

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

February 23, 2025

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

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Pastor: Weldon Martens    Scripture Reader: Valerie Klaassen  
Keyboard: Ellen Youngman    Usher: Curt Regehr

## Communion Sunday

Prelude		
Greetings & Announcements		
Special Music	<i>“Let's Walk Together”</i>	Ensemble
Gathering		HWB 677
* <i>“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”</i>		HWB 76
Sharing and Congregational Prayer + Lord’s Prayer <i>“Spirit of the Living God”</i> HWB 349		
Offering to God	Western District Conference	
Offertory		
*Doxology (Psalm 100)		HWB 119
Scripture Readings & Sermon		
	<i>“Paul the Babbler: What is Going On?”</i>	
Part 1 - “Seeing Athens - Paul is Stunned”		Acts 17:16-21
Part 2 - “Paul Preaches at Mars Hill”		Acts 17:22-34
Special Music	<i>“As We Rise, O God, to Meet You”</i>	Ensemble
At the Lord’s Supper		
Prayer		HWB 785
Service of the Bread		
Service of the Cup		
* <i>“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”</i>		HWB 478
* Benediction		
* Sending Song	<i>“You Shall Go Out With Joy”</i>	HWB 427
Postlude		

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

## For Sharing and Prayer

The pastoral search committee encourages you participate in a congregational survey. This survey is meant to help identify our congregation's perceived needs and expectations of a pastor and how the congregation would like to see the pastor use their time and energy. Additional details can be found in your mailbox. Please reach out to a member of the search committee with any questions. Pastor Search Committee members are Camille Claassen, Marianne Eichelberger, Roberta Harms, James Regier, Austin Robinson and Rob Schunn. **Paper surveys are due today.**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Church Planting Commission members as they endeavor to foster meaningful relationships between sister churches. -WDC Church Planting Commission

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Terrorists continue to attack peaceful populations in Burkina Faso, as the citizens work in their fields and worship in churches, placing the country at the top of the Global Terrorism Index. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for an end to the violence and for healing for the thousands of people who have been traumatized by seeing loved ones murdered. Pray, also, for the witness of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso in this time of crisis.

## Church Events

**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, Sarah Klaassen will share about her time with Community Peacemaker Team in Palestine. All are welcome!

**Next Sunday** Pastor Weldon & Jenny’s “a wish of well-being at parting”. Following the service, we will have a carry-in meal. Bread and dessert will be provided. Please bring extra food for guests that may attend. There will be no Sunday School classes on March 2.

## **Announcements**

**SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY:** The Leadership Council approved a special offering for today, February 23, to assist and support the Mennonite churches in eastern DR of Congo. The country is in the midst of major conflict and up-evil. The security situation remains precarious, many people are not able to access supplies, and prices have risen dramatically for goods such as food and other daily necessities. The offering will go to Africa Inter-Mennonite Missions (AIMM). AIMM is inviting donations to purchase food and provide some financial assistance to families in the area. Make checks out to Grace Hill Mennonite Church and designate on the memo for AIMM.

**Coins for My Coins Count** will be collected on March 9 rather than March 2.

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **Church Offices**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday – Afternoon, Friday – day off

**Pastor: Weldon Martens**

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**Church address:** 10218 SE 12<sup>th</sup>, Whitewater, Kansas 67154

## Et Cetera

**Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania** is inviting brothers and sisters from area Mennonite churches to participate in a special service of worship and prayer related to immigration concerns, together with Aposento Alto, the Hispanic Mennonite Church in Wichita on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a potluck after the service to celebrate February birthdays. All are invited to bring a dish to share and stay for the meal. The service will take place in the sanctuary of First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton.

**Prairie Window Concert, February 23** Join Dyck Arboretum Sunday, February 23 at 4 p.m. to hear Alisa Amador. Alisa Amador points folk music toward its future – a future that's cosmopolitan, multifaceted and multilingual; qualities that have in fact been at the community's heart all along. Once again, the amazing Crust & Crumb will serve their delicious food items during intermission. For tickets visit [dyckarboretum.org/events](http://dyckarboretum.org/events).

**The MCC Central States annual meeting** will feature guest speaker Ken Rodgers on Saturday, March 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. at MCC Central States in North Newton. Ken will share about his journey in learning about the Doctrine of Discover and how he and his family has worked to come to terms with it. Mitch Stutzman from Menno Media will have Anabaptist Bibles available. All are welcome to attend. Please email [tinaschrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org) if you would like the Zoom link to join us virtually.

**Come join the fun at 17th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 3, 4 and 5** at the Journey Facilities Building behind Charis Community Church, (3605 E. Long View Rd, Haven, KS) near Yoder, KS. Monday 9-5, Tuesday 9-9 and Wednesday 9-4. Note the hours are extended on Tuesday. No sewing skills are required! Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Snacks are welcome to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC. Find out more at [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) or email [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org), 316-283-2720.

**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.

**Bethel College Choir Tour Send-off Concert**, directed by Dr. Henry S. Waters, March 9 at 4 p.m., Memorial Hall. The concert has the theme "Sing You Home" and includes performances by the Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road.

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 11-12 in Hutchinson.** March 1 – Sale bill deadline, need to have pictures of items; April 5 – Verenike Making Day in Hillsboro; Quilter's Corner – used/unused/unfinished/ items no longer needed in your quilt/sewing/linen closets will be sold to generate funds for MCC, see suggested items listed on Relief Sale bulletin board; April 12 at 8am – Run for Relief, see the flier on the Relief Sale table in the foyer. **Items are needed to sell at the sale.** Need good to excellent quality items: cars, collectibles, sports memorabilia, experiences, farm equipment, golf carts, power tools, mowers, new furniture. For more information about the sale, go to [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org). To volunteer, go the website and click on the volunteer tab to see all the options! If you have questions, talk to Mike, Kathy, Kim, Debbie or K. John.

**Please pray for MCC staff and the communities in Kentucky and West Virginia** that are experiencing catastrophic flooding. Torrential rain Feb. 15-16 filled creeks and rivers, causing significant flooding. MCC staff report that most residents lost power and water. Appalachia Build staff are working with partner churches at our sites in Kimball, West Virginia, and Elkhorn City, Kentucky, that are serving as temporary shelters. Support MCC's efforts in the region: [mcc.org/donate-appalachia](http://mcc.org/donate-appalachia) Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: [mcc.org/appalachia-build](http://mcc.org/appalachia-build)

**The Mennonite Disaster Service February edition of On the Level** is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires and recent flooding in Kentucky plus a recap of our 75th Anniversary celebration last week in Wichita, KS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3X9niXI>

**Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission** is seeking a Church and Donor Relations Coordinator to deepen relationships with churches and donors, grow the community of AIMM supporters, communicate what God is doing among AIMM African members, and strengthen relationships between North American and African Anabaptists. For more information, please visit <https://www.aimmint.org/employment-opportunities.html>

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