

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 13, 2012

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

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

Gospel Reading Luke 11:2; 22:39-42; 23:44-46

Sermon *Your will be done*

Pastor Peter

Living as Kingdom People – Putting Ourselves into God’s Hands
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 (Isa. 46:3-4; 49:14-15; 66:12-13)

One: Listen, all who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am the one, and to gray hairs am I carrying you.

Many: Since I have made, I will bear, carry, and save.

One: For Zion was saying, “Yahweh has abandoned me; the Lord has forgotten me.”

Many: Yet does a woman forget her nursing baby, or fail to cherish the child of her womb?

One: Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

Many: As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you

ALL: You shall be comforted in Jerusalem

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 366** *God of grace and God of glory*

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God’s Word

Readers’ Theater *The Kingdom of God*

* **Sing the Journey No. 91** *Like a mother who has borne us*

Responding to the Gospel
* **Hymn of Response No. 546** *Guide my feet*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent to Proclaim the Good News
* **Sending Song No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

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

Thanks to Leah Bartel, our youth ministry intern, for sharing this semester with our youth group! Thank you for your excellent service among us. We pray God’s blessing and leading as you serve Jesus with your life!

Today we praise God for our mothers, and for all those who have nurtured us by sharing God’s compassion, grace, and love with us.
Happy Mother’s Day to all of our mothers!

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement since the birth of our daughter Sophia Grace! Thank you to everyone who has provided meals and has come to visit us during this time of joy! We look forward to raising our daughter in Christ together with you as a congregation.

Pastors Peter and Katherine

Western District Conference: Pray for Church Planter Jerry Acosta and Manos de Cristo Iglesia Menonita as they prepare their first meeting place at 3330 W. Douglas, Wichita.

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, Julie and Phil Bender of MMN will begin the process of renewing their visas to continue teaching in China. Pray that their visas would be renewed successfully, and that they may have occasion to share the good news of Jesus during the process.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. High School Youth: This Wednesday evening will be the final youth group of the year. Come to pray, play games, celebrate the last days of school, and say farewell to our youth ministry intern, Leah Bartel. Feel free to bring friends!

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

Schedule for May 27, Baptism, Pentecost, and Memorial Sunday

There will be baptism both at Grace Hill and at Camp Mennoscah. We look forward to this exciting day in the life of the church, and for our baptism candidates!

9:30 a.m. Worship: Faith testimonies from all candidates and Baptism

11:15 a.m. (or 15 minutes after worship): Memorial Service in the Grace Hill Cemetery

Lunch: On your own

3:00 p.m. Meet at Camp Mennoscah (directions available in the foyer) for Baptism by the river.

Announcements

The sermon response class will meet during Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to participate, even if you never have before!

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.

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 Kristen Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,400.05

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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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

This evening at 7:00 p.m. – Bethel College men's a cappella group Open Road in concert, Memorial Hall; free. Members of Open Road are Landon Bartel, Kellen Goertzen, Kevin Leary, Jordan Ortman, Nathan Snyder, Taylor Stucky, Aaron Tschetter, Andrew Voth and Cameron Voth.

We're Crafty! Camp Mennoscah is one crafty place and our snazzy crafts leader for the summer is looking for the following items: fun colored old tee shirts, yarn, old CDs, and buttons. Collect these items and drop them off at the Western District Conference offices in North Newton no later than June 1st. We'll pick them up and use them with our summer youth camps. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 with any questions.

Volunteers Needed - Do you enjoy baking? Kidron Bethel Village needs volunteers to provide baked items for Celebration Day, Friday, June 8. The baked goods will be sold in a silent auction. Zweibach, poppy seed rolls, New Year's cookies, cakes, dinner rolls, fruit pies, breads and other baked treats are welcome. Volunteers also are needed to help serve the meal and for other tasks during the evening, and shifts are available from 5 to 6:30 p.m. or from 6:30 to 8. To volunteer or for information, call Susan Garofalo, 316-836-4837.

Summer Story Time at the Conference Resource Library features tales about Marvelous Me! Children age 3-8 are invited to attend a fun time with storyteller Amanda Friesen and a roomful of friends. Call 316-283-6300 to register. First session begins Wednesday, June 13.

Make your lodging arrangements for the WDC Annual Assembly (July 6-8) by June 6 - call the Magnuson Hotel & Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City at 1-800-784-7830. To get the \$69/night rate, use the code 13408 and identify yourself with the "Western District Mennonite Convention" group. Please do NOT make your reservations online, as this will not allow usage of meeting rooms at no cost.

Is your congregation in a Sister-Church relationship? A wonderful opportunity for you to get together will be at WDC Assembly on July 6-8 in Oklahoma City. A special gathering will be held Saturday night after the evening worship service.

Are you a young adult who wants to serve God next year? Do you know any young adults like this? Mennonite Mission Network service programs are in need of young people who want to join communities and congregations in living Jesus' call to serve! Take a look at Service Adventure, Radical Journey, MVS or DOOR: Dwell and find a way to use your gifts to build God's kingdom. Visit Service.MennoniteMission.net for program info or an application.