

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 30, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Sara Unruh

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

And it was good

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.

In the Beginning . . .

* Call to Worship Psalm 8

One: O Lord, our Sovereign,

All: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: You have set your glory above the heavens! From the lips of infants and children you bring forth words of power and praise, to answer your adversaries and to silence the hostile and vengeful. When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place - what is humanity that you should be mindful of us? Who are we that you should care for us? You have made us barely less than God, and crowned us with glory and honor. You have made us responsible for the works of your hands, putting all things at our feet - all sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatever swims in the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

All: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

* Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Hymn No. 46 *I sing the mighty power of God*

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Voluntary Service

. . . God Created . . .

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Renata Goossen and Pastor Katherine
translation taken from NRSV and the Inclusive Bible

* Hymn No. 104 *Of the Father's love begotten* verses 1, 2 & 4

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

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* Hymn No. 156 *All things bright and beautiful*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Hymn No. 414 *God, who stretched*

* 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to my church family for the visits, calls, food, care, concern and prayers! It was all greatly appreciated. God is good!

Joyce Wedel

Western District Conference: Pray for the teaching of the Bible in our congregations – from Sunday School to preaching, from Vacation Bible School to seminary summer courses. May we all be eager learners so our faith becomes deeply rooted in the Scriptures.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the *Evangelische Freikirche* in Berlin, Germany, where Kenton and Kidron Miller are part of a church-planting team. Today, the young congregation is hosting an open house and dedicating their newly completed building.

Church Events

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

Monday - Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Community Bible School at Remington Middle School in Whitewater for ages pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. See Tammy Regehr if you have questions.

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

Next Sunday, June 6 James Krabill and Tonya Ramer Wenger from Mennonite Mission Network will be joining us. Tonya is a board member with MMN and is pastor of Madison Mennonite Church in Wisconsin. James, currently senior executive for Global Ministries at MMN, served 14 years in West Africa and is the author and editor of numerous articles and books. James will be preaching during worship and leading a joint adult Sunday School hour.

Saturday, June 12 at 8:00 a.m. Work Day at church.

June 13 Grace Hill Community Pig Roast on Sunday, June 13 at 6 p.m. Invite your friends, come and enjoy a meal, fellowship and entertainment!

NO Wednesday Night Youth Group on June 30th.

August 7-8 Youth Group Boating Trip - more details to come.

Et Cetera

Medical leave for Dorothy Nickel Friesen, WDC Conference Minister, will be extended until the end of her term, July 31, 2010. Her recovery is progressing as expected, and realistically will not allow her to return to the Conference Minister role before the end of her term of service. Information about her continuing recovery will be updated periodically at www.caringbridge.org/visit/dorothynickelfriesen. Clarence Rempel will be Acting Conference Minister for the month of June. However, he will be on vacation from June 7 - June 22. On July 1, Clarence will officially become our new Conference Minister.

Bethel College Women's Association Annual Meeting and Faculty Public Lecture will be held Thursday, June 3, at Bethel's Fine Arts Center. This year's lecture will be given by Dr. Francisca Mendez-Harclerode, Assistant Professor of Biology. Refreshments will be served at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00. The public is invited.

Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 11 at 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. The event offers fun for all ages, entertainment, BBQ pork from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (cost is a donation), and benefit auctions at 7:34 p.m. Proceeds of the BBQ pork meal and benefit auctions go to the Village Centre expansion project.

The worship on July 9 at the Western District Conference annual conference at the Lakeview Camp and Conference Center will feature several storytellers who will share their perspectives on the theme, *Rise Up and Come Together/Levantense y Juntense*, based on Ezekiel 37. The preacher for the closing worship is Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA. Come and be encouraged by the words of these speakers and enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new ones alike.

With much weeping, despairing, and gnashing of teeth, Camp Mennoscah is sending off our two Mennonite Service Workers, Michael Unruh and Jennie Warkentine. Though it seems like they only arrived yesterday, Michael and Jennie have finished their one-year terms and are headed off to do other great and wonderful things. Thank you, marvelous MVSers, for your dedication to Camp Mennoscah and for all your hard work. We will miss you!

Ever wonder what Anabaptism looks like without Mennonite clothing? Find out by reading *The Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith*, a new book from Herald Press. Check it out at www.mpn.net/nakedanabaptist Special offer: Buy before June 15 and get 20% off! Use code MUB0515.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at 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.

Mennonite Education Agency thanks the congregation for its generous financial support of MEA and its schools. We are devoted to working with you in passing on the faith to the next generation as mentioned in Psalm 78. We would welcome receiving any additional contributions by our June 30 year end.

Announcements

The church retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be October 16-17, 2010. We are in need of coordinators for the retreat. If interested, please talk to Brian Hilgenfeld or any member of the Spiritual Council.

High School Youth: If you have not turned in your commitment form for the service trip this summer and you plan to go, please talk with Pastor Katherine.

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 Emily Klassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Preaching Next Sunday: James Krabill

Keyboard Next Sunday: Pastor Katherine

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,398.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA