

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 11, 2014

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: Matthew Graber

Worship Leader: Valerie Klaassen

Sermon

Heidi Wiebe

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 103** *Why should I feel discouraged*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song *It is well with my soul* arr. by Beck Adult Choir

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

Daniel Klaassen is graduating from Fort Hays State University with a Master of Science in Instructional Technology.

A newsletter from Grace Hill's mission partners, Wes and Deb Bergen, is posted on the bulletin board. The Bergens are serving in Ghana with Mennonite Mission Network.

Western District Conference: Pray for Associate Pastor Derek King as he is licensed towards ordination at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge.

Mennonite Mission Network: Angela (Wenger) and Tomoki Yamanaka of MMN are co-pastors at Asahikawa Gospel Church in Japan. Their four children, Taira (7), Yoshiki (5), Mirai (4) and Kiera (1), provide natural opportunities to reach out to their community. Pray that the good news of Jesus' love will continue to flow through the Yamanaka family.

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

One: Shepherding God, bring us into your fold.

Many: Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls.

One: Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live.

Many: Help us hear your voice calling our name.

One: Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others...

All: ...praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

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

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

Special Music *Great God Above* arr. by Christiansen Adult Choir

Children's Story Valerie Klaassen

Scripture Reading John 10: 1-10 Valerie Klaassen

* **Hymn No. 352** *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

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

Church Events

Due to conflicting activities, the Grace Hill Night at the Movies will be canceled for this evening. Our next movie will be Animated Stories of the Bible on June 15.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council will meet with Conference Minister Clarence Rempel to discuss pastoral transition.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Announcements

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: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,455.00

Offering Next Sunday: Bible School & Education

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Concert by Open Road, Bethel College a cappella men's ensemble, will be this evening at 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. Open Road members: Cody Claassen, Matthew Graber, Riley King, Ben Kreider, Carl Lehmann, Chase Stucky, Taylor Stucky, Aaron Tschetter and Braden Unruh.

The 2014 Newton CROP walk will be held on September 28, 2014. If anyone is interested in helping to plan this year's walk please come to the meeting on May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, 102 E. 1st St., Newton. If you have questions, please contact Sue Arnold at 316-288-6073.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 6:30 p.m. at Ebenfeld MB Church, 1498 Kanza Road, Hillsboro. The meal is \$15 a plate. Please let your Church Relief Sale liaison (Ed & Marge Harms or Kim & Debbie Claassen) know if you wish to attend by May 18. Or, contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com.

Be a good steward and RIDE THE BUS (from Newton, KS) to the 2014 Western District Conference Assembly on July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. The six-hour trip will fly by when surrounded by good company plus you will experience zero driving stress! This year's theme: God with Us - Patient and Persistent. Go to mennowdc.org to register so that you are not left behind!

Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you to a Learning Tour to Haiti November 8-17, 2014. This 10 day tour will give you a first-hand look at the social-economical issues Haiti continues to face. The estimated cost for this learning tour is \$700 per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. Space is very limited. For more information contact Anna Yoder by Monday June 2, 2014 at annayoder@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City - Are you getting ready for the 2015 convention in Kansas City, from June 30-July 5? If you've got questions about what convention is all about, and how it will interface with the Mennonite World Conference Assembly Gathered, check out this helpful list of frequently-asked questions and answers: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/convention-411/faqs/>

Newton Et Cetera Shop needs your donations! Bring gently-used clothing, household goods, bikes, and furniture to the alley door Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thanks for supporting Mennonite Central Committee and local community efforts by donating to Et Cetera Shop.