

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 19, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Heidi Wiebe

SOJOURN THROUGH SCRIPTURE: Jacob in Goshen

Sojourn Virtue: Blessing

Gathering and Praising

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship Psalm 37: 1-11

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 544** *When we walk with the Lord* vs. 1, 2 & 4

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Relief Sale

Hearing God's Story

Worship Music *O My Soul, Bless Thou Jehovah*

Heidi Wiebe and Ken Wiebe

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Old Testament Reading Genesis 46:28 – 47:12 Valerie Klaassen

Sermon *Sojourning as a way of life* Norma Duerksen

Responding to God's Story

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 2** *Come, walk with us*

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* **Sending Song No. 433** *Go, my children* vs. 1 & 4

Benediction

Postlude

*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 classes will begin

10 minutes after the service is over.

Everyone is welcome!

For Sharing and Prayer

We would like to thank our church family for your support during Edgar's hospitalization. He is now residing at Wheat State Manor for therapy. Your prayers, cards and visits were a great encouragement. A special thanks to Pastor Peter for his visits while in the hospital. May God bless you all.
Edgar & Agnes Harder

Western District Conference: Pray for Houston Mennonite Church as they develop plans to build new facilities.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mark and Mary Hurst of MMN are grieving many losses. Mark's father died Thanksgiving morning, and a special Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand colleague died a few weeks later. Yet another great sorrow is the loss of the 1643 Community house. Pray for comfort and hope for Mark and Mary.

Church Events

Tuesday afternoon Quilting on the MCC quilt from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

7:00 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket in Newton.

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. Minutes from the semi-annual meeting on September 29, 2013 will not be read at the meeting. The minutes will be emailed to the congregation this week or for those who don't have email, the minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please read the minutes ahead of time so corrections and/or approval can be made at the meeting.

Next Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Menno-Nite Live *Stump the Preachers* Got a passage of Scripture you've always wanted to hear a sermon on? Found the most confounding story in the Bible? Bring it to Stump the Preachers, and see if they can come up with a sermon!

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 26. 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: Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$8,048.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service invites you to their annual meeting and program this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. The program will feature the Partnership Home Project. Learn about the Partnership Home Project and how your church or churches in your community could get involved. Refreshments will follow the program.

Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., includes a screening of the 77-minute documentary, *The Loving Story*, this evening at 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, and a keynote address by Ewuare Osayande, Anti-Oppression ministry coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee U.S., January 20, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Bethel College Concert Choir end-of-European-tour home concert will be January 26 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Agri-Urban invites all of its supporters and interested people to an appreciation dinner on February 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Eden Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge. No reservations are necessary just come and enjoy a good meal.

Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals will take place on February 23 and March 2. You are encouraged to participate by either hosting a meal or being invited to another's home or church. Church groups are also encouraged to host meals. For more details, see the flier in the foyer. Registration deadline is February 2.