

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 11, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

BEING AND LEADING THE BODY OF CHRIST Being Called to Ministry

Gathering Music	Ellen Mosiman
Welcome and Announcements	Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship	
*Call to Worship	Hymnal 8
<i>Brethren, we have met to worship</i>	
*Praise Psalm	Psalm 139:1-7
*Praise Hymn	Hymnal 46
<i>I sing the mighty power of God</i>	
Called by God	
Mark 1:4-11	Marge Harms
<i>Lord, I want to be a Christian</i>	Hymnal 444
Prayer	
Affirmation of Faith	Hymnal 853
Offering	
Children's Story	Kim Claassen
<i>Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care</i>	
Scripture Lesson	
Romans 12:1-8	
Sermon	
<i>Blessed with a Gifted Body</i>	
*Response Hymn	Hymnal 304
<i>There are many gifts</i>	
Sharing and Prayer	
*Sending Hymn	Hymnal 363
<i>Renew your church</i>	
*Benediction	
Postlude	

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church.

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

The Adult Sunday School class will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on our Texas pastors who met yesterday in Austin, Texas, around the theme, "Cultural Bridges and Borders," led by Associate Conference Minister, Gilberto Flores.

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, Palmer Becker begins a short-term assignment in Latin America, jointly sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church Canada. Pray for him as he helps Latin American Anabaptists understand their theological identity in order to minister more faithfully in their modern contexts.

Come and be part of the combined Sunday school running through February 1. Using Bible study, discussion, and table talk activities we will explore the gifting within Grace Hill and the Bible's guidance for how to organize for ministries and leadership around our gifting. This is the third section in the transition process and strong attendance is important to make this section effective.

Church Family News

. . . **Melinda Regehr** and **Emma Hilgenfeld** are part of the Bethel-Tabor Jerusalem Seminar during January interterm . . . **Mikayla Hiebert** is in Colombia for a Bethel interterm business class . . . **Elfrieda Schmidt** continues in Newton Medical Center and might soon return home . . . **Pauline Balzer** continues as a patient at Newton Medical Center . . . **Edgar Harder** is in Newton Medical Center for physical rehab . . . **Virgil Penner** will demonstrate how he creates from sketch to painting at the Carriage Factory Gallery from 6:00-8:00 this Thursday . . . **Nick Toews'** address is Kansas Christian Home, Room 111, 1035 SE 3rd, Newton. He celebrates his 90th birthday today . . . **Diana Schunn** celebrates that the funding drive for the new Child Advocacy Center was able to meet the matching grant from the Mabee Foundation . . .

Thank you Grace Hill for your multiple expressions of kindness to us at Christmas time. We are blessed to be part of this congregation.

Randy and Ann

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice.

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

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Saturday, January 24 from 8 a.m. – noon The Mission of a Rural Congregation: AMBS-Kansas Center will host a Rural Ministry Seminar on Saturday, January 24 from 8 – noon at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. This seminar is presented by S. Roy Kaufman and will explore the unique mission of the church in a rural context. This seminar will include lecture, case studies, discussion groups, and a catered lunch. Grace Hill will register as a congregation and pay the \$100 group fee. You may attend as part of the Grace Hill group for no charge. If you would like to attend, please let Kim Claassen know by this Wednesday, January 14. For more information about the seminar visit www.ambs.edu/ruralministry.

January 25 at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting

February 8 Grace Hill will be hosting the Bethel College Concert Choir for Bethel College Sunday on February 8. The choir has been invited to stay for a potluck meal after Sunday School, so plan ahead to bring some of your favorite dishes to share. We look forward to this time of worship, praise, and fellowship!

Announcements

Please complete the “Transitional Process Update and Feedback Request” and return today. There is a box in the foyer for the completed evaluations. Thank you!

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 25. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

You’re invited to join “Prayers of the Church” each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Savannah Frohlich

Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Emma Hilgenfeld

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,005.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor’s Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

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Randy & Ann Smith: 115 W. 27th St., North Newton, KS 67117

Et Cetera

Today the public is invited to a celebration for Rachel Pannabecker’s 30 years of service to Kauffman Museum; 3:30 p.m. in the museum, including tributes, live music and refreshments.

