

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 9, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Tara Harms-Becker

Chorister: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Michelle Hilgenfeld

Gathering and Praising

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 *Morning Has Broken* Adult Choir

* **Call to Worship** Hymn No. 684 based on Psalm 148

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 48** *All creatures of our God and King* verses 1-4

Offering Local Church

Hearing God's Word

Gospel Reading John 13:31-35 Jeff Toews

Children's Story Valerie Klaassen

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

New Testament Reading Acts 11:1-18 Jeff Toews

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding

Words of Affirmation Hymn No. 856

Graduation Recognition See litany on back of bulletin

Sharing our Stories Kylee Schunn

Lighting the Peace Candle

Hymn before Prayer No. 48 *All creatures of our God and King* verse 5

Prayers of the People

Passing the Peace

The first words from the lips of the resurrected Jesus to the women and men who were his friends were words of deep comfort, grace, and love: "Peace be with you." In a world where peace is sometimes in short supply, it would be reassuring to hear those words more often and see them in action. You are invited to stand and greet those around you with the same blessing that Jesus used: "Peace be with you."

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 48** *All creatures of our God and King* verses 1 and 7

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Blessing** *The Lord bless you and keep you* Adult Choir

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 the WDC annual conference sessions to be held July 9-11 in Waxahachie, Texas. Pray for the Program Committee, the speakers, musicians, and all who will attend that God's Spirit will call us to "Rise up and come together"!

Dorothy Nickel Friesen, WDC Conference Minister, was dismissed from Newton Medical Center on Wednesday evening, May 5th, (after surgery on April 29) and anticipates a full recovery in the next month at home. All pathology reports are completed and are benign. We thank God for many signs of healing and of hope! Your prayers are very much appreciated; cards may be sent to 1100 Grandview Ave., Newton, KS 67114 or emailed to richard.friesen@cox.net. Information will be updated periodically at www.caringbridge.org/visit/dorothynickelfriesen.

Mennonite Mission Network: For the past five years, Third Way Media has done award-winning work in public education about mental health. Pray that God would use the documentaries and radio spots to lift the stigma around mental illness and to provide hope for suffering individuals and their families.

Litany for Graduation Recognition

One: God, you have created us in your image, with minds to think, hearts to yearn, and hands to create. We give you thanks!

Many: We give thanks for these graduates who have studied, learned, questioned, synthesized, grown, and finished their work. We ask your blessing upon them.

Graduates: We give thanks for those who have supported, encouraged, loved, and put up with us. Bless our teachers, our families and friends.

One: God, you have come to us in Christ and accompany us by your Holy Spirit. Guide us in the way of truth and life.

Many: Walk with these graduates. Grant them wisdom and courage, strength and patience, hope and grace.

Graduates: Guide us in all knowledge and truth. Sharpen our minds and soften our hearts. Widen our vision and deepen our faith. Guard us from all danger and keep us close to you.

All: We entrust ourselves to you - our past and our future, our memories and our dreams. Bless and keep us, for Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

May 23 Baptism Sunday

May 31 – June 4 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Community Bible School at Remington Middle School in Whitewater for ages pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. See Tammy Regehr if you have questions.

Announcements

The Education Council would like to remind you to put your completed Sunday School questionnaire in the Pastors' box today. We value your input to these important questions.

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner.

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 Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Katherine

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,708.00

Offering Next Sunday: Bible School & Education

Grace Hill Youth Group High School Seniors:

Home Educators Association: Laura Harms

Newton High School: Philip Harms

Remington High School: Curtis Toews, Josh Toews, Kari Thiessen, John Sommers, Jake Snow, Casey Schunn, Katie Regier, Adrian Nethercot, Emily Klassen, Donald Dawes, Courtney Claassen, Cody Claassen, Brittany Claassen, Nate Carey, Kaylei Busenitz

Grace Hill Junior High Graduates:

Berean Academy: Lucas Goossen

Home Educators Association: Sara Harms

Remington Middle School: Alexander Carr, Rachelle Claassen, Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen, Eli Schmidt, Kylee Schunn, Zachary Thornburg

Grace Hill College Graduates:

Butler County Community College: Emily Burch

Kansas Wesleyan: Ashley Toews

Paul Mitchell the School of Wichita (Cosmetology): Kristen Toews

Et Cetera

Bethel College Concerts: This afternoon at 4 p.m., Annual Masterworks concert with Bethel College Oratorio Chorus and Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra, featuring Poulenc's "Gloria" and Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms," Memorial Hall; tickets required – available at the door. **May 12** at 8:00 p.m. – Jazz on the Green (Memorial Hall if inclement weather), free. **May 16** at 7:00 p.m. – Open Road home concert, Memorial Hall, free.

The 2010 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is over and we thank all the volunteers who helped in anyway make it a success! Please come to the Annual Dinner & Meeting when we will give our check to Mennonite Central Committee which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a meeting to follow. Cost: \$10 per person at the door. Please RSVP to Barb Reeves (reeves@buhlerks.net) by May 16.

Persons attending the Western District Conference annual conference July 9-11 at the Lakeview Camp and Conference Center near Dallas, Texas, will experience a format introduced last year. Instead of the typical workshops, there will be eight "Learning Communities" of 1 1/2 hours in length, dealing with a variety of topics, including "Congregational Vision and Mission", "Immigration", "Healthcare Reform", "Rural/Urban Church Challenges", among others. These will include Bible study, leader input, group discussion and sharing.

Hopi Mission School is needing a principal, teachers and other staff for the 2010-11 school year beginning in August. This includes classroom teachers, physical education/coaching, computer instructor and technical assistance, music, art, chapel planning/leading, and an administrative office assistant. Expressions of interest can be sent to billz@hopimissionschool.org, or phone 316-772-1224. A car will be going to the school, leaving Hesston on May 25. Campbell's product labels and Box tops for Education can be left at the Western District Conference office in North Newton or Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston by Sunday, May 23, for delivery to the school.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe.

CAMP MENNOSCAH: Where are all the fun-loving cooks?!? We know you're out there, lurking in church fellowship halls, appearing for Wednesday evening meals, and then disappearing into the mist. We're looking for kitchen helpers for several weeks, but especially for the first two weeks of camp on June 6-12 and June 13-19. And, nurses, we still have two absolutely great weeks for you, too! June 13-19 and July 11-17 are still available for fun-loving and mischievous camp nurses. **Campers unite!** The 2010 summer youth camps are a month away. Our mailbox has been stuffed full with registrations, but we still have room for more campers. Come spend a week with us, being heroes, living like Jesus! (Our summer theme is Be a Hero: Living Like Jesus.) Confirmations have been sent to those already registered. **One last event!** Our last pre-summer retreat, the Just fOr You (JOY) Retreat, is May 23-24. This retreat is for those with special needs and family and friends. It's a whopping good time filled with activities, free time, hayrack rides, swimming and celebrating JOY-ful Living with creation, each other, and God! The brochure can be found at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section. **Presenting...Bluestem.** A name for the house on the new property has been chosen from the many funny and serious suggestions that we received. The house will be called Bluestem after one of the prairie grasses native to Kansas. June Galle Krehbiel of Moundridge gave us the name Bluestem with the idea that either Bluestem grass could be planted or that some might be growing around the house already. Thank you, June, and thank you to everyone who offered suggestions! campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

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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