

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

June 29, 2025

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship - from Mark 10

Leader: You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

People: For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn *God of grace and God of glory* HWB 366

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story Deb Regier

Special Music Kenna Graber

Scripture Luke 1: 5-80; Luke 3: 1-9; Luke 5: 14-30
Cassandra & Isabella Lehman

Sermon *On the Eighth Day* Deryll Amstutz

*Hymn of Response *Renew your church* HWB 363

RESPONDING

Offering Peace Connections

Offertory

* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Musical Interlude

Kenna Graber

Morning Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Lead on, O cloud of Presence*

HWB 419

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Guest Speaker: Deryll Amstutz Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

Scripture Reader: Cassandra & Isabella Lehman

Keyboard: Ellen Youngman Usher: Doug Hiebert

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to Deryll Amstutz for sharing the message with us this morning. Deryll grew up in Indiana and attended Goshen College. He has worked in various farm related ventures including custom feeding hogs for 22 years. He has also driven truck and transported people! He is intrigued that Jesus often responded to questions with a question. He has engaged with the Bible and the Gospel through Biblical Storytelling. He and his wife Jan live in Hillsboro and attend Hillsboro First Mennonite church. They are looking forward to a time with children and grandchildren in Florida this week.

Thank you to Kenna Graber for sharing music with us today! Kenna is a new teacher mentor for the Newton school district. She teaches flute at BCAPA and gives private lessons in her home. She enjoys playing flute in several symphony and chamber groups. She lives near Peabody with her family.

Hank Unruh will start his responsibilities as interim pastor on July 1. In order to welcome him and his wife, Erin, and to help them get to know us, Worship Council requests that everyone wear name tags starting today and throughout the month of July. We will have stick-on name tags and markers available in the foyer for you all! Thanks!

Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations, members and friends whose generous financial support makes it possible to carry out WDC's mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Church of Christ in Thailand District 20 Hmong, which is an organization that facilitates ministry among Hmong communities around the world. Pray for the leaders and lay people as they witness to Jesus' love, wherever they find themselves.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Council meets.

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Worship Council meets at 1887 on Bethel Campus.

Next Sunday, July 6 Interim Pastor Hank Unruh's first Sunday. To welcome him, we will have a carry-in meal at 11:30 a.m. Table service and drinks will be furnished. All are welcome for this time of fellowship!

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: Mennonite Church USA

Et Cetera

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza on Friday, July 4, at 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The evening includes fun for the whole family with games, giveaways, food and fireworks. Arrival may begin at 8 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream bars will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefitting the Health Care Benevolent Fund. Fireworks will begin at sundown, approximately 9:45 p.m.

Stay up to date on all things Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, by subscribing to the weekly convention newsletter! Subscribe here: mennoniteusa.org/fj25-newsletter

Updated Announcement! - It's a Party! Announcing Summer Story Days 2025. Join WDC Resource Library staff for stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. New this year: Virtual participation with mailed craft kits available--sign up for virtual participation at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6. No sign up for in-person activities in North Newton. Join us July 12 at 11:00AM for a special virtual author visit from Aimee Reid and August 9 as a part of WDC Annual Assembly. See flyer for more information or contact Jennie at erlib@mennowdc.org. (FLYER)

We are excited to welcome *Girl Named Tom* to our campus on July 19 for our 3rd annual Bethel College Summer Concert! [Girl Named Tom](#) is a sibling trio made up of Bekah, Joshua, and Caleb Liechty from northwest Ohio. Joshua and Caleb are alumni of Goshen College. In 2021, they won season 21 of NBC's *The Voice*, the first group act to do so. We know many in Mennonite circles have connections to Girl Named Tom. We want to extend a special invitation to congregations for this **FREE** concert event. Local favorite and Bethel alumni group The Flannelbacks will open the concert. Date — Saturday, July 19; Location — The Green in front of the Ad Building (Memorial Hall in case of inclement weather); Time — The Green will "open" at 4:30 p.m. Food from several vendors will be available starting at 5 p.m. The Flannelbacks will take the stage at 7 p.m. Girl Named Tom will close out the evening starting at 8 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, blankets, etc. More information is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/712332471268314/>

Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp) and a music leader for July 20-24. Nurses can receive a stipend or parent discount for a camper of up to full camp fees. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week. Have other skills? Camp has other needs, too--maintenance, custodial, musician/guitarist.

WDC Annual Assembly – All women and girls registered for Annual Assembly are invited to the Western District Women in Mission lunch on Saturday, Aug 9. Wendy Funk Schrag will be sharing stories of faithful Anabaptist women. Join us for this and so many more inspiring Annual Assembly events August 8-9, Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. Click [here](https://mennowdc.org/2025-annual-assembly/) for more Assembly information and to register: <https://mennowdc.org/2025-annual-assembly/>

Colorado peaches are coming to MCC! Palisade peaches from western Colorado are available for order and purchase until July 30. Two sizes are available: **9 lb. for \$30 and 18 lb. for \$42.** Orders can be placed by emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org or by calling MCC, 316-283-2720. Payment in the form of cash or check is due by **July 30.** Make checks payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church** with "peaches" in the memo line. Payment can be mailed to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or dropped off at the MCC at 121 East 30th, North Newton. Peaches will be ready for pick-up on **Monday, August 18** at the MCC warehouse. Beth-El Mennonite Church sells peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you for supporting MCC!

Transport of MCC school kits and hygiene kits from Kansas to South Texas needed! MCC is looking for anyone traveling between North Newton and Dallas or (even better) all the way to South Texas between now and mid-August. We have kits in Kansas that need to get to Texas, and we'd love to utilize vehicles that are already going that direction to save resources. If you might be able to help MCC out, please contact Brocia Mueller at brociamueller@mcc.org or call Brocia at 316-836-5054.

MCC Peace Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Sept. 21-27, Divide, CO - How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. Register by August 31 at mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp. Pass this opportunity on to young adults in your life!

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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