-songwriters and multi-instrumentalists perfectly complement each other's strengths, a modern day version of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. Fan favorite, Crust & Crumb, will serve their delicious food items during intermission. For tickets visit dyckarboretum.org/events.

What does it mean to provide sanctuary for undocumented people? This webinar on February 5, at 7 p.m. ET, will feature several pastors whose congregations have previously served as sanctuaries. Lawyers from the Institute of Constitutional Advocacy and Protection will discuss the legal issues related to sanctuary, specifically focusing on section 1324, and will allow time for participants to ask questions. For churches that are currently working with or are interested in supporting undocumented individuals in their communities, this webinar will provide crucial information on what to expect and what legal assistance is available if your church faces challenges from ICE or immigration agents. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/jesus-challenging-times View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/immigration-webinar-pdf View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/immigration-webinar-slide

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with Carmaletta Williams from the Black Archives of Mid-America, February 9 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium (27th & N. Main, North Newton). Her program, "Free Did Not Mean Welcome," is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Speakers Bureau and is in conjunction with Kauffman Museum's "Unlocking the Past" exhibit on immigration.

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

Offender Victim Ministries invites you to celebrate the good work done by volunteers and staff of OVM, supported by so many generous individuals, churches and organizations who have caught the vision for a more just community! Monday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, 102 E. 1st, Newton. Activities include a delicious meal, stories of highlights from 2024, useful input related to trauma and attachment, and new board members will be affirmed. We need an **RSVP by February 3** (to reserve your spot and so we know how much food to order). Please email executive@ovmks.org with your interest and the names of those who will attend. The meal will feature smothered chicken and mashed potatoes from the Breadbasket. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at 316-283-2038.

On February 25 at 7:00 pm, the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force will host a Zoom discussion of *Apeirogon*, by Colum McCann. The book tells the story of Israeli and Palestinian fathers who both lose their children, one to an Israeli rubber bullet and the other to suicide bombers. When they learn each other's stories, their loss connects them and together they attempt to use their grief as a weapon for peace. Special guest, Tareq Abuhamila, will introduce the discussion with an update of current life conditions in Gaza and the ceasefire agreement. Questions about the ceasefire and responses to the book, are all a part of the hour-long gathering. Please register by emailing wdc@mennowdc.org by Monday, February 17th

The Mennonite Central Committee Central States board will hold it's annual meeting on Saturday, March 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC Central States in North Newton. All are welcome to attend.

This year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals will be March 9 or March 16. Cost: Adults \$25; children 6-12 \$10. For more information, see the flyers and registration forms on the Relief Sale table in the foyer. Deadline to register is February 23.

WANTED: Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, Campers, Tractors, Farm Machinery and anything of value to be sold at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Your donations can be used as a charitable tax donation. Call Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257 for more information. **The sale is April 11 & 12 in Hutchinson.**

Looking for a volunteer driver to Minneapolis, MN! MCC is looking for a volunteer to take 52 returning citizen care kit backpacks from MCC in North Newton, KS to our partner in Minneapolis. All lodging, food and gas expenses will be reimbursed. Please contact Brocia Mueller at brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 if you can help make this happen!