

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 12, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Kendall Claassen

Pentecost

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.

Gospel Reading John 7:37-39

Call to Worship

One: Lord, send forth your Spirit

Many: and renew all creation.

One: Lord, send forth your Spirit

Many: and breath new life into our words and deeds.

One: Lord, send forth your Spirit

All: and transform your people so that we will carry your peace to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

- * **Hymn of Invocation No. 26** *Holy Spirit, come with power*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Levi Goossen

- * **Hymn No. 304** *There are many gifts*

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

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21

Pastor Peter

Meditation *New life in the Spirit*

Pastor Peter

Turn to Jesus ...

- * **Hymn of Response No. 301** *Joys are flowing like a river* verses 1, 2 & 5

Affirmation of Faith

One: The Spirit of Christ transforms us with wind and flame

Many: empowering us to testify and energizing us to serve.

One: We turn to Jesus

All: and receive the sending power of the Spirit of God.

- * **Hymn No. 349** *Spirit of the living God*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Celebrating Holy Communion

Order for communion written by 16th century Anabaptist Balthasar Hubmaier.

...Go with the Spirit

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

- * **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 joint adult and youth Sunday School class will meet in the sanctuary and will begin at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for sharing our 50th wedding anniversary at our reception last Sunday.
Alma and Olin Schmidt

Western District Conference: Pray for congregations welcoming new pastors – Brett Klingenberg at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, and Cleo Koop at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman.

Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox with MMN thank God for the many occasions they have to talk with neighbors and students in Spain who don't know Jesus. Pray that God would continue to guide them into conversations where they can boldly share the reason for the hope and joy they have.

Pastor Peter's license toward ordination expires August 1. Western District Conference invites ordination requests for Pastors Katherine and Peter from Grace Hill. Ordination interviews with Katherine and Peter can possibly take place at the WDC assembly this summer. The next step in the process of ordination is for our congregation to submit a formal request to the WDC asking that Pastor Peter and Pastor Katherine be ordained. The Administrative Council is asking you as a congregation to give feedback to the Pastor Relations Committees either to affirm or express concerns about making this request. Pastor Peter's Pastor Relations Committee is Carol Claassen (Kendall), Joyce Stuart, and Kim Claassen. Pastor Katherine's is Ken Wiebe, Lisa Harms, and Kim Claassen. The Administrative Council will meet with the Pastor Relations Committees on June 29 to discuss this feedback and discern whether to make the request that Pastor Peter and Pastor Katherine both be ordained.

Summer Sunday School

200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration 2011

10:50 – 11:35 a.m.

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Today's speaker: Lois Barrett 16th and 17th century – Presentation: *Reformers and Martyrs*.

Next Sunday's speaker: Lois Barrett – Presentation: *Freedom and Restrictions*.

Announcements

Grace Hill Cookbook Corrections Check the recipes that you submitted to the new cookbook for errors and if corrections are needed send the complete accurate recipe to Agnes Harder by e-mail or place in her church mail box.

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: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,146.00

Offering Next Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Homemade Ice Cream Social and Movie Night: Everyone is invited to a Homemade Ice Cream Social at the church this evening 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!

Monday-Friday Community Bible School at Remington Middle School from 8:30–11:30 a.m. For grades pre-k to coming out of 6th grade.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlie's in Newton.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service

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 or to sign up to volunteer, see Lindsey Harms.

June 26 Parents of Youth: There will be a Parents' Meeting to discuss Convention in Pittsburgh on Sunday, June 26th after Sunday School. Please bring your questions. Thanks!

June 29 at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group: Pool Party at Gary and Karma Hill's! On Wednesday, June 29, starting at 6 pm we will get together for a Youth Group Pool Party AND to go over information for Convention in Pittsburgh. As we are planning to eat together (burgers, chips, and drinks will be provided) we ask that youth bring either a salad or a dessert (no more than 1 per family). If you have any questions, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

Et Cetera

Wheat State Manor cordially invites you to our Open House and Dedication Ceremony to be held June 16 4:00-6:00 p.m. Come view the remodeled Sunflower Lane living area and the addition of resident rooms and walking garden. A time of dedication is scheduled to ask God's blessing on the home of those requiring specialized care.

Benefit picnic and auction: Ten Thousand Villages is celebrating and honoring its many supporters by providing a fun day on the Don and Rachel Horst farm. Come and enjoy a great time for all ages and families with a hayrack ride, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows, homemade ice cream with a variety of toppings, musical entertainment and an exciting auction featuring items handmade by local artisans. All proceeds go toward furthering the mission of Ten Thousand Villages through the Newton store. You may show your support and have a fun time, all in one. Mark your calendars for June 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Horst farm located at 3910 N. Spencer Rd. More information including directions to the farm and a list of items to be auctioned is available at www.newtontenthousandvillages.com.

The Annual Meeting of the Kidron Bethel Retirement Services Contributors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21 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. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Eleanor Wismer Kaufman, organist at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, will present a recital there featuring the organ as an accompanying instrument on Sunday June 26 at 3:30 p.m. This recital is the second in a series celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 22 rank Moeller pipe organ. Eleanor will accompany Vada Snider, flute, Ben Lichti, trumpet, Matthew Schloneger, tenor, Rebecca Schloneger, violin, Diane Fast, soprano, Chris Kliewer, bass and the Chancel Choir, directed by Marles Preheim. A free-will offering will be received to cover expenses and to ensure the future of the organ. A reception will follow the recital.

Are you looking for a ride to the MC USA Convention in Pittsburgh July 4-9? Or, do you have a group that is carpooling or taking a bus and have room for more riders? Let me know and I will try to connect riders with rides. --Nancy Funk, wdc@mennowdc.org; 316-283-6300.

Something New! Persons attending the Western District Conference annual assembly July 29-30 at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church, will register for one of ten "Learning Tracks" of three hours in length, designed to be resourcing events for pastors and lay leaders. A variety of topics will include Immigration issues, Tur-around church, Anabaptism, Church planting, Spirituality, Adventure course, Holistic service, Welcoming children, and Potluck. Here's the kicker – Anyone (non-assembly-goers) can attend a Learning Track – for only \$20 – it's a great opportunity to get some quality resourcing. www.mennowdc.org.

Diamond Celebration gem: The Resource Library of Western District Conference started with 600 donated books and now has over 12,000 items including books, DVDs, CDs, curriculums, reference books and an outstanding children's literature collection. All are available for check-out or study at www.mennowdc.org (click on Resource Library). Join the 75th birthday party on July 29 at Bethel College when the Western District Conference summer assembly meets at Bethel College.

Outreach Tip: Connections strengthen the church. Try connecting with someone outside of your usual generational or professional circle.