

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

July 13, 2025

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

*Hymn *Brethren, we have met to worship* HWB 8

Call to Worship HWB 697

Special Music Jeff Toews

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story Penny Hiebert

Scripture Exodus 3: 1-10 Doug Hiebert

Sermon *A Burning Bush in the Darkness* Hank Unruh

*Hymn of Response *I love to tell the story* HWB 398

RESPONDING

Offering Local Church Missions

Offertory

* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn *Longing for light* STJ 54

Morning Prayer

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *Lord, you sometimes speak* HWB 594

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Interim Pastor: Hank Unruh Worship Leader: Valerie Klaassen

Scripture Reader: Doug Hiebert

Keyboard: Karen Andres Usher: Doug Hiebert

For Sharing and Prayer

Allen Patterson will be celebrating his 90th birthday next Sunday, July 20th. His family would like to invite you to honor him with a card shower. Cards may be left at church or mailed to: 7805 SE 36th St., Whitewater, KS 67154. Thank you!

Billy Stamps passed away on June 24, 2025. The funeral service was held in Newton on July 3. Billy was a member at Grace Hill and previously attended with his wife Lorene and family. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations offering support and advocacy for immigrants, as they seek God's justice and compassion in the face of threat and fear.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, participants begin Mennonite Mission Network's week-long Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage, which will take them from Washington, D.C., to Florida. Pray for open minds and hearts, as they retrace the courageous journeys of faith communities and individuals who helped enslaved people find their way to emancipation. Pray also that participants will be inspired to act for justice in their own communities.

Church Events

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

Announcements

MCC School Kits We have a challenge!! MCC has set a lofty goal of collecting 25,000 school kits nation-wide throughout the month of August. Please join us in purchasing any of the following new items or considering donating \$9 to cover the cost of the items in one bag.

Items for each bag:

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks; about 21.5 cm x 27.5 cm (8.5 in x 11 in); approx. 140 pages (70 sheets) each, totaling 500–600 pages (250-300 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

If you have questions, please ask anyone on the Education Council: Deb Regier, Courtney Nethercot or Diana Schunn.

In order to welcome Hank Unruh and his wife, Erin, and to help them get to know us, Worship Council requests that everyone wear name tags throughout the month of July. We will have stick-on name tags and markers available in the foyer. Thanks!

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 by July 20, if you are willing to be a delegate.

Offering Next Sunday: Hands of Friendship

Et Cetera

Girl Named Tom, will give a free concert at Bethel College on July 19. They are the first-ever group to win the national talent competition "The Voice", the group includes three Mennonite siblings from Pettisville, Ohio - Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty. The Green "opens" at 4:30 and food and beverage trucks/vendors start serving at 5. Local favorites and Bethel alumni The Flannelbacks open the show at 7, with Girl Named Tom taking the stage at 8. Plan now to attend!

WDC Annual Assembly – Never participated in Annual Assembly? It's full of fun for all ages! Camp Sing after worship Friday evening, along with live, local music, ice cream and fellowship time Saturday evening, and fun intergenerational faith formation for kids, youth and adults on Saturday! Join us for Annual Assembly on August 8-9, at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. Click here for more Assembly information and to register (**Registration deadline is July 27!**): <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!

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

Menno Snapshots Anita J. Castle never dreamed of being a pastor. In fact, she had rarely even heard of a woman being a pastor before. But after one fateful conference, she knew she was being called. Read more about her calling in her MC USA blog here: mennoniteusa.org/my-calling-pastor

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