

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 7, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Kaye Penner

## Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Kaye Penner

### Sending

\* **Hymn of Sending No. 121** *Holy God, we praise thy name*

\* **Benediction** Pastor Katherine

### 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

Pastor Marv is with the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus this weekend with concerts in Mt. Lake, MN and Freeman, SD. He will return this evening and be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning during his regular hours.

David Greiser, Director of the Pastoral Ministries Program at Hesston College, will bring the message during our worship service next Sunday morning.

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for the 13+ years of pastoral ministry of Debbie Schmidt at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson as she is farewelled today. Give thanks for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Calvary Mennonite Church, Liberal, KS today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Please pray for MMN workers who currently are on North American ministry. Pray for safe travels and good connections with family and supporting congregations.

### Prelude

### Welcoming Guests 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 & Praise

\* **Call to Worship** Hymn No. 670

\* **Prayer of Invocation**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 43** *Christ is our cornerstone*

**Offering** Mennonite Church USA

### Hearing

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 2:4-10 Katherine Claassen

**Special Music** Carl Goossen

*Songs my Mother Taught Me* by Antonin Dvorak

*Moment by Moment* by Daniel W. Whittle and May Whittle Moody

**Children's Moments** Russell & Kris Janzen

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

**Scripture Reading** Ephesians 2:11-22 Peter Goerzen

**Sermon** *Church of the Broken Walls* Peter Goerzen, Pastoral Candidate

### Responding

\* **Hymn of Response No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

## **Summer Sunday School**

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary. **Today:** *God's People Now* with Claire Ewert Fisher. **Next Sunday:** *Visioneering 2020* with Virgil Penner.

Claire Ewert Fisher is Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee, Saskatchewan. She will talk about the Mission Statement of Mennonite Central Committee, who and what MCC is and how that connects with life in Kansas. She will present this by telling stories from her listening and learning tour throughout Saskatchewan. It is based on 1 Peter 2:4-5

Biographical Information: She is married to Garth Ewert Fisher and is a grandmother to Gwyn and Nico. She pastored for 15 years and has worked with Mennonite Central Committee for over 15 years, through service and various board participation. She has served with MCC in Viet Nam, the Philippines, Winnipeg, Manitoba and Lanigan, Saskatchewan. For relaxation, she enjoys gardening, hiking, and spending time with people.

**During the summer quarter, K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students** will explore instructions for "Making the Right Choices". There will be two groups: Pre-school through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They will be meeting in the basement area for their combined classes.

## Church Events

**Today** Carry-in meal following the S.S. hour. Following the meal will be a question/answer time with Pastor Candidate Peter Goerzen. All are welcome to stay for the meal. The vote will be held next Sunday following the worship service.

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

**Saturday at 8:00 a.m.** A workday is scheduled at church to do maintenance and repairs. Volunteers are needed to work on roof repairs, cemetery maintenance, landscape mulching, window replacement, window washing, vacuuming pews, cleaning furnace filters, and more. Tools needed are hammers, flat bars, shovels, rakes, vacuums with crevice attachment, etc. Some work will begin on the roof Friday evening, June 12, after 5:00 p.m., weather permitting. Contact a member of the Business Council if you have questions.

**Next Sunday - High School Youth Group** Pool Party at Gary and Karma Hill's! This will also be an evening to go over information for Convention and to talk about our Youth Group Covenant for the trip. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be provided.

**June 30 - July 5** Mennonite Church USA Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Our delegates are Ed and Marge Harms and Caleb Regehr.

**August 9 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Grace Hill All-Church Swimming Party at the Newton Public Pool.

## Announcements

**Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month:** canned meals. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

**The Spiritual Council** has a policy to pay the full registration fee for those from our church who attend a children's or youth camp at Camp Mennoscah for the first time. Parents of such first time campers are asked to contact Kathy Balzer, chair of the Spiritual Council, to access this scholarship. Please contact Kathy as soon as possible so arrangements for payment can be made prior to the camp session.

**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:** Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

**Preaching Next Sunday:** David Greiser

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Joel Linscheid Jazz Trio

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Julia Washburn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,727.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## CHURCH OFFICES

**Interim Pastor:** Marvin Zehr

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## Et Cetera

**Kids - learn about prairie critters,** experiment with old-timey tools, sit on a bison hide; all in the context of a wonderful children's library!

Enroll in Prairie Tales Story Time (age 3-8) or Summer Reading Program (age 3-12) at the Western District Conference Resource Library in North Newton from June 10-July 22. For more information go to [www.mennowdc.org/SummerReadingProgram2009.pdf](http://www.mennowdc.org/SummerReadingProgram2009.pdf). Sign up for one or both by calling 316-283-6300.

**Wheat State Manor Auxiliary** is planning a Bake Sale at the Manor in conjunction with the Whitewater Garage Sales on Friday, June 12 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.

**Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day** is from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 12 at 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. The event offers fun for all ages, pop and popcorn, entertainment, a pig roast from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (cost is a donation), benefit auction at 7:34 p.m. and the Kidron Klassic Kar Show from 5 - 8 p.m. on the campus. Proceeds of the pig roast and benefit auction go toward construction of additional health care rooms for Bethel Health Care Centre.

**The Annual Meeting of the KBRS Contributors** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. Elections will be held for the Board of Directors and Management will present updates on the Village and Campus Woods Estates. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

**The King is back! Plan now to attend *The Upside Down King*** musical on the Bethel College campus. Three performances: Friday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Great music for the whole family. Offerings to cover the expenses of cast/band/directors will be received. (No reserved seats.) Produced by Western District Conference and Bethel College.

**The theme for the upcoming Western District Conference** annual conference, set for August 7-8 at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church, is *Becoming a New Humanity/Llegando a Ser una Nueva Humanidad*, based on Ephesians 2:11-22. Something new this year are some pre-conference options, called “Discovery Day” on

August 6, with five day-long events including a bus tour with Robert Kreider, spirituality with Kathryn Damiano, service/learning at MCC-Central States, work/learn at Camp Mennoscah, and congregational leadership seminar with KIPCOR. Separate registration required. Reserve the dates now.

**Wheat State Manor is producing a cookbook** celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They would like recipes from the member churches, resident families and the Manor’s employees. The history of the Manor and stories from older individuals from the member churches, related to the Manor, could also be included. As the Wheat State Auxiliary we are making recipe forms available on the table in the foyer and be used by anyone who would like to submit entries. Please take as many forms as you wish and return no later than July 12. Any questions contact Gladys Reimer, Miriam Claassen or Agnes Harder. The cookbooks would be available for sale at Whitewater’s Oktoberfest.

**Camp Mennoscah--Oh what a beautiful summer!** Our summer camps have started and it’s a great time. All of our camps still have openings and we’d love to have you join us! Thank you to everyone who has donated toilet paper as part of our Toilet Paper Challenge. We still need a head cook for June 21-27. (Surely you don’t want campers to eat Olivia’s famous peanut butter and jelly sandwiches all week, do you?) Kitchen staff is also needed for June 21-27. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) to reserve your spot as the world’s most valuable volunteer.