

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 29, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Pastor Katherine

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Kim 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.*

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

### Call to Worship from Psalm 66

One: Bless our God, O peoples, and sound God's praise abroad who keeps us in life and does not allow our feet to slip.

**Many: For you have tried us, O God; You have refined us as silver is refined. We went through fire and through water, yet you brought us out into a place of abundance.**

One: I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings; I shall pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth spoke when I was in distress.

**Many: Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell of what the Lord has done for me. I cried to God with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

One: If I cherish wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear; but certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.

**All: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer nor removed his steadfast love from me.**

### Gathering Prayer

- \* **Hymn No. 12** *Come let us all unite to sing*

**Offering our Gifts** Mennonite Voluntary Service

## Hear God's Word

**New Testament Reading** Acts 17:22-34

Edgar Harder

**Monologue** *An Athenian*

Valerie Klaassen

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

**New Testament Reading** John 14:15-21

Pastor Peter

**Sermon**

Pastor Peter

## Turn to Jesus ...

- \* **Hymn of Response No. 544** *When we walk with the Lord*

### Affirmation of Faith

One: The risen Jesus abides with us in our suffering

**Many: And he will not leave us orphaned.**

One: We turn to Jesus

**Many: Who sends to us an Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, to walk with us forever.**

### Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

## ...Go with the Spirit

- \* **Sending Hymn No. 580** *My life flows on*

- \* **Benediction**

### 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

The Melvin Klaassen family wishes to thank each of you for your expressions of kindness and care during the past few weeks. We are blessed to have a supportive church family who holds us up in times of need. Your concern for Donna during her illness was also a blessing to her and to us. Thank you for celebrating Donna's life with us - it has been so good to read and hear how she touched other's lives!

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the follow up to *Breaking New Ground*, the church planting consultation held in Oklahoma City on Friday and Saturday. Pray that we might be faithful to the opportunities God opens for us.

## Church Events

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

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

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

**Next Sunday during Sunday School** – Reception for Olin & Alma Schmidt's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**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**

**Pastor Peter is thinking about doing a Bible study or book study** this summer. If this is something you might consider, please sign your name on the announcement sheet on the bulletin board.

**This summer the Junior Youth Sunday School Classes** will be studying some of the Parables that Jesus taught us. The students were given a picture to color to help decorate the hallway to their classrooms. Students, you may use crayons, colored pencils, or markers to make the pictures beautiful. Please give the finished pictures to Kathy Balzer to receive a treat.

**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:** Barb Schmidt and Kylee Schunn  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Julia Dodson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,055.00  
**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

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<p><b>Outreach Tip:</b> Outreach begins with relationships. Invite your neighbors and friends for a barbecue.</p>
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## Et Cetera

**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.

**Camp Mennoscah - A Splash-worthy Celebration!** We're celebrating Torrey's seven years as our maintenance coordinator and dedicating our new pool on June 5 at 3:30 p.m. We'll start with a short time thanking Torrey and then move to the pool for a ribbon-cutting and dedication. If the pool is finished (and we certainly hope it will be), we'll dive in for a wet and wild time—bring your swimsuit and sunscreen! We'll see you there!

**Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day and 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 10 at 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. The event offers fun for all ages, 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary program at 5, fiddlers Jeff Pritchard and Jake Tanner in concert, kids' activities, BBQ pork meal from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (cost is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12), and benefit auctions at 7:34 p.m.

**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).

**It's Party Time! Mark your calendars now for July 29-30**, when persons from all WDC congregations will gather at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite church, for Western District Conference's annual assembly and fellowship. A Program Committee is putting the finishing touches on planning details, promising an inspirational and educational experience. Programs and activities will also be included for children: infants through junior high. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Mennonite Education Agency** has a website at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS) where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe).

**Peace and Justice Support Network Coordinating Minister:** The PJSN seeks a three-quarter time Coordinating Minister to encourage, support and strengthen Jesus-centered peace and justice commitment and witness in congregations, area conferences and across Mennonite Church USA. This role requires strong visioning, communication, organizing and administrative responsibilities. This person needs to be able to build relationships and communicate effectively across the breadth of the church. Location is flexible. Ability to travel independently within the US is required. Starting date is summer or early fall 2011. PJSN works in partnership with Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA Executive Board. For more information including a detailed job description, visit our website at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) and click on About Us / Staff Opportunities. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and resumé to Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator, Mennonite Mission Network, Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515, or email [staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net](mailto:staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net).

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