

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 22, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Julia Dodson

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Samantha Claassen

## *Gather to Worship*

### **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** from Psalm 31

**One:** In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;

**Many: let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.**

**One:** Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

**Many: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.**

**One:** Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

**Many: Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.**

**One:** My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

**All: Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unending love.**

### **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 567** *How firm a foundation* verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

**Offering our Gifts** Western District Conference

### *Hear God's Word*

**New Testament Reading** 1 Peter 2:1-10

Gladys Reimer

\* **Hymn No. 311** *The church's one foundation* verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

**Monologue** Saul

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

**New Testament Reading** Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60 Pastor Katherine

**Sermon** *Rocks and Stones* Pastor Katherine

### *Turn to Jesus ...*

\* **Hymn of Response No. 640** *This is a day of new beginnings*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

One: The risen Jesus prepares a place for his chosen ones.

**Many: We have tasted the goodness of the Lord and have been called into God's marvelous light.**

One: We turn to Jesus

**Many: and meet the One who embraces us with open arms.**

### **Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer**

### *...Go with the Spirit*

\* **Sending Hymn No. 343** *My hope is built on nothing less*

### \* **Benediction**

One: You have turned to the risen Jesus in whom you have found acceptance and refuge.

**All: We go with the Spirit, chosen and empowered to do great things in Jesus' name.**

### **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

**Western District Conference:** Pray for churches in transition as they bid farewell to pastors: First Mennonite of Christian, Moundridge – Pastor Phil Waite; Austin Mennonite – Pastor Garland Robertson; First Mennonite, Halstead – Pastor Cleo Koop, and Zion Mennonite – Pastor Bruce Bradshaw.

Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed another very good preschool year! Forty children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to some area churches and United Way. We again want to thank Grace Hill Mennonite for being one of those supporting churches. We also want to acknowledge the service of Karma Hill, both as your church's representative on our board and as a volunteer teacher. Her service in both these positions has been invaluable to us! We solicit your prayers and continued support as we look towards another year in fall. --  
*Bonnie Krehbiel and Jeanette Leary, co-directors*

<p><b>Outreach Tip:</b> Contagious Christians are engaging the world around them. Take some time to learn about recent events in your community and world.</p>
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## Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Business Council meets at church.

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

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

**June 12 Homemade Ice Cream Social and Movie Night:** Everyone is invited to a Homemade Ice Cream Social at the church on June 12 starting at 6 p.m. (following the Alpha v. Omega softball game at 4). Following that, we will show the movie “Fireproof.” This will be our final fundraiser for the MCUSA Convention in Pittsburgh. We still need to raise \$2,000 for our trip. Thank you for all of your support to the Youth Group! Also, if anyone has an ice cream maker that they would be willing to lend to the Youth Group for this event, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

**June 13-17** Community Bible School at Remington Middle School from 8:30–11:30 a.m. For grades pre-k to coming out of 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Announcements

**The new Grace Hill 200th Anniversary Cookbook** will be available this morning after worship service. Cost \$15.00 per book and payable to Hands of Friendship.

**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 Kristen Toews

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barb Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Bible School and Education \$1,988.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Voluntary Service

## History Blurb #20: ONGOING CHALLENGE

Initially, the settlers gathered for church services and Sunday School in the school building of District 38. Later in 1875 they dropped the name Michalin and incorporated the church under the name Gnadenberg. For a while Elder Johann Schroeder took care of all ministerial duties until Rev. Andreas Harms came with Transport 3.

Rev. G. N. Harms was ordained to the ministry May 6, 1888, and to the eldership on December 20, 1901. When he resigned as elder in 1941, he had completed 53 years in the ministry at Gnadenberg, 40 of those years as elder. In addition, he held many positions of trust and responsibility in conference activities, with particular interests in the Bethel Deaconess Hospital & Home and in Bethel College.

Life was difficult as was church life also. But from 1811 to 1941 – **130 years!** – Grace Hill was served by only **three elders:** David Siebrandt in Michalin, Johann Schroeder in Michalin & Gnadenberg, and G. N. Harms in Gnadenberg.

On January 29, 1954 an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the church officially changed the name from Gnadenberg to Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater, Kansas.

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**Conclusion:** The history blurbs will conclude next Sunday with a 4-page timeline chart of Grace Hill in America. Thanks for 5 months of imbibing Grace Hill history. Our forerunners were frugal and hardworking but also very human. Their story has bright and dark spots. We reap a rich heritage of the Anabaptist faith carried from Switzerland and Menno Simons of the Netherlands via all of these ancestors in the ups and downs of their very hard life. They had strong faith & principles, and left home and country to be true to them.

May our heritage inspire us to a faith as strong or even deeper and to a loving, warm and caring community at Grace Hill that will inspire others near and far.

## Et Cetera

**“Tests of Patience” to be presented at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on May 27**, the Rock Castle Drama Troupe, a group of actors incarcerated at the HCF, will present “Tests of Patience.” The cast includes nine men, who have been meeting regularly since January to prepare three short plays that show characters facing various tests of patience. “Tests of Patience” is directed by Dr. John McCabe-Juhnke, Professor of Communication Arts at Bethel College in North Newton. The performance is sponsored by the Prison Arts Project, a program of Offender-Victim Ministries in Newton. You are invited to attend. Please arrive at HCF by 7:00 p.m. with an official photo ID in hand. Prison dress code applies. Address questions to OVM (316)283-2038, email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**KIPCOR’s (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) Film Series continues with the showing of *Checkpoint* at 7:00 p.m.** on Tuesday, May 31, in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton. Co-sponsored by Peace Connections, the film is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. *Checkpoint* is a gripping documentary about the trials and everyday strife as a range of Palestinians from school children to ambulance men attempt to negotiate their way through checkpoints set up at the borders and around their homes in Palestine.

**Bethel College Women's Association invites you to our Annual Public Faculty Lecture**, June 2 at 7:00 at Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus. Our featured speaker is Dr. Ami Regier, whose interest is in the emerging form of novels today. Her presentation is titled "German Immigrant Stories as a Comparative Discourse in the Ojibwa Midwest." There will be a brief business meeting and refreshments after the program. We hope you will join us for this stimulating evening.

**Torrey’s Great (and so is the Pool) Celebration!** June 5 at 3:30 p.m. at Camp Mennoscah. Be there or miss out on your chance to thank Torrey for seven years of great work at camp and see the new pool dedicated. We’ll at least cut a ribbon, but we’re hoping to dive headfirst into the summer with a pool party. Want to bring a gift for the new pool? Pool toys like balls, swimming goggles, and other floaty stuff make great gifts. Donations for the completion of the pool also accepted.

**Summer Volunteers Needed @ Et Cetera** - Be a service worker in your own community and benefit the global work of Mennonite Central Committee. Newton Et Cetera Shop needs extra help in the following areas: Clerking (HIGH NEED shifts available Monday - Saturday), Hanging & Pricing Clothing (Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays HIGH NEED), Pricing Housewares (1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday afternoons), Fabric Hanging, Rolling & Pricing (Wednesday mornings and afternoons HIGH NEED), Greeter (flexible schedule). Volunteering is a great way to build job skills, practice your English or Spanish, socialize, get creative and contribute to the community and world. Volunteers younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Call us at 316-283-9461 or stop by the store at 619 N. Main in Newton.

**Application deadline for Mennonite Voluntary Service is June 1!** MVS is a way for young adults ages 20+ to serve God and others while living and working in a community. For more information about MVS, visit [www.Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.Service.MennoniteMission.net) or e-mail [JillS@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:JillS@MennoniteMission.net).

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastors’ Office Hours:

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

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