

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 17, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

## **EXTENDING THE TABLE: Contagious Hospitality**

Gathering Music  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude to Worship

Ellen Mosiman  
Randy Smith

\*Call to Worship

Come, let us worship,

**For we are the people of God's pasture.**

Come, let us worship and bow down,

**For we are the sheep of God's hand.**

Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord, our Maker,

**For the lord is our God, and God desires our worship.**

\*Jesus calls us here to meet him

Sing the Journey 3

\*Prayer

Jesus Prays for his Disciples

John 17:9-19

Affirming Our Faith

Hymnal 811

Psalm 1

Oh, have you not heard

Hymnal 606

Offering

Faith Story: Because of you . . .

Roberta Harms

Children's Story

Scripture Lesson

Acts 10:1-11:4, 18

Levi Goossen, Tara Harms-Becker, Deb Regier,

Gladys Reimer, Bonita Schroeder

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

Sermon

*Contagious Hospitality: Multiplying Time*

\*Come to me, come to us

Sing the Story 60

Sharing and Prayer

\*Help us to help each other

Hymnal 362

\*Benediction

This morning's offering is designated for Bible School and Education.

\*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!**

**One more chance.** 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.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

I'm grateful for the dear members of Grace Hill, the get well cards and prayers. Also the many visits with Pastor Randy. Well wishes.

Thank you, Clara Penner

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the discipling ministries of our churches and for the Anabaptist Faith Formation seminar that will be held June 12 and 13.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Adam and Jeanette Strobe of MMN continue to develop cultural and language competency in Thailand. Pray with them for the ability "to conduct a Bible study and share the gospel in a way that would be intellectually and spiritually significant" to their Thai neighbors.

## **Church Family News**

. . . **Kathy Balzer** is retiring from teaching in the Remington school district. A retirement reception will be held on May 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Remington High School Commons...The wall hanging in the foyer was made by **Donna Balzer**....

**Melinda Regehr** will be starting her Mennonite Voluntary Service term on June 1st and will be working with Jewish Vocational Services in Kansas City, helping with refugee resettlement. Her official job title will be the Community orientation assistant coordinator. Some of the things she might be doing are teaching classes on resources, safety, rights, laws, health care, bills, budgeting, doing bus training, along with getting kids enrolled in school, and adults in ESL classes, etc. She will be living in an MVS house along with other MVSers. Her new address for the next year: 2303 S Early, Kansas City, KS 66103. Melinda needs to raise \$3,000 for financial support. If you would like to donate for Melinda's support, you may give through the church. Please make checks out to Grace Hill and write in the memo MVS/Melinda Regehr.

### ***Summer Sunday School***

**Fun and learning for all ages.** God's Top Ten List is the all ages summer study of the Ten Commandments. We will begin with goodies provided by Social council and an easy "get-to-know-you" question around tables in the fellowship hall, then watch a 15 minute animated video featuring one of the commandments, followed by activity sheets for the kids and discovery/discussion questions for the adults. Summer sermons will also be based on the Ten Commandments. Plan to be part of this fun, learning, and fellowship building series.

## Church Events

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

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Business Council meets.

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

**Friday & Saturday** 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 **Friday** there will also be some help needed inside with cleaning and other projects.

**Next Sunday is a big Sunday** as we conclude the worship series, *Extending the Table*, with the theme *Holy Hospitality*, celebrate Pentecost with communion, proceed to the church cemetery for a remembrance ceremony, and 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.

**June 1-5** Vacation Bible School at Remington Middle School in Whitewater. See the poster in the hallway for more information or talk to Theresa Toews. Pastor Randy will be providing the opening each day at Bible School along with teaching the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

**June 5, 7 & 9** Grace Hill week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

**June 7** Join in the fun June 7 at 6 p.m. in the north Pavilion as we enjoy a summer evening of fellowship roasting hot dogs and listening to bluegrass music provided by the Flannelbacks! Matthew Graber is a member of this group along with 3 other Bethel students. Hot dogs, buns and drink will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert, table service and some friends!

**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

**Pastor Search Committee** has provided a survey to be completed by everyone in the congregations, members and regular attenders. This survey 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, available on the table in the foyer by the photo directory bulletin board. Please complete the survey and return paper copies to the marked box on the table in the foyer by next Sunday, May 24. The link to the online survey is: <http://manygifts.org/20pastoralareas/surveys/gracehill/ghmc.htm>. The username is "gracehill" and password is "2015." Thank you for completing the survey by May 24.

**The Worship Council** is looking for those who are willing to share their musical talent during worship this summer. If you (or someone you know) would like to enhance our worship with music, let Valerie know which Sunday you are available. THANK YOU!

**Cookies are needed for Vacation Bible School** – 16 dozen cookies are needed on June 3. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. It is requested that the cookies do not have any nuts in them.

**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:** Theresa Toews and Sara Harms

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Catina Wiebe and Jane Washburn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$6,530.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Transition Pastor: Randy Smith**

Email: [transitionpastor@gmail.com](mailto:transitionpastor@gmail.com)

**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

Secretary's E-mail: [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**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.

**Bethel College Women’s Association annual meeting**, May 21 at 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Offers a chance to view “Sorting Out Race: Examining Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations” and hear a presentation by museum director Annette LeZotte. The public is invited, with refreshments served and donations welcome.

**Are you interested in hearing about how Jesus and the Bible** inform how we do Anabaptist faith formation? Come and hear Andy Brubacher Kaethler speak at the Anabaptist Faith Formation launch on June 12! Are you interested in learning how worship shapes our faith? Come and hear Rachel Miller Jacobs preach at the Anabaptist Faith Formation launch on June 12! Register at: <http://mennowdc.org/anabaptist-faith-formation-launch/>

**Being a kitchen helper is a hootin’ good time!** Olivia knows this because she once was the designated carrot peeler and potato chopper at Camp Mennoscah. No fancy skills are needed just the ability to follow instructions, a willingness to have fun, and maybe a mischievous look in your eye. Helpers are needed for June 7-13, July 19-25, and July 26-31. Free tee shirts and camper discounts are available! **Head cook needed!** Camp Mennoscah needs a head cook for the weeks of June 29-July 2 and July 5-9. These positions come with a stipend or a camper discount. Share the fun with a friend and be co-head cooks! Olivia is happy to answer questions. Contact us at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**We think summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah** are snazzy and great and more fun than a bee's knees! We'd like to add your new-to-Camp Mennoscah friend to our Bring a Friend program--a free tee shirt for the returning camper and a free tee shirt for the new camper! Who would have thought? Both a fun week of camp and a cheerful camp tee shirt to remind you of the good times throughout the year. Details of the BAF program can be found in the camp catalog or call 620-297-3290. It's less than a month to the first week of camp!

**Western District Conference** can send one delegate for every 1000 members or fraction thereof in our area conference to the Mennonite Church USA convention. The following persons have been appointed by the Executive Board to be WDC delegates at Kansas City 2015: Norma Duerksen, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Howard Garver, Richard Gehring, Anita Kehr, Norma Johnson, Wendy Funk Schrag, and Diana Schunn.