

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 26, 2013

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Keyboard: Ellen Mosiman

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Worship Leader: Lon Hiebert

A Season of Hope Gathering and Praising

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

taken from Rom. 8; Rom. 5; Ps. 33; Ps. 130; Heb. 6;

One: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us

For in hope we were saved

Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what is seen?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience

Many: And hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit

One: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

to deliver their soul from death

Our soul waits for the Lord

God is our help and shield

Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in you

Many: Our hope is in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with God is great power to redeem

One: We have this hope,

a sure thing and steadfast anchor of the soul

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in you.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 12** *Come, let us all unite to sing*

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

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

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Hebrews 6: 13-20

Merril Harms

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 13-32

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 54** *Longing for Light* vs. 1-3

Congregational Prayer

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

* **Benediction** Hymn No. 711

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

Thank you to our friends at Grace Hill for your many words and deeds of kindness and welcome expressed to us during our few quick months with you. It was my pleasure to serve you. Blessings to Grace Hill and Pastor Peter & Pastor Katherine in your continued worship and service to God.
- Weldon & Jenny

Western District Conference: Thank God for the rich ministry of Berghal Mennonite Church, Pawnee Rock, Kansas for 136 years since 1877. Pray for Pastor Lynn Schlosser and the members as they host a closing celebration service today and then seek new affiliations of worship and ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Joint Christian Services International, a MMN partner in Mongolia, has a soccer program to teach life-skills to children ages 11-13. Pray that Jesus' love will be shared through this program, and that resources will be available to expand services to include children with visual disabilities.

Summer Sunday School Since the adults have been meeting as a group this spring, we will meet in our regular classes, including the current intergenerational class, this summer - with the exception of July. We will not have any Sunday School classes during the month of July. The junior department will meet as a group during the months of June and August. Cal Frye and Rob Schunn will continue leading the intergenerational class. If there are questions related to the current plan or there are volunteers to relieve teachers please feel free to contact Cal Frye or other members of the Education Council.

Church Events

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

Today following Memorial Service All church carry-in meal to welcome back Pastors Peter and Katherine and Sophia! Everyone is welcome to stay.

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

June 10-14 Vacation Bible School at Remington Middle School. The Community VBS this year is SonRock Kids Camp, an adventure camp like no other! As SonRock campers, your children will learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them. Songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks - all make VBS a can't miss experience. To register go to www.communityvbs.eventbrite.com.

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: Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Education and Bible School \$1,824.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Et Cetera

Kauffman Museum still has openings in some of its annual Uncle Carl's Camps (half-day, hands-on, educational camps for ages 4-14): "Little Houses on the Prairie," May 28-31, pre-kindergarten ages 4-5; "Unraveling History's Mysteries," June 3-7, just finished grades 3-6; "Survivor: Prairie," June 10-14, just finished kindergarten-grade 2; "Watercolor I," June 17-21, just finished kindergarten or grade 1; "Watercolor II," June 24-28, just finished grades 2-4; and "True Colors Shining Through" (art camp), June 8-12, just finished grades 5-8. Cost per camp is \$65 museum members, \$80 non-members. For complete camp descriptions and a downloadable registration form, go to www.bethelks.edu/kauffman and follow the education and Uncle Carl's Camp links. For more information, contact Kara Schmidt or Andi Andres at 316-283-1612 or asa@bethelks.edu.

Books = Fun is the theme of summer Storytime at the Western District Conference Resource Library with Barb Koontz and Jeanette Roberts as leaders. Children ages 3 through 8 are invited. Call 316-283-6300 to sign up. We begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19 and run for six weeks. Come for smiles, friends and books - a great combo!

Whoop-de-doodle! We've got Family Camp! Camp Mennoscah is re-introducing Family Camp this summer, July 27-28. It's inter-generational! Monty & Hope Graber will lead us in a weekend of fun and family. Be prepared for all sorts of great stuff. Questions? Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290. More information will be coming soon!

Service opportunity: Looking for a fun way to serve your home community? Newton Et Cetera Shop needs volunteer clerks! Volunteer weekly or monthly, in a time slot that works for you - morning, afternoon, or evening. Teens over 16 and young adults are welcome. Mentor pairs: clerking is a great way to serve together! If you can help, call 283-9461 or email newtonetc@sbcglobal.net.

Wishing...Camp Mennoscah is so beloved and so well visited that we always have items that we need. Some items are: matching pairs of twin comforters, non-skid floor mats (for bedrooms and bathrooms), large tea towels, 3-5 night lights with sensors, counter brushes, and sturdy plastic dust pans. If you'd like to enhance someone's experience at Camp Mennoscah by providing any of these items, items can be dropped off at Camp Mennoscah at your next visit or a check sent. Please mark all donations either "wish list" for general donations or with the specific item. Your generosity makes all our wishes come true!