

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 24, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

PENTECOST SUNDAY EXTENDING THE TABLE: Holy Hospitality

Gathering Music

Ellen Mosiman

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Sing the Story 60

(purple)

Come to me, come to us

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-4; 16-21

Holy Spirit, come with power

Hymnal 26

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:24-28

For in this hope we were saved.

Hope that is seen is no hope at all.

Who hopes for what they already have?

**We hope for what we do not yet have,
and we wait for it patiently.**

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

**We do not know how we ought to pray,
but the Spirit intercedes for us
through wordless groans.**

God searches our hearts and knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for God's people,
according to God's will.

**We know that in all things God works for the good
of those who love him and have been called
according to his purpose.**

Prayer

Spirit of the living God

Hymnal 349

Offering

Scripture Story

Luke 14: 12-

27

Cody Claassen, Levi Goossen, Tara Harms-Becker,

Valerie Klaassen, Bonita Schroeder

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

Sermon

Holy Hospitality: Offering Time

Worship Music

Roberta Harms

Sharing and Prayer

Jesus calls us here to meet him

Sing the Journey 3 (green)

Service of Communion

For all the saints (vs 1, 2)

Hymnal 636

Service of Remembrance (process to the cemetery)

Reflections on Hebrews 12: 1-3

Prayer

For all the saints (vs 3, 7)

Benediction

Remembrance of those who have gone before us. Following communion we will process to the cemetery to pay a tribute to loved ones who sacrificially gave so much to our lives and, since last Memorial Day, have joined the great cloud of witnesses.

Homer Harms – August 26, 1931-November 16, 2014

Oren Voth – April 19, 1937 – February 3, 2015

Melvin Klaassen – March 9, 1926 – February 14, 2015

For all the saints (vs 3, 7)

Oh, may thy people, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the glorious crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,
the King of glory passes on the way. Alleluia, alleluia.

This Sunday concludes the worship series on hospitality and celebrates the birthday of the church at Pentecost with communion. Following communion we will process to the cemetery to close the worship service with a time of remembrance. During the Sunday school hour the adults will meet together for the results of our recent survey on church polity and sexuality.

This morning's offering is designated for Western District Conference.

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Summer Sunday School

Next Sunday. *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.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for God's blessing for Rosie Jantz, who will be ordained as a pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Mennonite Mission Network: Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for Mennonite Church members in Sidi, Burkina Faso, where village leaders withhold land to punish Christians. Pray for resolution and that Christians would be able to grow food for their families on the land.

Church Family News

. . . **Jeff Toews** is retiring this week after 25 years as a Wichita firefighter. A retirement celebration will be held May 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Firefighters Local Union Office, 428 N St Francis, Wichita. Their daughter **Kristen** with husband **Brandon**, and **Jaxon**, and **Karsyn Faul** will be arriving today . . . **Gladys Harms** has begun receiving hospice care and we hold her, **Merril** and family in prayer . . .

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.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Structure Task Force meets.

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket, Newton.

June 1-5 8:30-11:30 a.m. 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 5th-6th grade boys. Registration welcomed at VBS or register online at: <http://whitewatervbs2015.eventbrite.com>.

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!

June 11 at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets in the library.

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! Quesitons? Talk to K. John Klaassen.

Announcements

Pastor Search Committee has provided a survey to be completed by everyone in the congregation, 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 **today**. 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 **today**.

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.

As spring is here and the weather is nicer, people are more than welcome to use the north side pavilion. Please contact Debbie Claassen if you would like to reserve the space.

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: Catina Wiebe and Jane Washburn

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Bible School & Education \$1,085.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, this afternoon at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Annette LeZotte, museum director, and Rachel Pannabecker, curatorial consultant, will share community reactions to and interactions with the special exhibit “Sorting Out Race”; closing day of the exhibit, which will travel to museums around the country.

Faith Formation experts from across Mennonite Church USA will be speaking at the Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch June 12-13. Breakout session topics include: group spiritual formation, technology and social media, labyrinths, youth and young adults, the Bible, silence, daily life, aging in the Spirit, new faith formation resources, teaching preparation, children and families, the arts, and music. Register at: <http://mennowdc.org/anabaptist-faith-formation-launch/> by May 29.

Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers, May 24 - June 18. All skill levels are welcome. Please consider coming to Pilger, Nebraska, for one day or more, or consider a week or longer. Your efforts will help four families who survived the June 2014 tornado get back home by the end of the summer. Meals and overnight accommodations are provided for volunteers. To schedule, or for more information, phone (800) 241-8111.

Help Wanted: Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill a few final positions in three of our programs for this fall. Apply by June 1. For more info, contact JohnM@MennoniteMission.net. **Service Adventure Unit Leaders:** Live in a unit house with a small group of youth and offer support as they serve and live in Christian community. Positions open in Albany, Ore. and Albuquerque, N.M. Age: 24+, term: 2 years. **Journey International:** Grow spiritually, learn passionately, and serve in Indonesia as a teacher or digital media content creator. Ages 18-27, term: 1 year. **Mennonite Voluntary Service:** Serve, live, and grow in places like Chicago, Madison, San Antonio, and Kansas City. Age: 20+, term: 1-2 years.

Camp Sing! The 2015 Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing will be August 9 at 6 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Mark your calendars, practice your camp songs, and start counting down the days!

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

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