

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 7, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Linda Harms

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

GOD'S TOP TEN LIST The Second Word

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Linda Harms

Randy Smith

*Sung Call to Worship

Come, we that love the Lord

Hymnal 14

*Call to Worship

Psalm 119:10-16

We turn our ear to the Lord.

Listen for his word and live it.

Teach us, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that we may follow it to the end.

**Give me understanding, so I may keep your law
and obey with all my heart.**

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

**Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
and find life according to your word

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be revered.**

Take away the shame I dread,
for your laws are good.

How I long for your precepts!

Renew my life in your righteousness..

**We turn our ear to the Lord,
Listen for his word, and live it.**

*Prayer

Lord I am fondly earnestly longing

Hymnal 514

The Second Word

Response to the Word

Exodus 20:1-2; 4-6

Deuteronomy 6:10-13

The Lord will bring you to the Land of Promise –
promised to your ancestors

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob –

**A land filled with large flourishing cities
that we did not build,**

Houses filled with good things that we did not provide,

Wells we did not dig,

Vineyards and olive groves that we did not plant.

When you eat and are satisfied

be careful to remember the Lord,

who brought you out of Egypt,

out of the land of oppression.

We will fear the Lord our God and serve him only.

We make our vow in the name of the Lord.

Obey my voice

Hymnal 163

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Courtney Nethercot

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

Scripture Lesson

Kris Goossen

I Kings 18: 20-39

Sermon

Let God Be God

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal 120

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Hymn

Hymnal 486

God of our life

Benediction

Postlude

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Church USA.

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Stay for Sunday School. An all ages Sunday school study of the Ten Commandments continues today in the fellowship hall. Time together for all, with table talk, topic discussion, animated video, and children's activity sheets.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for presenters, Andy Brubacher Kaethler and Rachel Miller Jacobs and 12 others, and for the participants of the Anabaptist Faith Formation launch meeting June 12-13 on the Bethel College campus. Pray that this will strengthen the church's calling to equip the saints for the work of ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Rescue Network Nepal, a Mission Network partner, trains people in remote areas of the country to give emergency aid in case of home, farm or traffic accidents. Pray for director, Jaya Thapa, and these first responders as they deal with the overwhelming needs in the aftermath of last month's earthquakes.

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Join in the fun this evening at 6 p.m. in the north Pavilion as we enjoy a summer evening of fellowship roasting hot dogs and listening to bluegrass music provided by the Flannelbacks! Matthew Graber is a member of this group along with 3 other Bethel students. Hot dogs, buns and drink will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert, table service and some friends!

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's, Newton.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets in the library.

Sunday, June 21 Congregational Meeting - The Administrative Council would like to call a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 21st during the Sunday School hour. During this time, the Organization Structure Task Force and the Pastor Search Committee will be presenting updates. A handout was placed in mailboxes today providing a summary of items that will be presented. Congregational input will be important as we chart the future course of Grace Hill, so attendance would be appreciated!

Et Cetera

Getting ready to retire? Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on three upcoming Mondays – June 8, July 13 and Aug.10. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Song on the Lawn, an annual outdoor mini-music festival (6 music groups) and meal will be held on June 14, 5:00-8:00 p.m., at Willow Spring Downs (Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen's farm), 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro. Come for great music but plan on eating too! Bring table service, lawn chairs and friends for a fun evening. Proceeds (free will donations) will go to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. See the poster on the bulletin board or check out the website at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/song-lawn> for more details and directions.

Everyone's invited to a come and go farewell for Clarence Rempel on Sunday, June 28, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the WDC office in North Newton.

We hope you are planning to join us for the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City this summer from June 30-July 5. Come for the whole week or come for a day. You'll enjoy worship with thousands of other Mennonites, food, fellowship, concerts, and more. We offer onsite registration during the week. We also offer a daily rate if you choose to come for just a day or two. There are some events during the convention week that are free and open to the public. **Events at the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral (across the street from the Kansas City Convention Center):**

- Tuesday June 30, 6:00 p.m.: Prayer walk
- Friday July 3, 6:30 p.m.: The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert
- Friday July 3, 8:30 p.m.: Service of Lament for Sexual Abuse
- Saturday July 4, 9:00 p.m.: The Ted & Company drama, Listening for Grace

In addition, worship on Tuesday June 30 from 7:15-8:45 p.m. and Sunday July 5, from 10-11:30 a.m., is free and open to the public. The services will take place in Exhibit Hall A in the Kansas City Convention Center. We hope to see you in Kansas City!

Do you want to experience Mennonite World Conference's Assembly this July 21-26 but know that you can't get there for the whole week? Don't let limited free time keep you from participating in this global reunion! Registration is now open for part-time attendance: come for a couple of days or an evening. Find out more at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

Camp Mennoscah's All-Ages Family Camp is July 25-26! Alan Stucky and Katie Best will be our leaders for a weekend of fun with campfire and swimming, free time and activities, and even more of this and that. Grab a friend or family member and join us!

Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed another fun filled preschool year! Thirty six children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area churches and United Way. We again want to thank Grace Hill Mennonite Church for being one of those supporting churches. We want to acknowledge the service of Karma Hill as Grace Hill's representative on our board and also for serving as a classroom teacher. We also are grateful for the \$250 matching grant solicited on our behalf from Everence and for the Christmas Eve offering that we received from your church again this year. We realize this is a significant contribution for our program. We ask for your prayers and continued support as we look to begin our 50th year in the Fall. Please watch your church bulletin in the coming months for stories related to the history of Community Playschool as we commemorate this significant milestone! – Jeanette Leary, Director

Announcements

The First Aid box of supplies has been updated. There is also a new blood pressure cuff on the shelf. The box includes band-aids, ointments for burns, for itching, and for antibiotic purposes. There are also Tylenol, Ibuprofen and aspirin tablets. Vinyl gloves are in the box. There is not a cold pack - please use ice from the ice machine if needed. All of this is stored in the hall closet near the pastor's study.

The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

Nursery This Sunday: Lisa Harms and Rita Patterson
Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katrina Regehr
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,273.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church