

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 8, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Samantha Claassen, David Janzen, Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: David Janzen

## Baptism and Pentecost Sunday

### Gathering

#### 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 Psalm 121

Paul Goossen

One: I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?

**Many: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber.

**Many: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

One: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**Many: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

One: The Lord shall keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on and forevermore.**

#### Gathering Prayer

Paul Goossen

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

**Offering Our Gifts** Local Church Missions

**Worship Music** *Sacred Harp Medley*

Samantha Claassen & Ellen Mosiman

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

**Proclaiming God's Word in the Sign of Christian Baptism**

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1: 4-11

Emma Hilgenfeld

\* **Hymn No. 521** *Come, thou fount*

**New Testament Reading** Acts 2:1-21; 37-42

Renata Goossen

#### Faith Testimony and Baptism

Paul Goossen

Emma Hilgenfeld

Renata Goossen

#### *Responding to the Holy Spirit*

\* **Hymn of Response No. 544** *When we walk with the Lord*

#### Praying Together

#### Celebration of Communion

#### *Sent to be Witnesses for God's New Creation*

\* **Sending Song No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

#### 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!**

#### **Summer Sunday School**

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary.** Russell Jensen from Mennonite Mission Network will be sharing with us during the S.S. hour today.

The Junior Department will be meeting together in the basement.

## **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 Pastor Karen Mascho and Minister of Outreach Steve Mascho as they guide Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Gladewater, Texas in the formation of Christian community and outreach to families of prisoners.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Beginning this month, Connie and Dennis Byler will be in the United States on North American Ministry, sharing about God's work in Spain through MMN. Pray for safe travels and that God will speak powerfully through them.

## **Church Events**

**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.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket in Newton.

**Next Sunday at 5:45 p.m.** Grace Hill Night at the Movies – *Animated Stories of the Bible: Joseph, Daniel and the Good Samaritan*. 30 minutes each. G.

## Announcements

**Supplies are getting low at the Whitewater Food Pantry.** Items can be left in the basket in the foyer, at the Bank of Whitewater, Krueger Insurance or Countryaid Vet Service.

**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:** Kaye Penner and Kathy Balzer

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,391.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Offender Victim Ministries

### **The following books have been donated to our library:**

"The Eden Peace Witness: A Collection of Personal Accounts" Jeffery W. Koller, ed. A collection of personal accounts of persons of World War I and II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam.

"Ambassador to His People" Herbert & Maureen Klassen. Story of C. F. Klassen who embodies selflessness and integrity of character during a time of much conflict in Prussia and Canada.

"What Happens in the Spring" Kathleen Costello Beer. For young children to appreciate what happens in Spring via photos.

Following four novels by Kristen Heitzen which completes a series - we have Book V.

Book I "Honor's Pledge"

Book II "Honor's Price"

Book III "Honor's Quest"

Book IV "Honor's Disguise"

"Living Gifts - John's Jesus in Meditation and Poetry, Art and Song" Willard Swartley, 2013. This book is a gift from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

### **Following book was purchased:**

"Jacob's Choice" Ervin R. Stutzman. Book I of series Return to Northkill, Book II will be out in 2015. Written about the life and battles of the Amish near Northkill Creek from June 29, 1757 on. Describes the encounters with the Indians, the captures, their church, relationships. Novel is about the history of his family. Stutzman today serves as executive director for Mennonite Church USA.

## Et Cetera

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will be in concert this afternoon 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 this evening 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.

**Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission** invites you to hear what God is doing in the worldwide AIMM family, this evening at 6:30 p.m. for dessert; 7:00 p.m. program at First Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Newton.

**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.

**Casa Betania will be celebrating their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 15** at Athletic Park in Newton. Worship is at 10:00 a.m., fellowship will begin at noon, feel free to come and worship with us or just come after your service. We ask you to continue praying for Casa Betania ministry as we share the Good News in our community.

**Nature Rocks!** is the theme of Summer Storytime at the WDC Resource Library, led by Bethel College senior, Adam Voth. Ages 3-8 are invited to join in the fun! Wednesday mornings, 10 am, June 18 - July 23. Call to register: 316-283-6300.

**Be a volunteer July 4 and Kidron Bethel Village** will treat you to a free pulled-pork BBQ meal, live music and a great fireworks show! Celebration Day Fireworks Extravaganza kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 4, at 3001 Ivy Drive in North Newton. It's the annual benefit for Kidron Bethel's Health Care Benevolent Fund. Help serve food or work on other tasks. To volunteer, call Kent Dove, 316-836-4851 or see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**Coming soon to a camp in Murdock! Family Camp is July 26-27** at Camp Mennoscah. Jesse and Ruth, our trusty leaders, are ready for all sorts of fun! You should expect an Amazing Mennoscah Race (a treasure hunt throughout camp grounds), kickball, river play, campfire, worship, stargazing, drama, ping pong tournament, music jamboree, basketball, and other good times! Brochures available soon.

**Planning is well underway for the next Mennonite Church USA's biennial convention**, June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. In the second newsletter we describe our hopes and dreams for each convention, introduce you to the people involved in planning the worship services, share some memories of past conventions as well as Isaac Villegas' reflections of Luke 24. This newsletter and the latest information about the convention, can be found on our website at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>.

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