

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 1, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Musician: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Josh Patterson

Corinthian Correspondence: Power of the Cross

Gathering Our Praise

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 from Luke 9 and John 12

One: Jesus said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Many: For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

One: Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Many: Those who love their life will lose it, and those who let go of their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

All: Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn Sing the Journey No. 1** *We sing to you, O God*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Story

Children's Story

Bonita Schroeder

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

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5

Paul Goossen

Sermon

Good news for the weak and foolish

Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Story

* **Hymn of Response No. 411** *I bind my heart this tide*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sent with the Good News

* **Sending Hymn No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

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 class will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

The family of Marie Regehr would like to invite you to an Open House in celebration of her 90th birthday on Saturday, June 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Room at Kidron Retirement Center.

Western District Conference: Pray for Camp Mennoscah staff and campers as they begin a new summer season with the theme – *Get Real: Finding Your True Self in Jesus.*

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the 107 people who have made a decision to follow Jesus and be baptized into the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, a MMN partner. Pray for courage and faithfulness for these new believers who may face derision and persecution by a Muslim majority.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Pastor Peter will be leading the adult sessions in a New Testament overview. **Today's topic:** Mark and Matthew. The Junior Department will be meeting together in the basement.

Next Sunday: Russell Jensen from Mennonite Mission Network will be sharing with us during the S.S. hour.

Church Events

Monday – Friday 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 Wednesday, 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.

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

Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. Biblical Womanhood Book Study will take place in the church library.

June 11-17 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

Announcements

The Harvey County Food Pantry is in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Kathy Balzer

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,852.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

The AMBS-Great Plains Extension Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 1, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please join in this program of thanksgiving and hear about the new "AMBS-Kansas Center" ongoing course offering site. A reception follows the program.

Bethel College Women's Association annual public faculty lecture with Geri Tyrell, Bethel assistant professor of nursing and newly appointed director of nursing, will be held on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Her presentation will illustrate the experiences that Bethel students have had in Haiti over the last three years, and will focus on the opportunities for students to develop critical thinking skills, resource management and an appreciation for Haitian culture. It will be held in Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College Fine Arts Center, with reception following.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert on June 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Presser Hall on the campus of Bethany College in Lindsborg. It will be a joint concert with the Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus.

MCC Song on the Lawn will be Sunday, June 8 from 5-8 p.m. at WillowSpring Downs (Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp's farm). This year's mini-music festival will feature: Book of JEBB, The Bethesda Band, Five Times Harder, Country Jamboree and the Cottonwood River Band! Burgers, hot dogs and the works, and Kettle Corn will be available for a donation all evening long. The Salted Creamery will be selling their amazing homemade ice cream for dessert! Bring table service, lawn chairs, blankets, friends and family for a great evening of music to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

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.

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary is planning a Bake Sale at the Manor in conjunction with the Whitewater Garage Sale on Friday, June 13 beginning at 8 a.m. The Auxiliary is inviting anyone who wishes to contribute baked goods to bring them to the Manor the evening prior to the sale or during the morning hours of sale day. Please price food in advance. For more information contact: Gladys Reimer, Miriam Claassen or Agnes Harder.

Library Camp! Kara Schmidt, teacher and library gal will lead kids grades K - 4 (completed) in one hour of fun with books and art. Read, wonder, create at the WDC Resource Library from 2 - 3 pm on June 18, 20, 25 and 27. \$10 per child for four sessions! Call 316-283-6300 to sign up today!

Nurse needed! Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 13-19. Please contact us at 620-297-3290 if you are able to work the full week or even the first or second half of the week. Kitchen helpers are needed for the week of July 27-Aug. 1 (full week).

Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah - Our summer camps begin June 8! Find a registration form online at www.campmennoscah.org and contact us at 620-297-3290 with any questions. The theme is *Get Real: Finding Your True Self in Jesus*. It's a summer of adventures!

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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