

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 19, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Chorister: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Blessed are...

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 Isaiah 61

One: The Spirit of God is upon us,

Women: to bring good news to the oppressed,

Men: to heal the brokenhearted,

One: to announce freedom for prisoners and captives.

ALL: God has anointed us!

One: God has called us to comfort those who mourn,

Men: to give them flowers instead of ashes,

Women: the oil of gladness instead of tears,

One: joyous praise instead of a faint spirit.

ALL: God has anointed us!

One: Those who were sad will be called Oaks of Justice,
planted by God,

Many: to honor God,

One: to rebuild what has been destroyed,

Many: to rebuild what has been in ruins for many generations.

ALL: God has anointed us!

Invocation

* **Gathering Hymn No. 1** *What is this place?*

Offering our Gifts Offender Victim Ministries

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61

Valerie Klaassen

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor Katherine

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Responding to the Gospel

* **Hymn of Response No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

Unison Affirmation of Faith

True evangelical faith is of such a nature that it cannot lie dormant,
but manifests itself in all righteousness and works of love.

It dies unto the flesh and blood;

it destroys all forbidden lusts and desires;

it seeks and serves and fears God;

it clothes the naked; it feeds the hungry;

it comforts the sorrowful;

it shelters the destitute;

it aids and consoles the sad;

it returns good for evil;

it serves those that harm it;

it prays for those that persecute it;

it teaches, admonishes, and reproves, with the Word of the Lord;

it seeks that which is lost;

it binds up that which is wounded;

it heals that which is diseased

and it saves that which is sound.

It has become all things to all people.

Sharing Our Faith Journey and Congregational Prayer

Sending

Receiving Anointing

* **Sending Hymn No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

* **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

I would like to thank everyone who shared their thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and flowers during my recent surgery. I appreciated Pastor Peter and Katherine's visits during surgery and recovery. God is good.
Thanks again, Gerald Wedel

THANK YOU! A BIG Thank You to everyone who came to the Youth Group's Ice Cream Social and Movie Night fundraiser! We raised enough money so that all expenses are now covered for our trip to the MCUSA Convention in July, so thank you to all for your generous support! We look forward to reporting on our growth and learnings (as well as the great fun) from Convention!

Thank you, the Grace Hill Youth Group.

Western District Conference: Pray for Mike Hiebert who is being ordained at the Goessel Mennonite Church today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Christine and Phil Lindell Detweiler collaborate with South African churches to implement social ministry programs. Pray that God would give health and energy to Christine and Phil and their three teenagers during the next six months as they bring closure to two decades of service with MMN in African countries.

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: *Freedom and Restrictions..*

Next Sunday's speaker: Mark Jantzen 18th and 19th century (Europe) – Presentation: *Seeking out the crevices of a rigid society.*

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.

Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Saturday 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.

Next Sunday, 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!

Announcements

Reminder to the Mariner's Sunday School Class: Reservations are due today, June 19 for the breakfast on Saturday, June 25. Contact either John or Miriam Claassen or Gladys Reimer to let us know if you are joining us. Thank you!

The Worship Council would like to purchase 150 copies of the supplemental hymnal *Sing The Journey*, for use during worship, in addition to the current hymnal. If you are interested in helping with this project, copies are \$9.99 each. Donations should be earmarked for the Grace Hill Music Fund. Thank you.

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: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,080.00

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

Pastor: Peter

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1

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

Et Cetera

Benefit picnic and auction: Ten Thousand Villages is celebrating and honoring its many supporters by providing a fun day today from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on the Don and Rachel Horst farm located at 3910 N. Spencer Rd. Come and enjoy a great time for all ages and families with a hayrack ride, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows, homemade ice cream, 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. 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.

The KIPCOR and OVM staff invite you to a come-and-go retirement reception for Gary & Jean Isaac at KIPCOR on Friday, June 24th, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please join us in thanking Gary and Jean for their ten years of service and wishing them well in their retirement.

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 Kliever, 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.

On Sunday, June 26 at 7 p.m., the West Zion Concert Series continues with a concert at West Zion Mennonite Church, 101 S. Washington Ave., Moundridge. Featured performers include Daniel Loganbill, baritone vocalist; Roseann Penner Kaufman, organist; Jill Wiebe, concert harpist; and the Sunflower Trio, made up of Matthew Schloneger, tenor vocalist; Rebecca Schloneger, violin; and Kenneth Rodgers, keyboard. During the concert a free-will offering will be received and immediately after the concert there will be a time of refreshments and fellowship.

African Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) invites you to a gathering with Pastor Benjamin Mubenga, leader of one of the three principle Mennonite denominations in Congo, on Thursday, June 30, 6:30 p.m., at First Mennonite Church of Newton. This will be an information-sharing event in advance of celebrating 2012 as the centennial year of the Mennonite presence in Congo. Please come and enjoy the opportunity for fellowship and learning.

Mennonite Central Committee continues to work in partnership with CROP to eliminate hunger around the world. Designate your commodities to MCC at the elevator this harvest season or send checks to MCC with CROP designated in the memo line. Contact Maynard Knepp with questions at 316-283-2720 - MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

<p>Outreach Tip: Peace is good news. Witness for Christ's peace by seeking reconciliation in a strained relationship.</p>
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