The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Annual State Meeting will be January 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. Come join us for the annual meeting as we review activities from the last year and highlight projects in our region. Refreshments to follow. Questions? Contact Jordan Miller at 316-212-3246 or jordan@millerconstruction.org.

Everyone is invited to a farewell service for Gilberto Flores, retiring WDC Associate Conference Minister, on January 18 at 5:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Newton.

Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. January 18 at 3 p.m.: excerpts from the documentary *Freedom Riders*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; discussion follows with Dr. Gretchen Eick of Friends University and Dr. Galyn Vesey. January 19 at 7 p.m.: program with members of Bethel’s Multicultural Student Union and keynote speaker Sarah Thompson, executive director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be April 17-18 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Please consider donating a larger item to the sale – either for the general auction or the silent auction. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Publicity Committee is collecting information and photos of items scheduled for the General or Silent auctions and would like to start posting the items on the website and design the sale bill. Please let Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen know if you have an item to donate.

Massive Book Sale, now underway at the WDC offices, 2517 N. Main Street, N. Newton. Most items are 50 cents! Choose from theology, ministry, children's books!

These are the books purchased with library money:

"Winter Brides" Denise Hunter, Deborah Raney, Betsy St. Amant
Three novella: A December Bride; A January Bride; and A February Bride.

Deborah Raney "Home to Chicory Lane" Her latest novel An empty nest couple changes their home into a fifty-five-hundred-square-foot bed and breakfast which creates interesting ramifications for many people.

Nancy Mehl "Gathering Shadows" book I of "Finding Sanctuary"
Wynter is looking for her brother who disappeared nine years ago, her first lead takes her to Sanctuary.

Karen Kingsbury "Angels Walking" BK I of "Angels Walking" Her latest book A team of angels are placed on this earth to help when needed.

Robert Whitlow "The Confession" His latest book. An ambitious young lawyer comes up with a secret he thought was hidden but . . .

"The Butterfly and the Violin" Kristy Cambron An art gallery searches for the story of the young lady in a portrait which leads them to Austrian Violinist Adele Von Bron who was involved in smuggling Jews out of Vienna.

Kate Breslin "For Such a Time" Setting is in Czechoslovakia, a young woman is involved with sending some to Auschwitz. Some of the graphic details of her involvement.

Lynn Austin "Keepers of the Covenant" In Babylon the Jews and the Gentiles are depicted through the eyes of Ezra as he leads his people.

Dan Walsh "The Deepest Waters" In 1857 John and Laura Foster are coming to America when their steamship is destroyed by a Hurricane--they are separated but will they find each other again?

Andrew Klavan "Nightmare City" Our library has another series of his which have been read by some. More mystery like than some.

Andrew Klaven "Mindwar" The Mindwar Trilogy BK I Again a book of mystery with Christian influence.

Katherine Burkey Wiens "Bars, Dumps, & other Childhood Hangouts"
She describes her first ten years in vivid terminology and then later she was adopted by a Mennonite couple from Milford, Nebraska. She writes about her life so that others will be willing to help other children find love and respect.

Donated

Vern H Janzen, "Memoirs of My Parents Peter C. and Olga Schmidt Jantz" 1892-1996 book donated by the family--Olga Schmidt was a member of Grace Hill in her youth.

Books donated by a family in church:

Kabagarama, Akiiki Daisy, "Peace Be With Me" The author has spoken at Bethel College on peace.

Stowell, Jim "The Ultimate Gift" A greedy young man awaits the reading of his uncle's will and is very unhappy with the steps he needs to meet in a years' time for the fulfillment.

Mortenson, Greg "Three Cups of Tea" His story of how he brought schools for girls Pakistan and Afhanistan.

"Christmas Memories at Grace Chapel Inn" Guidepost Memories of three sisters bringing the warmth of Christmas to other in their village.