

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 5, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Julia Dodson

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

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.

Call to Worship from Psalm 68

One: Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

**Many: Sing to God, sing in praise of God's name,
extol the One who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him – his name is the Lord.**

One: A loving parent to the orphan, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God gives the desolate a home to live in, and leads out the prisoners with singing.

Many: You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance. Your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, God, you provided for the poor.

One: Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to the One who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

Many: Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.

One: You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; You give power and strength to your people

All: Praise be to God!

Gathering Prayer

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

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Jean Isaac

* **Song of Response** *We are often tossed and driv'n* see insert

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

New Testament Reading Acts 1:6-14

Pastor Peter

Sermon *Why are you looking up toward heaven?*

Pastor Peter

Turn to Jesus ...

* **Hymn of Response No. 288** *Rejoice, the Lord is king!*

Affirmation of Faith

One: The risen Jesus is Lord and king of all creation.

**Many: Jesus has made God known to us, and in him we see
God's glory.**

One: We turn to Jesus

Many: and we await his Coming and his final victory.

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

...Go with the Spirit

* **Sending Hymn No. 285** *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

* **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

Thank You, dear Congregation, for your prayers, your hugs, your kind words, and your support through this difficult time of grief and loss. We are reminded every day of how blessed we are to be serving God and God's people together with you.

Grace and peace, Pastors Peter and Katherine

Western District Conference: Thank God for the generosity of God's people in giving and volunteering towards the construction of the new swimming pool at Camp Mennoscah. Pray that staff and campers will encounter Jesus Christ and meet the Spirit in this summer's camping ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Robert Morrison serves with MMN's partner program, DOOR. Robert and five other "part-time parents" at *La Casa de Comunidad* in Hollywood, California, seek to be channels of God's love to the children who come to the center. Pray for wisdom, energy and hope to overcome great obstacles.

Summer Sunday School

This Sunday we start our Adult & Youth Summer Sunday School Sessions. Today, after the worship service we ask everyone to remain seated (the children will be excused to go to Sunday school) for a short introduction of the Adult/Youth Sunday School Hour Program for June, July and August. There will also be a short presentation of Grace Hill's 200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration to be held September 3-4, 2011. Following the presentations you are invited to the Fellowship Hall in recognition of Olin and Alma Schmidt's 50th Anniversary.

Next Sunday's speaker: Lois Barrett 16th and 17th century – Presentation: *Reformers and Martyrs*.

Announcements

Pastor Peter is thinking about doing a Bible study or book study during the week 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.

Donated food items will go to the Potwin Food Pantry this month. Suggested items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, canned meals, boxed meals, soups, crackers, and other nonperishable items. Cash donations are accepted. 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: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,690.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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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Church Events

Next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. 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 6th grade.

June 25 noon – 6:00 p.m. Blood Drive at Grace Hill. To make this event a success we are in need of many volunteers and donors. Volunteers positions include loaders, unloaders, receptionists, escorts and servers. For more information, see the flyer that was in your box last Sunday. To sign up to volunteer or donate, see Lindsey Harms.

Et Cetera

Torrey's Great (and so is the Pool) Celebration! Don't forget to join us for a rollicking celebration of Torrey's greatness and the new pool this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at Camp Mennoscah. We don't know yet if there will be water in the pool (it seems like a long shot), but we'll be having a grand time regardless. Bring your Torrey story to share and - if you like - a gift for the pool. Gift ideas? Try something fun and floaty or a donation toward finishing those last square feet of pool.

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary will hold a Bake and Garage Sale at the Manor in conjunction with the Whitewater City Wide Garage Sale on Friday, June 10 beginning at 8 a.m. The Auxiliary is inviting anyone who wishes to contribute baked goods to bring them to the Manor anytime after 8 a.m. Garage Sale items are also welcome. If unable to contribute items please come by the Manor next Friday and stock up on foods and goodies. It will be open until all food is gone.

Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day and 85th 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, 85th 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.