

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 21, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Pastor Katherine

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Kim Claassen

Father's Day

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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 (excerpts from Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.

Leader: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters.

People: They saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

Leader: For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress.

Leader: He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

People: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Gathering Hymn No. 46 *I sing the mighty power of God*

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Josh Patterson

Offering Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

Children's Moments

Katherine Claassen

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

* Hymn No. 301 *Joys are flowing like a river*

Scripture Reading Mark 4:35-41

Josh Patterson

Sermon *Who Is This?*

Pastor Marv

* Hymn No. 558 *When the storms of life are raging*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Marv

* Hymn No. 419 *Lead on, O cloud of Presence*

* 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Peter Goerzen has accepted the call from Grace Hill for a three year term as our next lead pastor. The congregational vote last Sunday was 97% in favor of this calling, having a total of 103 yes and 3 no votes. On July 26 Pastor Marv will preach and this will be his last Sunday as Interim Pastor. On August 2 Peter Goerzen will be installed. Dorothy Nickel-Friesen will bring the message that morning.

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the congregation for the floral arrangement of roses and the many cards we received in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary last Sunday. Your kind expressions of support and congratulations have added much to our day of celebration.

Marv & Jeannie Zehr

Western District Conference: Pray for the cast and band of the musical, "The Upside Down King", as they prepare for Kansas performances and then ministry at Mennonite Church USA convention at Columbus, OH.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please join MMN workers Cindy and Tim Buhler and George and Tobia Veith in praising God for the growth of the Macau Mennonite Church. Pray for the baptismal candidates who are making a commitment through baptism today.

Thank you to all who contributed, volunteered and attended Kidron Bethel Village's Celebration Day, which raised over \$47,000. Proceeds are designated for construction of additional Health Care rooms. We are so blessed to have the generous support (time, talent and gifts) from your congregation. KBV Board and Staff

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. **Today and Next Sunday:** *Simply Christian* video and discussion with Carl & Kristine Goossen. During this morning's adult Sunday school class, we will be participating in the *Simply Christian* video series session entitled "Relationships and Beauty." Next Sunday's topic will be "Church & New Creation." In preparation for this lesson, reflect upon the following questions: (1) Does the Grace Hill mission statement coincide with what you regard as the purpose of the church?

(2) If the point of Christianity isn't "to go to heaven when you die," then what is the point?

During the summer quarter, K-8th grade students will explore instructions for "Making the Right Choices". There will be two groups: Pre-school through 2nd grade and 3rd – 8th grade. They will be meeting in the basement area for their combined classes.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

June 30 - July 5 Mennonite Church USA Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Our delegates are Ed and Marge Harms and Caleb Regehr.

August 9 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grace Hill All-Church Swimming Party at the Newton Public Pool.

Announcements

Pastor Marv will be in the office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings this week - 9:00-12:00 each morning. Feel free to stop in or call him during these times.

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: Rob Schunn and Caleb Regehr

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Marv

Special Music Next Sunday: Courtney Claassen & Samantha Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,319.02

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. First St., Newton, will dedicate its new pipe organ with a recital this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the church, featuring church organists Greta Hiebert, Karen Bauman Schlabaugh and Martha Unruh Szambecki and other musicians. The organ was a gift of Meadows Mennonite Church in Illinois, which disbanded in 2007. The public is invited to the free recital with refreshments to follow.

Come one and all to experience the musical THE UPSIDE DOWN KING at Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College this week Friday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. and next Sunday, June 28, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The original "rock and roots" musical was written by Carol Duerksen and composed by Doug and Jude Krehbiel. Fun and inspiration for all ages. Offerings will cover expenses to send cast/band to the Mennonite Church USA convention where they are the featured event for the July 3 Friday evening joint worship. Come early - no reserved seats.

Persons attending the WDC annual conference August 7-8 at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, will experience a new format. Instead of the typical workshops, there will be 14 "Learning Communities" of about two hours duration dealing with a variety of topics, including "Teaching the Bible in the Congregation", "Immigration", "Creation Care", "Missional Leadership". These will include Bible study, leader input, group discussion and sharing. Each attendee can select two. A concluding attraction on Saturday evening will be a 2-hour Musical Festival, featuring a variety of performing

groups and individuals from which persons can select their favorites. Register now! See www.mennowdc.org/AnnualConference.html for information and registration brochure, or call 316-283-6300.

Learn the basics of the Bible with the course "Reading the Bible," an introduction to the Old and New testaments. Understand and share your faith in the class "Confessing the Faith," an engaging approach to systematic theology. Participate in dialogue with people of other faiths in "Christian Encounter with World Faiths." Check out these and other courses at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary—Great Plains Extension, North Newton, Kansas, at www.ambse.edu/GreatPlains. Weekend and evening classes in North Newton and Wichita. Register for fall classes by August 11. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS—Great Plains, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone: 316-283-7098; email: lbarrett@ambse.edu.