

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 1, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

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

Leading Through the Spirit

Gathering Music	Ellen Mosiman
Welcome and Announcements	Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship	
*Call to Worship	Sing the Journey 1
<i>We sing to you, O God</i>	
*Praise Psalm	Psalms 111
*Praise Hymn	Sing the Journey 16
<i>Praise with joy the world's Creator</i>	
Called by God	
John 1:43-51	Lon Hiebert
<i>Lord, you have come to the lakeshore</i>	Hymnal 229
Prayer	
Affirmation of Faith	Hymnal 856
<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	Women's Ensemble
Offering	
Children's Story	Travis Harms
<i>Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care</i>	
Scripture Lesson	
Acts 15:36 – 16:10	
Sermon	
<i>Leading By Being Led</i>	
*Response Hymn	Hymnal 303
<i>Come, gracious Spirit</i>	
Sharing and Prayer	
*Sending Hymn	Hymnal 363
<i>Renew your church</i>	
*Benediction	
Postlude	

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Thank God for the ministry of Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister in Texas, who will finish handing off his work to Howard Garver this month. Pray for a smooth transition.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners, Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, serve as directors of Menno Village, a sustainable agriculture initiative in Japan. Pray that more people will join this farming community, and pray for healing for their son, Kazu, who has been hospitalized with Crohn's disease.

Church Family News

. . . **Alma Schmidt** back from a road trip with her niece to visit her sister and brother in California . . . **Renata Goossen**, with **Carl** and **Kris**, are in Reno NV to conclude Renata's year-long title as the 2014 winner of the Junior National Make It Yourself With Wool Ambassador and to report to the National Wool Growers Association about her efforts to promote sewing with wool . . . **Kim Claassen**, **Roberta Harms**, **Tim Harms**, **Virgil Penner**, and **Randy Smith** attended the Rural Church Seminar last Saturday sponsored by our seminary, AMBS . . . **Paige Frye**, **Bethany Regehr**, and **Katrina Regehr** are attending the "Know Jesus" event this weekend at Hesston College . . . **Chad** and **Laurie Dove** attended a journalism conference in Birmingham, Alabama . . . **Edgar Harder** is now at Wheat State Manor for physical therapy to rebuild his strength . . . **Randy Smith** plans to be in South Carolina visiting his parents from February 2 through February 11 . . .

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Church USA.

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council will meet.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
We are having meals every Wednesday through March 11.
Menu this week: BBQ Meatballs
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

7:15 p.m. Rural Ministry Seminar discussion

– everyone is invited to come and hear about topics discussed at the seminar.

Next Sunday Grace Hill will be hosting the Bethel College Concert Choir for Bethel College Sunday. 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!

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Grace Hill is responsible for the vesper service at Wheat State Manor.

Monday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet in the church basement. Program: Work Day – tie comforter & cut quilt blocks; Hostess & Devotions: Gladys Reimer and Pauline Toews; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

The 2015 WDC Basketball Tournament will be held March 16-17 and 19-21 at Bethel College. Grace Hill/Zion are planning to have two teams – one in each division. If you are interested in playing in Division 1 (more competitive), contact Grant Claassen (316-708-0332). If you are interested in playing in Division 2, contact Grant Klingenberg (620-877-7606). Cost will be about \$15 per person depending on how many people play. Information at: mennowdc.org/wdc-basketball-tournament/.

Et Cetera

Centering Prayer will meet every Monday from noon-1 p.m. starting February 2 in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. All are welcome. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com; Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu; or Karen Andres, davidkaren@powwwer.net. (For help locating Agape Center at Richert House, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)

StoryTime at the Western District Conference Resource Library begins on Wednesday, February 4 at 10 a.m. Join in the fun and stories with Alisha Baughman. Call 316-283-6300 to sign up your preschooler or for more information.

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 signup is required.

The Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference is February 13-15 at Hesston College, "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference." Keynote speaker Father John Dear, internationally known voice for peace and 2008 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will lead participants to understand Biblical foundations for justice and the peace of Jesus to overcome the evil common to us all. Additional information/registration at www.hesston.edu/avds or call 620-327-8109. Nationally recognized artist Ted Swartz of Ted & Co. TheatreWorks brings the scriptures alive in "I'd Like to Buy an Enemy," a hilarious and poignant satire that explores peace, justice and the American way. The play is part of the 2015 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series, February 14 at 7:00 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12 general admission at the door, or free with conference registration.

Valentine's Day Volunteering - Folks who love Camp Mennoscah are welcome and invited to show their love of camp in a tangible way on February 14. The day of fun will begin around 9-9:30 a.m. and run through the afternoon. We'll feed volunteers lunch and offer you a camp tee shirt. Please let us know you are coming (office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290) so we can let you know if there are any changes.

Please join us for Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Meeting on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct. in Newton. Dinner is \$11 per person and can be paid at the door. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Monday, February 9.

Learn with MCC! Everyone is invited to this special Mennonite Central Committee event on Saturday, February 28 at 9 a.m. in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. MCC Central States program staff is teaming up with MCC U.S. staff to provide resources and a time of mutual learning on the topics of: immigration, sexualized and gender based violence, Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous people and militarization within the U.S. Lunch at Mojo's Coffee Shop (also on the Bethel campus) will follow the seminars. Mark your calendars to join us. If you plan to attend, please email tinascrag@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720!

Newton Et Cetera Shop is seeking a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. This is a paid position. Must be available 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, good with people, able to lift heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Spanish language skills a plus. To apply, call 283-9461.

Announcements

Administrative Council and Church Business Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like for the minutes to be emailed to you, please let Debbie Claassen know.

The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

Nursery This Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen
Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen
Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,606.00
Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College

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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