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**GRACE HILL  
Mennonite Church**

April 24, 2016                      Whitewater, Kansas  
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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Pastor: Weldon Martens  
Pianist: Rebecca Schrag

Scripture Reader: John Claassen  
Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering Music

Call to Worship: Joshua 24:14-18                      HWB 809  
*"...choose this day whom you will serve..."*

Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn                      *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*                      HWB 41

Children's Story

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare*

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51                      HWB 818  
*"Have mercy on me, O God..."*

Choir                      *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

Scripture Reading                      Acts 10:1 - 11:18

Choir                      *"The LORD is My Light"*

Sermon                      *"To the Gentiles Also"*

\*Hymn                      *"Renew Your Church"*                      HWB 363

Offering and Offertory                      Western District Conference  
*\*Doxology*                      HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer

\*Sending Song                      *"Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"*                      HWB 428

\*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 express to our church family a big Thank You for your prayers, visits, cards and words of encouragement while Agnes was recovering from surgery and Edgar continues to reside at Wheat State Manor. A special Thanks to Pastor Weldon for his many visits and prayers for our needs. *Encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:17*

Edgar & Agnes Harder

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Byron Pellecer, as he concludes ministry at Aposento Alto church plant in Wichita, this month, and prepares to move to Texas to begin work May 15 as WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based).

**Mennonite Mission Network:** From next Thursday through Sunday, DOOR Hollywood's Dwell participants will be on their spring retreat. Pray for these young adults as they spend time reflecting on their year-long assignment and vocational discernment.

### **Church Events**

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth Group meets.  
Leadership Council meets.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

**Saturday at 8:00 a.m.** Church Work Day

### **Announcements**

*Deep Sea Discovery – God is with me wherever I go!* is the theme for the Community Vacation Bible School, June 6-10 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Remington Middle School in Whitewater. For Prek-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please join us for fun and excitement! Register online at <http://whitewatervbs2016.eventbrite.com>. Online registration closes Friday, June 3. Registration welcomed at VBS.

**2016 WDC Annual Assembly** The 2016 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held July 29-30 at Bethel College. Grace Hill can send up to 8 delegates as representatives. If you have interest in serving as a delegate, please contact Tim Harms by Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Et Cetera

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** concert is this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple Street, Wichita. With your attendance you can help us continue to "Sing So Others May Live."

**KIPCOR Film Series wraps up with *The Waiting Room*, on May 1 at 3 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back session with Dr. Ted Cook, medical director of the emergency department at Newton Medical Center.

**Thank You to everyone who helped make the 48th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success!** You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton. The meal is \$15 a plate and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen by May 16. Or, contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863 or [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com).

**Waiting for you! Camp Mennoscah** has available weekends and weekdays for you to visit. Enjoy being with friends, play disc golf, wade in the river, go fishing, pull out those Rook or Dutch Blitz cards, and spend some time relaxing and having fun. (We think having fun and being with others are some great ways to connect with God.) Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) to check dates and for further information. We're ready to share Camp Mennoscah with you!

**Just a few more openings! Camp Mennoscah** has just a few more openings for kitchen helpers for our summer youth camps. We'd love to have a couple more helpers for July 17-23 and July 24-29. No great skill needed, just the ability to follow directions and a love for camp. Parents receive a camper discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org).

**Job Openings with Mennonite Church USA:** Graphic/Multimedia Designer and a Communications Associate. See the job descriptions posted on the bulletin board.

**MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) needs your help!** Each day this week there will be LOTS to do in the MCC Workroom in North Newton - blankets and comforters to fold and bale, kits to assemble and prepare for shipment and more! Call to schedule a time with Irma or just come in and share your time and talents with MCC. The workroom is open Monday-Friday 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm, gather your friends and family to join you or come alone, stay for an hour or two or more. Come check out how the workroom is changing!

**Specific urgent needs at MCC:** Not only do we need your help inside the MCC workroom, we also need the following items so we can pack and ship complete MCC kits:

- Adult-size toothbrushes (either individual or in 4-packs)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- Shampoo (13-24 oz. size bottles)
- Wide-tooth combs (6-8 inches)
- Fingernail clippers

Bring items to the MCC Center at 121 E. 30th in North Newton. Questions? Call 316-283-2720 or email [irmagonzalez@mcc.org](mailto:irmagonzalez@mcc.org).

**Nursery This Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Deb Regier

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Allen and Elaine Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Scholarship Fund \$1,683.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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Tuesday & Thursday - Mornings, Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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