

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

May 18, 2025

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call To Worship HWB 670

*Congregational Song *For the beauty of the earth* HWB 89 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story Bethany Patterson

Special Music David Janzen

Scripture Mark 4: 1-9

Sermon *Harvesting Hope: Why farmers and ranchers matter so much to our world*

*Hymn of Response *Come, ye thankful people* HWB 94

RESPONDING

Offering	Mennonite Disaster Service
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Offertory

* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Song *O breathe on me, O breath of God*
STJ 46 vs. 1 & 2

Morning Prayer

SENDING

*Sending Song *This is my Father's world* HWB 154 vs. 1 & 2

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

*Guest Speaker: Rick McNary Worship Leader: Diana Schunn
Keyboard: Marcene Entz Scripture Reader: Marianne Eichelberger
Usher: Kendall Claassen*

We are happy to have Rick McNary sharing the message today. Rick has focused on food security projects including organizing thousands of volunteers to package meals for people around the world. During the pandemic he launched Shop Kansas Farms Facebook group to provide food security in Kansas homes. He is an author and photographer and lives in Potwin with his wife Christine. They have 5 children and 9 grandchildren.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members graduating from high school, college, or higher education programs this spring, that God would bless their continuing journeys of life and faith.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Brethren in Christ Church in the United Kingdom, which is experiencing growth, due to an influx of members who have immigrated from Zimbabwe. Pray for this church as it recovers its Anabaptist heritage, gains new vitality through the faithfulness of immigrants and learns how to become a multicultural people of God.

Karen Andres will be available to the congregation for critical pastoral care and funeral needs in the short term. Please contact Care Council Chair Doug Claassen with any care needs during this time of transition for our congregation. Doug's number is 316-204-3220.

Church Events

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Care Council meet.

Next Sunday at 11:15 a.m. Grace Hill Memorial Service in the cemetery.

WAVES OF WONDER, a VBS experience, will take place at Grace Hill Mennonite Church on **June 2-5**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for all PreK 3-year-olds to current 6th graders. On **Sunday, June 8**, we will worship together with Zion at King Park in Hesston, and our VBS students will share what they learned during the week. A potluck meal will follow the service. We are still looking for several volunteers for VBS on June 2 - 5. Please contact Deb Regier to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Announcements

Next Sunday, May 25, Jay Lewis will be preaching and worshipping with us. He is the director of the New Hope Shelter in Newton.

June 1 David Janzen will be preaching.

Follow Jesus 25 the 2025 Convention of Mennonite Church USA will be held in Greensboro, NC, July 8-12. If you would like to be a delegate for Grace Hill, please contact K. John Klaassen. Registration costs increase after May 31.

The 2025 Western District Annual Assembly will be August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Theme: *Anabaptism @ 500: Faithfulness Then and Now*. Please contact K. John, if you are willing to be a delegate.

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

You are invited to attend the MCC Sale Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 6:00 pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$20/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves **by May 19**, 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com. The meeting to celebrate our successful Sale and present MCC with a check will be held after dinner at approximately 7:00 pm. A filled sandwich bag of California almonds will be available for \$20.

Bethel College advancement and development staff invite you for coffee and conversation (and some light breakfast snacks): **Friday, May 23, 7:30-9 a.m.**, The Breadbasket, 219 N. Main St., Newton (alumni-owned). Contact: George Leary, gleary@bethelks.edu, 316-284-5226.

Anabaptism 500 Worship Celebration. Bethel College Mennonite Church will host the live-stream of the May 29, 2025 worship service at Mennonite World Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, celebrating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. The live-stream begins at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us in lifting glad voices with other Anabaptists around the world in this joyful celebration! (2600 College Ave, North Newton)

Camp Mennoscah News:

Camp Mennoscah needs a commercial vacuum for the pool! The vacuum is an intricate part of the pool process of keeping it clean and running properly. We are looking for a commercial vacuum priced around \$2000-\$2500. The pool is a big life line for campers and others coming to Mennoscah. [Please mark donations for Camp Pool Vacuum on the memo line or note field.](#) Thank you for giving to Camp Mennoscah!

Sponsor Pop Break for summer youth camp! Generic pop has been an integral part of Camp Mennoscah for years. Both campers and counselors look forward to that midday sugar rush. However, just like how the sugar levels are high, so are the prices. The cost per day for a camp with 75 campers and staff is approximately \$30. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to be a soda pop hero!

Camp Nurses are needed for June 26-28 (3rd & 4th graders), July 13-18 (6th-8th graders), and July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp). Nurses can receive a stipend or parent discount for a camper of up to full camp fees. Camp can't happen without a camp nurse--join in the fun! Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week.

Kauffman Museum will host the U.S. premiere of the documentary *Where the Cottonwoods Grow* by Dale Hildebrand, June 1 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Ticket purchase is required – online at <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/film-premiere-where-the-cottonwoods-grow/> or at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Do you thrive completing a variety of tasks while connecting with people? MCC Central States is seeking a Volunteer Coordinator for the Material Resources Center in North Newton. This half-time position involves working with volunteers to prepare humanitarian aid for those in need around the world. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-volunteer-coordinator by June 2. Questions? Contact brociamueller@mcc.org.

The Peace and Justice Practice Coordinator is responsible for planning and coordinating activities that articulate the vision of a holistic, biblical, Anabaptist vision of peace and justice ministry to staff, board, conferences, and churches of MCC Central States. This is a full-time position and is offered in these locations: the MCC office in North Newton, KS or remotely in these states: Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, New Mexico, or Oklahoma. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-pjp-coordinator by June 4. Questions? Contact andrewwright@mcc.org.

Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi shares her experience healing from the patriarchal abuses she experienced in her life and work. This blog is part of MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy" educational campaign. Read more about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/healing-happens/

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

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