

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 27, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Kristen Hoffman

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Baptism and Pentecost Sunday

Welcoming the Holy Spirit

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

One: Come Holy Spirit, Creating Presence,
as in the beginning, you hover over the waters, you breathe
life into all creatures, you breathe new life into all who
have gathered this morning.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit

One: Come Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God; you make us
living temples of your presence; you pray within us prayers
too deep for words.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit

One: Come Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
you are light; you bring us light; you are goodness and the
source of all goodness.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit

One: Come, Holy Spirit, Breath of life,
you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the
church; you dwell in each of us,
you transform us as members of your new creation.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit

One: Come Holy Spirit, Fiery Presence,
As you did for those who witnessed the birth of your
church, blow into us your holy presence, your living love,
your healing touch, your splendid courage, your mighty
strength, your perfect peace, your boundless joy.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 521** *Come, thou font*

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Worship Music

Samantha Claassen

Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Proclaiming God's Word in the Sign of Christian Baptism

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 4-11

Matt Hiebert

* **Hymn No. 324** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

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

New Testament Reading Acts 2: 1-4, 37-42

Pastor Peter

* **Hymn No. 446** *Wade in the water*

Faith Testimony and Baptism

Katrina Regehr
Kylee Schunn
Cole Claassen
Grant Claassen
Rachelle Claassen
Lucas Goossen
Sara Harms
Steven Harms
Hunter Hill
Paul Janzen
Kyle Regier
Eli Schmidt

Praying Together

Celebration of Communion

Sent to be Witnesses for God's New Creation

* **Sending Song No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Today

There will be no Sunday School classes.

11:15 a.m. (or 15 minutes after worship is over)

Memorial Service in the Cemetery

Lunch (on your own)

3:00 p.m. Meet at Camp Mennoscah for baptism of Katrina and Kylee.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Olivia Bartel, Camp Mennoscah Director, and the camp staff as they prepare for another season of Christian formation and inspiration.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Bienenberg Seminary in Switzerland plays a crucial role in the formation of Anabaptist church leaders for France, Germany, Spain and Switzerland. Pray that God would provide the material and human resources for the continuation of this ministry, with which MMN partners.

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: Barbara Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Bible School and Education \$1,095.16

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Church Events

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Next Sunday following Sunday School - San Antonio/DOOR Parent Meeting - If you have a high school youth signed up for the San Antonio service trip, the youth sponsors would like to meet with you next Sunday, June 3, right after Sunday school in the youth room. Youth currently signed up to go are: Alex Carr, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Rachelle Claassen, Steven Harms, Matt Hiebert, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Eli Schmidt, and Kylee Schunn. See you at the meeting!

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service

June 11-15 8:30-11:30 a.m. Community Bible School at Remington Middle School. Cookies (30-35 dozen) are needed for Wednesday, June 13. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. You can bring them to church on Sunday, June 10 and they will be delivered. See Theresa Toews if you have questions.

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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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Bryan Moyer Suderman and Chuck Neufeld will be performing an all-ages concert at New Creation Fellowship Church, 221 Muse St. Newton, on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per household. Bryan's "SmallTall Music" ministry (www.smalltallmusic.com) has been his "flexible full-time" vocation since 2003, and "Detectives of Divinity," his 5th studio album, is another collection of songs that are deeply scriptural, musically memorable, and readily singable.

Bethel College Women's Association annual Faculty Lecture - Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center, with Doug Siemens, assistant professor of education, speaking on "Boys' achievement gap: Framing a new discussion of gender and education"; lecture is free, with refreshments served after; for more information, call Valerie Klaassen, 316-799-2641, jvklaassen@pixius.net.

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary is sponsoring a Bake Sale Friday, June 8, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Manor. This is in conjunction with the Whitewater garage sales. If you have bakes goods to contribute, please deliver them to Wheat State Manor office between 12:00-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7 or to WSM between 7-7:30 a.m. on Friday, June 8. Garage sale items are also welcome.

Celebration Day, Friday, June 8, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Smoked pulled pork BBQ meal catered by The Water's Edge Restaurant of Hesston and Kidron Bethel Village. Homemade ice cream available. Silent auction for baked goods. Jake Schmidt of Buhler in concert, kids' activities, free popcorn, petting zoo. Handmade quilt auctioned live at 7:30 p.m. To take advantage of this opportunity to volunteer your time or donate baked goods, call Susan Garofalo, 316-836-4837.

Health Ministries Clinic invites you to its Annual Dinner and Charity Auction on Saturday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton. Suggested donation is \$25 or sponsor a table of eight for \$200. RSVP: 316-284-6381.

Song on the Lawn on June 10 at WillowSpring Downs 4-8 p.m. Come out to enjoy the annual outdoor mini-music festival and meal on June 10 from 4-8 p.m. The event features seven music groups! A pulled pork meal will be served starting at 5 p.m. The meal and entertainment are by donation to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. Bring table service, chairs, blankets, friends and family! See the poster on the bulletin board. In case of rain, the event will be at the Goessel Elementary School. Call MCC with questions at 316-283-2720.

MCC public forum about the Middle East Why is a Christian presence important in the Middle East? Why are Christians leaving? And what are Christian leaders attempting to do to keep a vibrant Christian presence in the region? Daryl and Cindy Byler, who live in Amman, Jordan are Mennonite Central Committee representatives for Iran, Iraq, Jordan and Palestine and Israel. They will be in Wichita to speak to these and other questions at a public forum on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine Ave., Wichita. Refreshments will be served afterwards for further dialogue and fellowship. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720.

Summer Story Time at the Conference Resource Library features tales about Marvelous Me! Children age 3-8 are invited to attend a fun time with storyteller Amanda Friesen and a roomful of friends. Call 316-283-6300 to register. First session begins Wednesday, June 13.

Still room at the inn! Our summer youth camps are filling up, but we still have room at Camp Mennoscah for more campers. We're discovering The Secrets of the Kingdom: The Parables of Jesus this summer and you'd hate to miss out. Give us a call at 620-297-3290 for more information or go to www.mennowdc.org and click on the Camp link for a registration form. If you've been to Camp Mennoscah before, bring a new friend for a free tee shirt!