

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 12, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Gathering Music Tara Harms-Becker  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude to Worship

\*Call to Worship Choir  
*Crown him with many crowns*

Words of Praise Revelation 5:11-14

I looked and heard the voice of many angels,  
numbering thousands upon thousands,  
ten thousand times ten thousand.  
They encircled the throne and the living creatures  
and the elders.  
In a loud voice they said:

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive  
power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!**

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and on the sea  
and all that is in them say:

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power  
for ever and ever!**

The living creatures, and the people of Grace Hill, said,  
**Amen!**  
And the elders fell down and worshiped.

\*All hail the power of Jesus' name Hymnal 285

\*Prayer Anthem Choir

*Love Divine*

Affirmation of Faith Hymnal 712

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

Scripture Lesson Marge Harms  
Luke 24: 36-53

Sermon  
*Doing a One-Eighty*

\*Lift your glad voices Hymnal 275

Sharing and Prayer

\*Rejoice, the Lord is King Hymnal 288  
\*Benediction

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 classes will begin 10 minutes after the  
service is over. Everyone is welcome!**

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the Church Planting  
Commission retreat, April 13-14, as they continue to develop clear  
pathways forward in new church development for WDC. Pray for  
Howard Garver as the new Director of Church Planting.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer  
and their four children who are experimenting with a ministry in which  
they will serve six months in Ecuador and six months in the United  
States, sharing spiritual insights between South and North America.  
This is a joint ministry of Goshen (Indiana) College and Mennonite  
Mission Network.

## Church Family News

. . . **Laurie Dove** was elected mayor of Valley Center. Way to go,  
Laurie . . . **Peter and Katherine Goerzen** have transferred as members  
in Tabor Mennonite Church . . . **DuMont and Barbara Schmidt** have  
transferred as members in Mount Horeb United Methodist Church,  
Mount Horeb, WI . . .

**Randy plans to leave** for South Carolina after the worship service today and be gone through next Sunday. Next week's worship service will include the Remington High School Singers and biblical story teller, Deryll Amstutz, from First Mennonite, Hillsboro.

### **Church Events**

**Monday at 1:30 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Work day – tie comforter & cut quilt blocks. Election for Hands of Friendship; Hostess & Devotions: Judy Janzen; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth Group will meet.  
Adult Choir practice

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

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** starts Friday, April 17 at 4 p.m. and continues Saturday, April 18 with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. and booths opening at 8 a.m. Friday evening entertainment will be Journey South Hutch Kids Jam at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. the McKinney Sisters (Christian Bluegrass) from Moundridge. Please not only plan to attend, but if you have a few hours to give, volunteer at the relief sale. The Relief Sale is about food, folks, fun and shared giving—giving in the form of donations to the sale, purchases sale weekend, and gifts of time through volunteer opportunities. Stay up-to-date on all things relating to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale by liking us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or visit our website at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org).  
**Questions?** Contact Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen.  
**Please have all items that need to be taken to the sale to the church by noon on Friday.**

## **Announcements**

**Please return the Church Polity/Sexuality Surveys** to the box in the foyer by next Sunday, April 19. Thank you!

**Debbie Claassen** is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 18. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 15. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled “Run for Relief” on the memo.

**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.

**Hands of Friendship offering** on Sunday, March 22, for Wheat State Manor Auxiliary amounted to \$279.00.

**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 \$1,641.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

## **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***

*Email:* [transitionpastor@gmail.com](mailto:transitionpastor@gmail.com)

***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

*Secretary’s E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Everence Financial** will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on April 13. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (877)467-7294, (620)327-4043 or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**The Annual Corporation Meeting of the Community Playschool** is Monday, April 13 in Room 14 of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, at 7.00 pm. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

**Dr. Francis McMahon, renowned bipolar genetics expert at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)**, will talk about his current project, a bipolar genetics study related to Mennonite and Amish people, Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College. Sponsors are the Bethel College chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Mid-Kansas NAMI.

**Attention All MCC Alumni!** Stop by the Mennonite Central Committee display, near the General Auction in the Sunflower North building, at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale April 17 & 18. We have a special MCC Alumni sticker for you to wear during the sale AND we have small gift of appreciation for you to pick up as well! Please don't be shy about the sticker. It's simply a way of honoring the contribution of service you gave through MCC and a way for others to recognize you as an alumni of MCC. It's a win, win - plus, the sticker might help you make connections with other alumni at the sale! Drop by, pick up a sticker and your small gift and then enjoy the sale!

**Dr. Robert E. Weems Jr. speaks at Kauffman Museum**, on April 19 at 3 p.m. This is the third program connected to the special exhibit "Sorting Out Race." Weems is Willard W. Garvey Distinguished Professor of Business History at Wichita State University and will speak on "Defining the 'Other': A History of Racial Stereotypes."

**"This is My Father's World – A Celebration of Beauty in Nature, Music and Art"** will be presented at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Presenters include Vada Snider, flute; Karen Loucks, piano; and Duane Graham, photography. Art by Bob Regier, humorous drawings by Jesse Graber and slides of Morocco by Susan Reimer will also be featured. The program is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit CASA: A Voice for Children. Sandra Bradley, CASA executive director, will speak briefly.

**The Convention Prayer Team and AMBS-Kansas Center** will host a Prayer Retreat prior to the MC USA Convention in July. This retreat is intended for pastors, congregational leaders, delegates, members and anyone who is interested in coming together to join in prayer in preparation for Convention. This retreat will be held on Sunday, May 3, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The retreat begins at 4:30 p.m. and will conclude with a faspas supper at 6:00, so participants are invited to bring faspas finger foods (bread, meat, cheese, pickles, fruit, etc.) to share. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please see <https://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Prayer-Gathering.cfm>. To RSVP as a congregation or as an individual, please contact Katherine Goerzen at [kccoordinator@ambs.edu](mailto:kccoordinator@ambs.edu) by April 27.

**Tap a shoulder! Camp Mennoscah** is looking for applicants for the following summer staff positions: lifeguard, nature, and crafts. These are leadership positions with a weekly stipend and room & board. The application form can be found at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) under Resources. The people who hold these positions are vital to our camping ministry and have the opportunity to make a great impact on the lives of campers and other staff. It's an amazing and fun way to spend a summer!

**Summer camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** will be here before you know it! There is still space in Resident Camps and some Wilderness Camps for youth to join in the fun. To register, try our new online registration or download a PDF registration from our website. We hope you plan to visit us in the mountains this summer! [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org)

**WDC is sponsoring an Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch** June 12-13 on the Bethel College campus in North Newton, KS. The launch will include times for worship and four breakout sessions, where 14 different workshops will be offered. More info and online registration at: <http://mennowdc.org/anabaptist-faith-formation-launch/>.

**Did you know that Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) is on Facebook?** Be sure to "like" us, and get all the good information posted there!