

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 17, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Living the Dream: Growing in Character
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

 from Psalm 68; Isaiah 63 & 64

One: O Lord, you are our Father, our redeemer from old is your name.

Many: Sing to God, sing praises to his name!

One: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,

Many: Rejoice before him – his name is the Lord!

One: God gives the desolate a home to live in;

Many: He leads out the prisoners with singing;

All: You, O Lord, are our Father. We are the clay and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand!

* **Gathering Hymn No. 154** *This is my Father's world*

* **Gathering Prayer**

Offering Our Gifts Offender Victim Ministries

Hearing God's Word

* **Hymn No. 581** *Take thou my hand, O Father*

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:3-11

Penny Hiebert

Worship Music *That Says It All*
Up to the Mountain

Jené Yoder, Darla Harms-Becker and Roberta Harms

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

Old Testament Reading from Genesis 37 and 39

Pastor Peter

Sermon *From Bad to Worse*

Pastor Peter

Responding to the Gospel

* **Hymn of Response No. 514** *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent to Proclaim the Good News

* **Sending Song No. 427** *You shall go out with joy*

* **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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Today we praise God for our fathers, and for all those who have cared for us by sharing God's steadfast love with us. **Happy Father's Day** to all of our fathers!

Western District Conference: Pray for the leaders of the eleven Assembly 2012 learning communities that will address matters of faithful discipleship including congregational revitalization, spiritual disciplines, sexuality, immigration and more.

Mennonite Mission Network: Members of MMN Youth Venture teams, with participants aged 14-22 and their leaders, are partnering with communities in Bolivia, Paraguay, South Africa, and Brownsville, Texas, this summer. Pray that participants and their host communities would grow in love and understanding through this experience.

A Concert of Prayer Western District Conference invites us to participate in a Concert of Prayer during the Tuesdays leading up to our Annual Assembly (June 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.

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 Ken Wiebe.

Next Sunday's speaker: Jeff Toews

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church

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

June 25 Food 4 Kids: Grace Hill's day to provide summer food for kids for the Whitewater and Potwin communities is June 25. There is an offering basket to help with the costs of this in the foyer, which will also be passed during Sunday School this week and next week. We also need volunteers to help pack the bags here at the church on Monday morning, June 25. Please sign up in the foyer if you can help. Thank you for your participation in this ministry in the community!

June 27-July 3 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. The volunteer and meal sign-up is on the bulletin board.

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).

There is an increasing accumulation of dishes and containers belonging to congregation members on the shelf in the kitchen. Please check to see if any belong to you. Thanks!

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: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Camille Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,850.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

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Et Cetera

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 this evening 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.

Attention all those planning to attend K-State next year: On July 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, you are invited to join representatives from Manhattan Mennonite Church and the KSU Mennonite Student Group. This is an opportunity to hear about ways to connect to the Mennonite Student Group on campus, to meet others from similar traditions who will be attending K-State with you, and to sample the cookie baking abilities of Manhattan Mennonite Church members. Join us for this informal time to meet pastors and current members of this group. If you have questions contact us at (785)539-4079 or manhattanmenno@kans.com.

It's Table Time! Yes - this year at Western District Conference Assembly (July 6-8 in Oklahoma City), we will meet around tables. What will happen? Conversation, Prayer, Discernment, Worship, Listening, Community. Coming together to experience the entire Assembly is what we do together as we live out our theme: *Becoming One, to be Sent in Christ* (John 17). Now would be a great time to register, as rates go up after June 22. Go to www.mennowdc.org, where you will find complete information on schedule, resolutions and related documents.