

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 6, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Musician: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Living as Kingdom People – A Kingdom-Centered Life

Gathering our Praise

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 from Psalm 145

One: I will exalt you, my God and King!

Many: And praise your name for ever and ever!

One: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion over all that he has made

Many: Your faithful people proclaim the glory of your kingdom!

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

Many: And your reign endures throughout all generations.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Many: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

ALL: I will exalt you, my God and King!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 59** *Sing praise to God who reigns*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Word

Reader's Theater *The Kingdom of God*

* **Sing the Journey No. 54** *Longing for light*

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

New Testament Reading James 4: 13-17

Josh Toevs

Sermon *Living a Kingdom-Centered Life*

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Responding to the Gospel

* **Hymn of Response No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent to Proclaim the Good News

* **Sending Hymn No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Following the worship service there will be a reception for the high school graduates in the fellowship hall, refreshments will be served. There will be no Sunday School classes today (adult as well as children) so that everyone may celebrate with our graduates.

For Sharing and Prayer

The Social Council would like to thank the congregation for its support last Sunday. Your generosity allowed us to raise over \$1700! Thank you once again!

Western District Conference: Pray for Laura Neufeld, who is being installed today as the new pastor of First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, the DOOR program in Denver is hosting a *Cinco de Mayo* fundraiser. Pray that the transforming love of Jesus may be shared with the people who will come together to fellowship, eat, make new connections, and support the work of DOOR, a MMN service program.

Grace Hill High School Graduates

Ashley Guhr - Valley Center High School
Brett Harms – Newton Home Educators Association
Steven Harms – Newton High School
Matthew Hiebert – Peabody High School
Mikayla Hiebert – Hesston High School

Grace Hill Junior High Graduates

Carine Claassen – Remington Middle School

Grace Hill College Graduates

Camille Claassen – Bethel College
Jana Harms – Wichita State University
Curtis Toews - North Central Kansas Technical College
Emily Toews – Butler Community College

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Peter.

May 27 Baptism Sunday. There will be no Sunday School on this day.
A Memorial Day service will follow worship.

Announcements

Offender Victim Ministries Dillon's certificates are available from Pauline Toews today.

The Worship Council is hoping to find those who are willing to share their musical talents during worship. If you would like to have special music sometime this summer, please talk to Roberta Harms or Valerie Klaassen.

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: canned fruit. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,638.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

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Et Cetera

Today - Annual Masterworks concert, 3 p.m. (note time change from some previously printed material), Memorial Hall, featuring the Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Bethel College Oratorio Chorus with Soyoun Chun, soprano, performing *Symphony No. 1 "Blue"* by James Syler and *Symphony No. 4* by David Maslanka; tickets at the door.

Hello all! Camp Mennoscah is gearing up for another exciting summer program and are ready for you to come out and join us. Our cabin mattresses, however, are not. Camp's 20 year old mattresses have finally bit the dust and we're ready to replace 'em. Please join us **Sunday, May 6 at 7 pm** at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, for "*Mattress Melodies*". Camp song leaders from years past will lead us in favorite camp songs as we raise funds to replace cabin mattresses. Please note the youth group who raises the most money (\$500 minimum) for the cabin mattresses will earn a pool party at Camp Mennoscah!! The goal for our Camp Sing will be around \$11,000 in order to purchase the mattresses. Be ready to test your knowledge of Camp Mennoscah with a fun trivia game, sing favorite camp songs, and have a good time! Camp style popcorn and generic pop will be served outside the building following the Camp Sing.

Saturday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. – Bethel College women's a cappella group Woven in concert, Administration Building chapel; free. (Woven is: Naomi Graber, Caroline Mayhew, Lindsey Ortman, Sarah Pohl, Renee Reimer, Megan Siebert, Ariel Silva, Sara Volweider and Allison Yoder)

Sunday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. – Bethel College men's a cappella group Open Road in concert, Memorial Hall; free (Open Road is: Landon Bartel, Kellen Goertzen, Kevin Leary, Jordan Ortman, Nathan Snyder, Taylor Stucky, Aaron Tschetter, Andrew Voth and Cameron Voth)

***Becoming One to be Sent in Christ (John 17)* is the theme for the upcoming Western District Conference annual assembly, set for July 6-8** at the Magnuson Hotel & Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City. You, as a member of a WDC church, are invited to attend this gathering of resourcing, meaningful worship and community-building conversations. Featured speakers are Chuck Neufeld and Eugene Thieszen. By next week, registration information will be distributed to WDC churches, and available at: www.mennowdc.org.

Calling all youth groups, Sunday school classes, schools, families and friends: Recent shipments of relief kits to Syrian refugees in Jordan have depleted the supply that Mennonite Central Committee keeps in reserve; please help us restock to be able to act quickly in a crisis or disaster. To see how many towels, tubes of toothpaste and other items are needed in each kit, and to find a drop-off location, visit www.mcc.org/kits/relief or call the Central States office at 316-283-2720. Also, your gifts of money are urgently needed to respond to the crisis in the region, along with your prayers for peace. See www.mcc.org/middleeastcrisis.

The Board of Community Playschool wishes to announce that Bonnie Krehbiel will be retiring this May as a Director. Friends as well as current and former teachers, parents of students and students are invited to share memories with Bonnie in a card or letter, sent in care of Community Playschool, PO Box 364, North Newton, Kansas 67117. While Bonnie is retiring from directing, she will continue as a volunteer teacher. Thanks, Bonnie, for 29 years of fun-packed and creative learning experiences!

The following books have been donated to our library. Enjoy these and the many others.

“Through my Eyes” by Tim Tebow (2011) Autobiography of the quarterback of the Denver Broncos. Football fans would enjoy this.

“God’s Talk” by Carl & Marilyn Wolgemuth. (2011) Memoir of their life as students of linguistics; working with the Isthmus Aztecs to translate God’s Word in their language. They are now retired and live in North Newton.