

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 19, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Linda Harms

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Gathering Music	Linda Harms
Welcome and Announcements	Diana Schunn
Prelude to Worship	
Call to Worship	Remington Singers
<i>Jubilate Fanfare</i> (Beck)	
Songs of Praise	
<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee</i>	Hymnal 71
<i>Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i> (arr. Sorenson)	Remington Singers
<i>Walk in Jerusalem</i> (arr. Dilworth)	Remington Singers
Prayer	
Affirmation of Faith	I John 3:1-4

***What great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God!***

***That is what we are!***

***The reason the world does not know us is because  
it did not know him.***

***Dear friends, now we are children of God.***

***What we will be has not yet been made known.***

***But we know that when Christ appears,  
we shall be like him,***

***for we shall see him as he is.***

***All who have this hope in him purify themselves,  
just as he is pure.***

Offering

Children's Story

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

The Bible in Story Deryll Amstutz

Elisha and Naaman - 2 Kings 5

The Gospel as told by Dr. Luke 10

Who is my neighbor?

The Gospel as told by Dr. Luke 24

On the road and breaking bread

*On the Journey to Emmaus*

Sing the Story 98

Sharing and Prayer

Jeff Toews

*I love to tell the story*

Hymnal 398

Benediction

**Thank you special guests** Kathleen Pool and the Remington High School Singers and Deryll Amstutz, biblical story teller from First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Thank you for sharing your time and talent in leading our worship. We are blessed to have you with us.

This morning's offering is designated for the Scholarship Fund.

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 wise discernment for the Search Committee and Chair Sondra Bandy Koontz as they seek a new Executive Conference Minister for WDC. Pray for candidates and their discernment as well.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** JCS International, the umbrella agency through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in Mongolia, is searching for an executive director as Kwai Lin Stephens will not be renewing her role when she completes her current term. Pray that the person God is calling to this role will say, "Yes."

## Church Family News

. . . **Emma Mae Litton** is recovering from a broken arm after taking a fall . . . **Jared Burns** moved to an apartment in Wichita last weekend and his new address is 7272 E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. N., Apt. #1410, Wichita, KS 67226 . . . **Marianne Eichelberger** is glad to have the Newton Public Library open again after repair from storm damage . . .

## **Church Events**

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

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

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

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater.

## **Announcements**

**Please return the Church Polity/Sexuality Surveys** to the box in the foyer today. Thank you!

**Whitewater Community Bible School** will be held June 1-5 in Whitewater. The following supplies are needed: plastic or glass jars (qt. size or smaller), paper towel tubes, clothes pins, old tee shirts (any size), yarn, plastic beads, sea shells, neck ties. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to the Bible School, please give them to Theresa Toews.

**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 \$5,705.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Et Cetera

**Dr. Robert E. Weems Jr. speaks at Kauffman Museum**, this afternoon 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. this afternoon, 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.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concerts:** **April 26** at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel College Memorial Hall, North Newton. The Bethel College Men's Ensemble will perform with the chorus. **May 3** at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany College Presser Hall, Lindsborg.

**Retirees Retreat** on April 27-29 - There are still spaces available at Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat. We're revisiting Ukraine with speakers Justina Neufeld, Keith Sprunger, and Karen McCabe-Juhnke, to name a few. There will also be time to enjoy the camp grounds and share conversation over coffee/tea. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to join the fun!

**Remembering Our Mennonite Mothers:** Are you a daughter, mother, or grandmother with family ties to the Mennonite Church? Join us for a pre-Mother's Day time of sharing on Sunday, May 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at Salina Mennonite Church, 600 State St, Salina. Author and editor Rachel Epp Buller will lead a discussion based on her recent book, *Mothering Mennonite*. Writers in the book share how their Mennonite mothers and grandmothers imparted religious and cultural traditions, even as some of them strained against boundaries. You will be invited to reflect on how the roles of daughters, mothers, and grandmothers in your life have informed, been shaped by, or even been at odds with your Mennonite roots.

**Camp Mennoscah's** early registration deadline ends May 1! We know it feels like a long, long time from now, but in just a few short weeks, that discount will disappear. Go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) to register online or contact us at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) for a paper form. Returning campers--bring a new friend and receive a free camp tee shirt!

**Dear folks, you make the lives of campers and staff so much better.** You cook, you volunteer as counselors or custodial or maintenance, and you laugh with us. More of you are needed for the summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. We need kitchen helpers for June 7-13, June 29-July 2, July 19-25, and July 26-31 especially, and head cooks for June 29-July 2, July 5-9, and July 19-25. A nurse is needed for June 7-13. Kitchen helpers can receive a camper discount for up to full camp fees. Head cooks and nurses receive a stipend or the camper discount. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Hesston College Theatre** will host a summer theatre camp June 1 to 6 for middle school students ages 11 to 13. The workshops will give participants opportunities to work in every aspect of staging a performance from creating the script to painting the set, working backstage and performing. Registration is \$40. Financial assistance is available upon request. Register online at [hesston.edu/theatrecamp](http://hesston.edu/theatrecamp) by May 11, or by contacting Laura Kraybill at 620-327-8142 or [laurak@hesston.edu](mailto:laurak@hesston.edu).

**Western District Conference** is eligible to send one delegate for every 1000 members or fraction thereof in our area conference to the Mennonite Church USA convention. The following persons have been appointed by the Executive Board to be WDC delegates at Kansas City 2015: Norma Duerksen, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Howard Garver, Richard Gehring, Anita Kehr, Norma Johnson, Wendy Funk Schrag, Diana Schunn, and possibly the new WDC Conference Minister.

### **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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