

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 18, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Bonita Schroder

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Worship Leader: Kendall Claassen

Stump the Pastor: What about the end times?

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 (Words from Isaiah's Prophecies)

One: Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord!

Many: My people will abide in peace. My covenant of peace shall not be removed.

One: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.

Many: O Lord, you will ordain peace for us.

One: I will anoint Peace as your overseer. Violence shall no more be heard in your land.

Many: The wolf shall live with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them.

One: For unto us a child is born, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 100** *Praise him, praise him!*

Offering Our Gifts Bible School and Education

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

Hearing God's Story

Scripture Reading Revelation 1:1-3, 7-8, 12-19; 21:17-21

Rita Patterson

Sermon *Remember the Future*

Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Story

* **Hymn of Response Sing the Journey No. 71** *Alleluia, the Great Storm is over*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sent with the Good News

* **Sending Hymn 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

Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed another fun filled preschool year! Thirty-three children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area churches and United Way. We again want to thank Grace Hill Mennonite Church for being one of those supporting churches. We want to acknowledge the service of Karma Hill as Grace Hill's representative on our board and also for serving as a classroom teacher. We also are grateful for the Christmas Eve offering that we received from your church again this year. We realize this is a significant contribution for our program. We solicit your prayers and continued support as we look toward another year in the fall.

Janette Leary, Director

Western District Conference: Pray for the planning and preparations for Assembly 2014 in Waxahachie, Texas. Pray for the staff, moderator, preachers, musicians, seminar leaders, and delegates in their preparations.

Mennonite Mission Network: Annelise Goldschmidt serves as the logistics coordinator for Mission Inter Senegal, a MMN partner and the largest national mission organization in the country. Pray for Annelise and MIS's more than 60 national mission workers in agriculture, community development, evangelism, and health in this predominately Muslim region.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets.

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at the Breadbasket in Newton.

Next Sunday at 11:20 a.m. Grace Hill Memorial Service in the cemetery.

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: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Catina Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,297.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

Make plans to attend the greatest story ever retold - the Cotton Patch Gospel on Sunday, May 25 at 4 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Phil Kaufmann will present this full length, two act musical experience. Bible stories take on a new twist when translated into 20th century Georgia setting. A freewill offering will be taken with all funds supporting local, national and international hunger. Half of the offering will support MCC food projects, and the rest will be split between the Hesston Resource Center and a national hunger organization called Why Hunger. Come out to enjoy the show and donate to help alleviate hunger locally and globally.

Thank you, generous casserole makers and talented meat smokers! Camp Mennoscah is ever-grateful to those of you who have offered to provide a main dish for one of our orientation meals, June 1-7. We're still looking for a few more generous folks to help us with our meal prep. Want to share your favorite casserole with us? Give us a call at 620-297-3290.

The AMBS-Great Plains Extension Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 1, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please join in this program of thanksgiving and hear about the new "AMBS-Kansas Center" ongoing course offering site. A reception follows the program. For information, contact dorothyf@ambs.edu or 316-283-7098.

Bethel College Women's Association annual public faculty lecture with Geri Tyrell, Bethel assistant professor of nursing and newly appointed director of nursing, will take place June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Her presentation will illustrate the experiences that Bethel students have had in Haiti over the last three years, and will focus on the opportunities for student to develop critical thinking skills, resource management and an appreciation for Haitian culture. Reception following.

An Invitation to join Mennonite Mission Network board and staff for a Celebration of Mission – On Saturday, June 7, 6:30 p.m., at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st St., Newton, Mennonite Mission Network will celebrate God's mission in Africa with a special offering and dessert reception. Hear stories and testimonies about the deep connection that Kansans have with God's work across Africa. Speakers to include Stanley Green, James Krabill, and Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky. RSVP by Friday, May 30, to Karen Ritchie at KarenR@MennoniteMission.net or 1-866-866-2872, ext. 23003 would be appreciated.

MCC Song on the Lawn will be Sunday, June 8 from 5-8 p.m. at WillowSpring Downs (Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp's farm). This year's mini-music festival will feature: Book of JEBB, The Bethesda Band, Five Times Harder, Country Jamboree and the Cottonwood River Band! Burgers, hot dogs and the works, and Kettle Corn will be available for a donation all evening long. The Salted Creamery will be selling their amazing homemade ice cream for dessert! Bring table service, lawn chairs, blankets, friends and family for a great evening of music to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

Woo-whee! Camp Mennoscah's summer camps are beginning to fill up! We still have openings in all of our camps, but don't wait too long to get your registration in. We don't want you to miss out on Finding Your True Self in Jesus! Registration forms and the online payment option can be found at www.campmennoscah.org - we'll see you this summer!

Be a BandAid Hero!--Camp Mennoscah is looking for a fun-loving, kid-friendly nurse for the week of July 13-19. This is the week directed by Derek & Kara Klingenberg and is sure to be a great time! You won't want to go back to the humdrum of everyday life after this. Kitchen staff also still needed for the week of July 27-Aug 1. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary seeks to hire a part-time (10%) coordinator for AMBS-Kansas Center, North Newton. This person will coordinate details and communication for events and courses offered by the Center and must be an enthusiastic ambassador for AMBS, have strong communication and administrative skills and be proficient in office software. A complete job description is available at ambs.edu/jobs. To apply, send a letter of application, resume and contact information for three references by May 30 to Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dnfriesen@ambs.edu.

The Western District Conference Annual Assembly Report Book is now available online at: www.mennowdc.org (Annual Assembly 2014).

On the Way newsletter - Did you know that Mennonite Church USA Staff puts out a quarterly newsletter exploring various justice issues around the church? If you're not a subscriber yet, sign up to receive our next edition of *On the Way*, which will feature highlights from the recent women doing theology conference.

Go to: <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/publications/on-the-way/on-the-way-vol-2-no-1/>.