

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 10, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Kristen Hoffman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Samantha Claassen

Living as Kingdom People – Seeking First God’s Kingdom

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 Psalm 146

Call: “The Lord will reign forever!”

Response: “Praise the Lord!”

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Ministries

Hearing the Gospel

Reader’s Theater *The Kingdom of God*

* **Sing the Journey No. 45** *In the morning when I rise*

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 6: 19-21, 25-34, 13:44-46 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Hidden Treasure!* Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

* **Hymn of Response No. 324** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent to Proclaim the Kingdom

* **Sending Song No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

* **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!

Today we welcome Orlando Penner from the Gideons. Orlando will be sharing with us during worship. There is a basket in the foyer for donations to the Gideons. Please make checks payable to the Gideons.

For Sharing and Prayer

A Concert of Prayer Western District Conference invites us to participate in a Concert of Prayer during the four Tuesdays leading up to our Annual Assembly (June 12, 19, 26, and July 3). You are invited to come to our church building each Tuesday at 7 p.m. for prayer, or pray-on-your-own on your way to work, as you do chores, around the table, or in other gatherings. Conference Minister Clarence Rempel’s “Spiritual Disciplines for Times of Disagreement” is available in the foyer and is recommended as a guide to prayer.

Western District Conference: Pray for an expansive love and graceful holiness within our hearts and among the churches of WDC as we prepare for Assembly 2012. Pray “that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God” (Philippians 1:9-11).

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that God would empower members of the Chinese Anabaptist Network, a MMN partner, as they bring together representatives from Canada, China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and the United States to strengthen their witness for Jesus through conversations, Anabaptist literature and youth ministries.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. The theme this summer is “Faith Stories”. This Sunday’s speaker is Josh Patterson.

Next Sunday’s speaker: Ken Wiebe

Church Events

Monday - Friday 8:30-11:30 a.m. Community Bible School at Remington Middle School. See Theresa Toews if you have questions.

June 27-July 3 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

Announcements

Two resolutions have been presented for discussion at the Western District Conference. Copies are available in the foyer for your prayerful consideration. If you have any feedback, please speak to one of our WDC delegates (listed in the church yearbook – page 4).

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.

Et Cetera

Song on the Lawn today at WillowSpring Downs 4-8 p.m. (Carol Duerksen & Maynard Knepp's farm) Come out to enjoy the annual outdoor mini-music festival and meal on June 10 from 4-8 p.m. The event features seven music groups! A pulled pork meal will be served starting at 5 p.m. The meal and entertainment are by donation to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. Bring table service, chairs, blankets, friends and family! See the poster on the bulletin board. Fliers are also available in the foyer. In case of rain, the event will be at the Goessel Elementary School. Call MCC with questions at 316-283-2720.

MCC public forum about the Middle East Why is a Christian presence important in the Middle East? Why are Christians leaving? And what are Christian leaders attempting to do to keep a vibrant Christian presence in the region? Daryl and Cindy Byler, who live in Amman, Jordan are Mennonite Central Committee representatives for Iran, Iraq, Jordan and Palestine and Israel. They will be in Wichita to speak to these and other questions at a public forum on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine Ave., Wichita. Refreshments will be served afterwards for further dialogue and fellowship. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720.

West Zion Mennonite Church, 101 S. Washington Avenue, Moundridge, will be having another performance in the West Zion Concert Series. The concert will be at the church on Sunday, June 17, at 7 p.m. Featured performers include the Tom and Lois Harder family; Joshua Powell, tenor vocalist accompanied by Jordan Ortman on piano; Joel Boettger, clarinetist; and Donna Stucky, organ and piano. There is no admission for the concert, but a free-will offering will be received to help defray expenses and for ongoing music projects at the church. After the concert, there will be a fellowship time with refreshments being served.

Nurse needed! Camp Mennoscah is seeking a fun-loving, kid-friendly nurse for the week of July 8-12. Please contact us at 620-297-3290. Our nurses are paid, volunteer, or a parent discount position.

Early Deadline for Becoming One to be Sent in Christ (John 17) is June 22. Save some bucks and get your registration in today for the Western District Conference annual assembly, scheduled for July 6-8 at Magnuson Hotel and Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City. You, as a member of a WDC church, are invited to attend this gathering of resourcing, meaningful worship and community-building conversations. Featured speakers are Chuck Neufeld and Eugene Thiesen. Check www.mennowdc.org for registration information. The Women in Mission luncheon at the Annual WDC Convention July 7 is for ALL women. Ruth Buller from Inman, is the guest speaker. Please remember to mark the luncheon on the registration form.

Go to www.mennonitemissionnetwork.net for information on short-term Christian Service opportunities with Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, DOOR, Dwell, and Radical Journey. While the article states that June 1 is the application deadline for MVS and Radical Journey, there is still time to apply to our other programs, and even with MVS there is some flexibility beyond June 1 on a case-by-case basis. Please call or email if you have questions - Kevin Goertzen, Church Relations Associate, Mennonite Mission Network, 866-866-2872 x34385 (toll free), 316-281-4385 (direct line), keving@mmnworld.net.

Nursery This Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,292.01

Offering Next Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries

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