

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 18, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

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!**

## BEING AND LEADING THE BODY OF CHRIST

### Being a Body Member

Gathering Music	Tara Harms-Becker
Welcome and Announcements	Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship	Choir
<i>Come unto me</i>	
*Call to Worship	Sing the Story 60
<i>Come to me, come to us</i>	
*Praise Psalm	Psalm 29
Praise Hymn	Hymnal 124
<i>O worship the Lord</i>	
Called by God	
I Samuel 3:1-10	Russell Janzen
<i>Here I am, Lord</i>	Hymnal 395
Prayer	
Affirmation of Faith	Hymnal 854
Offering	
Children's Story	Valerie Klaassen
<i>Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care</i>	
Scripture Lesson	
I Corinthians 12: 12-27	
Sermon	
<i>Body Parts</i>	
*Response Hymn	Hymnal 305
<i>Where charity and love prevail</i>	
Sharing and Prayer	
*Sending Hymn	Hymnal 363
<i>Renew your church</i>	
*Spoken Benediction	
Sung Benediction	Choir
<i>We Wait Thy Loving Kindness</i>	
Postlude	

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Relief Sale.

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

## For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for all the cards, visits and goodies that came my way to make my 90th birthday a very special one. Thanks, too, for keeping me in your prayers. Nick Toews

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls & pastor visits the past 2 wks. We are stable for now & will continue to covet your prayers. Ray & Elfrieda Schmidt

**Western District Conference:** Pray for fruitful ministry for our rural pastors and congregations. Pray for the Rural Ministry Seminar meeting on Saturday, January 24.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** This year, Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program is restructuring to respond to current realities. Pray for Nathan Penner and Neil Richer as they oversee this change, for the 11 congregations and communities that will be hosting larger service households, and for the 10 congregations and communities that will be closing their MVS units.

**We'll slow it down.** My apology for attempting to cover too much in too short of a time in last Sunday's session. This study on gifting and passions lays the ground work for possibilities for ministry and leadership in Grace Hill's next chapter. It is an important study so we want to go at a pace that is helpful. Hope you will be part of this through February 1. Randy

## Church Family News

. . . **Tara Harms-Becker** has accepted a position at the Urology Center of Kansas with Dr. William Cho . . . **Pauline Balzer** is a resident at Kansas Christian Home regaining her strength with physical therapy . . . **Edgar Harder** continues with physical therapy at Newton Medical Center . . . **Donna Balzer** created the beautiful quilted wall hanging gracing the front entrance of the church . . . **Randy** and **Ann Smith** will leave for Saint Louis this afternoon to visit their son and daughter-in-law and will return Tuesday evening . . .

## Church Events

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

**Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.** Administrative Council meets.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's in Newton.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets.

**Saturday from 8 a.m. – noon** Rural Ministry Seminar at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Grace Hill is registered as a congregation, please contact Kim Claassen if you are interested in attending.

**Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m.** The youth group will serve a fund-raiser meal.

**Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m.** Annual Church Business Meeting

**Grace Hill Wednesday Night will begin again on January 28!!** We will have a 7-week session from January 28 – March 11. Meals will be served at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Classes for grades Pre-K thru High School and Adult Bible Study will begin at 7:00 p.m. (The high school youth class will begin on February 4.) The adult choir will also continue to practice at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come to the meals and participate in the evening's activities!

**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!

## Et Cetera

**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.

**Join us in saying farewell to Gilberto Flores**, Associate Conference Minister, as he retires from Western District Conference at the end of January. A farewell service/faspa (light supper) will be held today (18<sup>th</sup>) at 5 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.

**Wheat State Manor Auxiliary** will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, January 22 at the Manor at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**A two-part service for those experiencing loss and grief** is planned for 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., January 22 at Prairie View Chapel, 1901 E. First St., in Newton. *Winter Solace: Seeking Our Source of Light* begins at 6 p.m. with an indoor labyrinth experience as participants walk their prayers to God. At 7 p.m. Prairie View Chaplain Karen Andres will lead a worship service of remembrance and hope. Admission is free. For information, phone 800-992-6292 or see Prairie View News and Events at [www.prairieview.org](http://www.prairieview.org).

**An introduction to Centering Prayer, January 24 from 3-5:30 p.m., Agape Center in the Richert House** on the Bethel College campus. Leader is Laurinda Wade, Wichita, spiritual director and Centering Prayer retreat leader. Centering Prayer is drawn from an ancient form of Christian prayer that involves silence and contemplation. The workshop is free, but organizers would appreciate some idea of numbers. Please contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com); Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu); or Karen Andres, [davidkaren@powwwer.net](mailto:davidkaren@powwwer.net). (For help locating Agape Center at Richert House, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/))

**The Mennonite Agri-Urban Banquet** and annual meeting will be held Saturday, February 7, at 6 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Everyone involved or interested in the Agri-Urban program is invited. No sign-up is required.

**Community Playschool** is looking for persons interested and willing to occasionally fill in as a substitute teacher. These volunteers work with a class of 10 or fewer children and another adult is in the room. Benefits include warm smiles from the children, an engaging morning where you are allowed to play with blocks and toys and acknowledgment from a very grateful director! If you enjoy working with children and would like to help out in this important mission of your church, please contact Jeanette Leary at 283-3667 for more information.

## Announcements

**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:** Kathy Balzer and Emma Hilgenfeld

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$5,343.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

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