

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 8, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Chorister: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Casey Schunn

Mother's Day **Gather to Worship**

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.

Choral Introit *There is a Balm in Gilead* Men's Quartet
Cody Claassen, Jacob Brubaker, Carl Lehmann, Aaron Tschetter

Call to Worship from Psalm 116

One: I love the Lord, for he has heard my voice; he has heard my cry for mercy.

Many: Because God turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

Many: I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

One: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Many: Truly I am your servant Lord; I will serve you just as my mother did.

All: Praise the Lord!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 269** *Thine is the glory*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Rob Schunn

Special Music *Walk Through the Valley of Peace*
Heleluyen

Men's Quartet

Duet Cleopas and his companion David Janzen and Kyle Regier

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

Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Turn to Jesus ...

* **Hymn of Response** *On the journey to Emmaus* see insert

Affirmation of Faith

One: The risen Christ breaks bread and shares it

Many: As we hear his story, our hearts also are burning within us.

One: We turn to Jesus,

Many: and our eyes are opened in the clarity of new understanding.

* **Hymn of Response No. 498** *He comes to us as one unknown*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

...Go with the Spirit

* **Sending Hymn No. 640** *This is a day of new beginnings*

* **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

Western District Conference: Pray for Susan Jantzen as she is commissioned today as the pastor of First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro.

Grace Hill High School Graduates

Remington High School: Samantha Claassen, David Janzen,
Melinda Regehr

Grace Hill Junior High Graduates

Berean Academy: Paul Goossen

Remington Middle School: Kadie Martin, Meghan Nipper

Grace Hill College Graduates

Bethel College: Daniel Klaassen,
Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier

Newman University: Chad Dove

Kansas State University: Josh Patterson on December 11, 2010

Outreach Tip: Congregations practicing hospitality welcome newcomers not only with food and fellowship, but also with spiritual nurture. How could your friends be nurtured spiritually at Grace Hill?

Nursery This Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,368.00

Offering Next Sunday: Bible School and Education

Church Events

Hands of Friendship will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the church basement. This extra meeting is planned to discuss the cookbook project and review next years meeting. Work project for the afternoon will be tying a comforter for MCC. Refreshments will be served. Please make an effort to attend.

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The Youth Group will meet at church.

June 12 Homemade Ice Cream Social and Movie Night: Everyone is invited to a Homemade Ice Cream Social at the church on June 12 starting at 6 p.m. (following the Alpha v. Omega softball game at 4). Following that, we will show the movie “Fireproof.” This will be our final fundraiser for the MCUSA Convention in Pittsburgh. We still need to raise \$2,000 for our trip. Thank you for all of your support to the Youth Group! Also, if anyone has an ice cream maker that they would be willing to lend to the Youth Group for this event, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

Announcements

The 200th Anniversary “Home Coming” Celebration Committee is looking for photographs of early members of the church 1872 -1920 to be used in production of a multi-media presentation at the celebration. Pictures of weddings, pictures of great-great grandparents, great and grandparents, farm activity pictures like threshing, haying, horse and buggy pictures and social events and church activities. The older the picture the better. So dig out those old albums and picture boxes and bring them to Virgil. Please put your name on them so we can return them to you after we have used them.

Just a reminder that the 200th Anniversary “Home Coming” Committee will need your invitation list turned in by May 15, next Sunday. Please put your list in Virgil’s mail box. If you have questions about this request see Virgil.

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.

Et Cetera

Thank you to everyone who gave generously, sang beautifully, and worked willingly at the Camp Sing on May 1st! It was a roaring (or should we say melodious) success, raising over \$47,000 for the new Camp Mennoscah swimming pool, bringing the total in gifts to \$159,985. Song leaders from several generations of campers led the group in camp songs and the event ended with popcorn and pop (a traditional camp treat). A special thanks to Ruth Harder and Alan Stucky for their tireless efforts, great faith, and creativity.

Increase your donation for the Camp Mennoscah Swimming Pool – A challenge grant has been issued that will increase any individual gift of \$2,000 or more by \$1,000. We have already received 13 gifts of \$2,000 or more but need to find 12 more in order to take advantage of the entire \$25,000 that is being offered. This is a great opportunity to help support our camp and to increase your gift at the same time. Please make your checks out to Western District Conference, memo-line “Camp Pool”, and send to WDC, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117, or donate on-line at mennowdc.org, click on the Camp Mennoscah tab.

Pastors, Christian Educators, Parents: Circle of Grace is a three-session safe environment curriculum for grades K - 12 and is available for your congregation. Western District is providing the curriculum and training on Sat. June 18 at First Mennonite, Newton. See our website for brochure and watch your email for more information. This is an awesome opportunity to provide excellent quality, Christian faith based training to your children and youth. Pass the word, and register today!

Summer Story Time and Reading Program starts on June 15 for 3-8 year olds and runs for 6 weeks at the Western District Library. Creation Care is our theme! Sign your children / grandchildren up today by calling 316-283-6300. Space is limited.

Summer Volunteers Needed @ Et Cetera - Be a service worker in your own community and benefit the global work of Mennonite Central Committee. Newton Et Cetera Shop needs extra help in the following areas: Clerking (HIGH NEED shifts available Monday - Saturday), Hanging & Pricing Clothing (Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays HIGH NEED), Pricing Housewares (1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday afternoons), Fabric Hanging, Rolling & Pricing (Wednesday mornings and afternoons HIGH NEED), Greeter (flexible schedule). Volunteering is a great way to build job skills, practice your English or Spanish, socialize, get creative and contribute to the community and world. Volunteers younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Call us at 316-283-9461 or stop by the store at 619 N. Main in Newton.

History Blurb #18: AMERICA BOUND

Meanwhile the Michalin Mennonites decided to migrate to Kansas as a total congregation. They sold their farms to Czechs and Bohemians in the general area. Some of the settlers in Heinrichsdorf sold their farms already in Spring 1874, & moved to Michalin to await emigration. The Michalin church of 303 persons came to Kansas on 3 ships:

1. **47** people boarded the ship, CITY OF LONDON, in October 1874, accompanying people from Karolswalde. They arrived in New York on Nov. 18, 1874, met there and helped by B. Warkentin of the Mennonite Board of Guardians. They arrived by train in Newton on Nov. 21, 1874. Smallpox had broken out. Elisabeth Foth died of smallpox on December 12 soon after arrival. The Karolswalde people were led by Abram Siebert and some of them settled in Pawnee Rock.
2. Nov. 1, 1874, **232** Michalin people, under the leadership of Rev. Johann Schroeder, left by rail from Hollandry via Warsaw and Berlin to Antwerp, where they boarded the ship NEDERLAND on November 10, 1874. After 17 days on sea, they arrived in Philadelphia on Nov. 27, 1874. The PA relief committee met them and put them up in the immigration building through the weekend. Burial services were conducted for Mrs. Anna Harms who died on the ship; she was buried at Sander's Station, Montgomery Co., PA. Mennonites in Pennsylvania offered to keep all of them for the winter, but the group decided to go to Kansas. All, excepting 2 families who had to remain in Pennsylvania because of illness, boarded the Red Star Line train, arriving in Peabody, Kansas, early morning Dec. 5, 1874. Mrs. Henry Schroeder died on the train and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Newton.
3. Finally in June 1878, the last **24** people sailed on the CITY OF CHESTER, ending in Newton. These 5 families had remained in Russia to collect the money from the sale of land and buildings of all those who had emigrated. Only a minuscule part could be collected. Thus the Michaliners were very poor in the beginning.