

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 10, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

## **EXTENDING THE TABLE: Risky Hospitality**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Ellen Mosiman

Randy Smith

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 98

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Burst into jubilant song with music.

**Make music to the Lord with the harp,  
and the sound of singing;**

**with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn.**

Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

**Let the sea resound, and everything in it;  
the world, and all who live in it.**

Let the rivers clap their hands.

**Let the mountains sing together for joy.**

Let them sing before the Lord,  
for God comes to judge the earth.

**God will judge the world in righteousness  
and the people with equity.**

\*Joy to the world

Hymnal 318

\*Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

I John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has become a child of God.

Everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.

**We know we love God's children if we love God  
and obey his commandments.**

**Loving God means keeping his commandments,  
and God's commandments are not burdensome.**

For every child of God defeats this evil world,  
and we achieve this victory through our faith.

**And those who can win this battle against the world  
are those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.**

*My life flows on in endless song*  
Offering

Hymnal 580

Faith Story: Because of you . . .

James Regier

Children's Story

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

Scripture Lesson

Jeff Toews

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

*Risky Hospitality: Sacrificing Time*

\*Come to me, come to us

Sing the Story 60

Sharing and Prayer

\*What a friend we have in Jesus

Hymnal 573

\*Benediction

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church.

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

**Who made time for you?** Who has been someone in your life who has made time for you and made a difference in you, or someone who made time for others? If you would be willing to share briefly of this someone through a "Faith Story: Because of you . . ." please let Randy know.

**Thank you** Levi Goossen, Bonita Schroeder, and Tara Harms-Becker for offering dramatic expression of the Bible story for the children.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Heidi Regier Kreider, the new Executive Conference Minister elect, as she completes her work at Bethel College Mennonite Church and prepares for her new assignment.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Edgardo Sánchez, a church leader in Argentina and globally through Mennonite World Conference, died Easter Sunday morning. Pray for his wife, Erica, and his three children, the Argentina Mennonite Church, and the Mennonite Mission Network partnerships for which he provided guidance.

**The Pastor Search Committee** has a worksheet available to be completed by everyone in the congregation, members and regular attenders. It is designed to identify both the perceived needs and expectations of our congregation and what we think our priorities are in selecting a pastor. There is an online survey for those who would like that option. For those who prefer, it is available in paper form. The survey is available today and will need to be completed and returned by May 24. The link is: <http://manygifts.org/20pastoralareas/surveys/gracehill/ghmc.htm>. The username is "gracehill" and password is "2015." The link, username and password has been emailed to those in the congregation on the email list.

### **Church Family News**

. . . **Clara Penner** is back home following her long trek of surgery and physical rehabilitation . . . **Happy Mother's Day** to all women who have offered the precious role of mothering in our lives, and to all of us who have been blessed from this precious gift of mothering . . .

#### *Grace Hill High School Graduates*

Paul Goossen – *Berean Academy*

#### *Grace Hill Junior High Graduates*

Bethany Regehr – *Remington Middle School*

#### *Grace Hill College Graduates*

Melinda Regehr – *Bethel College*

Lucas Goossen, Eli Schmidt –

*Hutchinson Community College Welding Program*

Samantha Claassen, David Janzen – *Kansas State University*

Jackie Moore – *Master of Arts in English Literature from Wichita State University*

## Church Events

**Today during the Sunday school hour** High School Graduation Reception for Paul Goossen in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to stay to congratulate Paul. There will be no Sunday School classes today.

**This afternoon** - Chapels at Kidron-Bethel (3:30) and Wheat State Manor (5:00) this Sunday will be led by Randy. Kaye Penner will accompany at Kidron-Bethel and Debbie Claassen at Wheat State Manor. Anyone else who wants to help let Randy know. All are welcome to attend. **Also at Wheat State this week:** Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket, Newton.

**May 22 & 23** There will be work days at the church on May 22 and 23 starting at 8:00 in the morning. We will be working mainly on the roof and the north side area. On Saturday there will also be some help needed inside with cleaning and other projects.

**May 24 is a big Sunday.** We anticipate concluding the worship series, *Extending the Table*, with the theme *Holy Hospitality*. Celebrate Pentecost with communion. Proceed to the church cemetery for a remembrance ceremony. Gather in the fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour to hear the results of the recent survey. Plan to be part of the day.

**August 8 *Grace Hill and Friends at the K*** (Kaufman Stadium Home of the Royals) will be Saturday, August 8. The bus will hold 56 people so sign-up soon or be left home. We will leave at 1:00 p.m. and be back late but in time for church. The cost for the seat on the bus and a Royals ticket will be about \$80. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Sign-up and bring a friend. Let's fill the bus! Questions? Talk to K. John Klaassen.

## Announcements

**As spring is here and the weather is nicer**, people are more than welcome to use the north side pavilion. Please contact Debbie Claassen if you would like to reserve the space.

**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:** Kaye Penner and Bethany Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Theresa Toews and Sara Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,531.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Bible School & Education

## 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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***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

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## Et Cetera

**Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania**, Newton, invites everyone to their Mother's Day Service at noon today, followed by lunch. Meet at the 4-H Building in Newton Athletic Park.

**Concert by Open Road, Bethel College a cappella men's ensemble, this evening at 7 p.m.**, Memorial Hall. Open Road members: Josh Booth, Leland Brown III, Matthew Graber, Riley King, Ben Kreider, Tim Regier, Tyler Shima, Chase Stucky and Braden Unruh.

**Kidron Bethel Peace Garden** dedication party, will be Thursday, May 14 at 3:30 p.m. at main entrance, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Music, dedication ceremony, exploring the garden. Come experience this intergenerational, community gathering space!

**Glen E. Miller, MD**, author of "Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well: A doctor explains how to make death a natural part of life." Public invited. May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Hosted by Kidron Bethel Village, a Bluestem Community.

**Are you interested in faith formation opportunities?** AMBS-Kansas Center will host an "Adult Bible School" focusing on the Sermon on the Mount during the month of June. Members and attendees of WDC congregations can participate for only \$50 per person (normally continuing education opportunities like this cost \$200 or more). Registration is due by May 11 for this low price. Registration is available at <https://www.ambs.edu/academics/Sermon-on-the-Mount-course.cfm>

**All aboard for summer fun at the WDC Resource Library! Story time** is a fun, free activity and a wonderful way for parents/grandparents to bond with children while having delightful book adventures. Enroll your children ages 3-8 for story time now - call/email 316-283-6300; [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org). Dates/times: Wednesdays, June 17-24, July 8-29 at 9:30 a.m.

**Family Camp at Camp Mennoscah!** It's going to be a blast! Alan Stucky and Katie Best will be our leaders, and we're going to be prepared for almost anything. July 25-26 is a time for you and your family of all ages to spend time together--playing in the river, swimming, resting, and relaxing plus a lot more! More information coming soon.

**Keep up with what's going on** - LIKE "Western District Conference" on Facebook!