

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 25, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Kim Claassen

Musicians: Ellen Mosiman, Valerie Klaassen, Joel Boettger

Stump the Pastor: What does the Bible say about sin?

Gathering Our Praise

Prelude *Duet No. 3* by Beethoven Joel Boettger & Valerie Klaassen

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 Deuteronomy 6 and Micah 6

One: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Many: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength.

One: The Lord has told you, O people, what is good. This is what the Lord requires of you:

Many: To do justice, to love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 121** *Holy God, we praise thy name*

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Story

Children's Story Carl Goossen

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

Worship Music *Our Great Savior* arr. Dana F. Everson Joel and Valerie

Scripture Reading Romans 6: 1-12, 20-23

Kris Janzen

Sermon *Slaves of Justice*

Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Story

Prayer of Confession No. 691

* **Hymn of Response No. 143** *Amazing grace!*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sent with the Good News

* **Sending Hymn No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

Benediction

Postlude *Variations on Duet No. 3*

Joel and Valerie

*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

Next Sunday, baptism candidates Paul Goossen, Renata Goossen, and Emma Hilgenfeld will share their faith stories with Spiritual Council. Paul and Renata will be baptized on June 8, and Emma will be baptized on June 22. We celebrate with Paul, Renata, and Emma, and pray for their preparation for baptism.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC ministry staff – Conference Ministers Clarence Rempel and Gilberto Flores, Marlene Bogard, Minister of Christian Formation, and Dwight Regier, Youth Ministry Network Team Leader.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for growth and maturity in Quito (Ecuador) Mennonite Church as the congregation goes through a leadership transition. Pray also for founding co-pastors, Cesar Moya and Patricia Uruena, who are currently ministering in North America before returning to serve the Mennonite churches in Colombia that sent them as MMN missionaries in 2000.

Church Events

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

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

June 2-6 8:30-11:30 a.m. Community Vacation Bible School will be held at Remington Middle School. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board. Grace Hill is responsible for providing cookies on June 4 – a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. Please have cookies to Grace Hill by June 4 at 8:00 a.m.

Announcements

Next Sunday will be the beginning of our combined Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School Sessions. Pastor Peter will be leading the adult sessions in a New Testament overview. The Junior Department will be meeting together in the basement.

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 Kylee Schunn
Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr
Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Bible School & Education \$1,030.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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.

Bethel College Alumni Weekend this year is June 6-8 on campus, including the Alumni Banquet and recognition of the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Achievement Award winner. See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events-for-alumni-and-friends/alumni-weekend/ for a complete schedule, or call 316-284-5251.

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.

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission invites you to hear what God is doing in the worldwide AIMM family, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. for dessert; 7:00 p.m. program at First Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Newton. Please make reservations by calling 574-535-0077 or email lola@aimmintl.org.

We LOVE our Volunteers! Do you volunteer at the MCC center in North Newton? At an MCC thrift shop? At the Kansas Relief Sale? Do you help can meat, tie knots on comforters or sew kit bags? If so, you're invited to our Volunteer Appreciation event at MCC on Thursday, June 12 from 4-6 p.m. Just RSVP to let us know you're coming and we'll have food, fun and fellowship ready. Check out the poster on the bulletin board and RSVP to Megan by June 5, meganuptonyner@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

Hesston alumni and friends are invited to Explore Kansas! with the renowned *Kansas City Symphony in the Flint Hills* on June 14 at the Rosalia Ranch in Butler County. Faculty member John Sharp will also share Flint Hills stories. May 31 deadline tickets are available either as part of the tour or to attend on your own. For costs and more, go to www.hesston.edu or call alumni at 620-327-8109.

Casa Betania will be celebrating their 6th Anniversary on June 15 at Athletic Park in Newton. Fellowship will begin at noon, feel free to come and worship with us or just come after your service. We ask you to continue praying for Casa Betania ministry as we share the Good News in our community.

Nature Rocks! is the theme of Summer Storytime at the WDC Resource Library, led by Bethel College senior, Adam Voth. Ages 3-8 are invited to join in the fun! Wednesday mornings, 10 am, June 18 - July 23. Call to register: 316-283-6300.

Something wonderful happens when dozens of folks gather together to celebrate a new thing. Be part of the excitement by attending the Shine! curriculum launch on Sunday June 22, at Lorraine Ave. Mennonite Church, Wichita. Call 316-283-6300 to register your team.

Hear church planters Karen Mascho, Moises Romero and Byron Pellecer reflect on our theme, *God with Us - Patient and Persistent* at the 2014 Western District Conference Assembly on July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. On-site lodging is limited - register soon at mennowdc.org.

Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you to a Learning Tour to Haiti November 8-17, 2014. This 10 day tour will give you a first-hand look at the social-economical issues Haiti continues to face. The estimated cost for this learning tour is \$700 per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. Space is very limited. For more information contact Anna Yoder by Monday June 2 at annayoder@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

CHURCH OFFICES

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