

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 21, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

You are the salt for the earth

Benediction

Postlude

Hymnal 226

SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Ellen Mosiman

Roberta Harms

Invited to the Kingdom

Mark 1:1-18

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

Hymnal 229

Entering the Kingdom of God

Mark 10:13-16; 23-25

Seek ye first

Hymnal 324

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen

Offering

Children's Story

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

Grant Claassen

The Kingdom Is Like . . .

Mark 4:26-29, 30-32, Luke 13:20-21

Russ and Kris Janzen

Signs of the Kingdom in Mexico

Blest are they (verses 1-3)

Tara Harms-Becker

Sing the Journey (green) 94

The Kingdom Is Like . . .

Matthew 13:24-30, 44, 45-46, 47-50

Signs of the Kingdom in Palestine

Blest are they (verses 4-5)

Emma Hilgenfeld

Sing the Journey (green) 94

This morning's offering is designated for Offender Victim Ministries.

For Sharing and Prayer

The Toews family would like to thank our church family for the many kindnesses, prayers, cards, and inquiries that were directed to us over the past several years during Nick's illness and death. We remember your words of encouragement and visits to Nick. Special thanks to the Mariner Sunday School class for your support.

Western District Conference: Pray for Nadine Friesen who will be ordained today at 4:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Nadine is currently serving as Chaplain of Independent Living at Schowalter Villa, Hesston.

Mennonite Mission Network: As Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter of Mennonite Mission Network near the end of their assignment in the United Kingdom, they request prayer for Clapton Park United Reformed Church in London where they have ministered since January 2013. Pray especially for a dynamic youth ministry.

Church Family News

. . . **Gladys Harms** can be visited in Sunny Brook hall room 22 at Kidron-Bethel . . . **Carine Claassen** is in Europe on tour with the Kansas/Kansas City Ambassadors of Music through June 27, performing in a choir group and a band group visiting England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, and Germany. . .

Church Events

Today following the worship service a congregational meeting will be held. During this time, the Organization Structure Task Force and the Pastor Search Committee will be presenting updates. A handout was placed in mailboxes two weeks ago providing a summary of items that will be presented. Congregational input will be important as we chart the future course of Grace Hill, so attendance would be appreciated! There will be no Sunday school class today.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's, Newton.

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor.

Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Share your thoughts about the five resolutions to be discussed at Mennonite Church assembly in Kansas City. The Administrative Council invites all interested people to meet with our delegates, Kendall Claassen, Samantha Claassen, and Valerie Klaassen next Sunday, June 28, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Copies of the five resolutions are available on the foyer table.

Sunday, July 5 the Social Council will host a noon meal in the North Pavilion after Worship and Sunday school. All food will be provided. Plan to stay for this time of fellowship.

August 8 There is still room on the bus for the K.C. Royals game on August 8. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer. If you are already signed up and have not paid your deposit please give the \$20 to K. John Klaassen by July 1.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith
Email: transitionpastor@gmail.com

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

Et Cetera

Everyone's invited to a come and go farewell for Clarence Rempel on Sunday, June 28, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the WDC office in North Newton.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert on Sunday evening, June 28 at 7 p.m. Featured performers include Kenna Frey Graber, flute; RoJean Loucks, Celtic harp; Laurie Voth Regehr, piano & Donna Stucky, organ and piano. During the concert a free-will offering will be received and following the concert there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments being served.

We hope you are planning to join us for the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City this summer from June 30-July 5. Come for the whole week or come for a day. You'll enjoy worship with thousands of other Mennonites, food, fellowship, concerts, and more. We offer onsite registration during the week. We also offer a daily rate if you choose to come for just a day or two. There are some events during the convention week that are free and open to the public.
Events at the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral (across the street from the Kansas City Convention Center):

- Tuesday June 30, 6:00 p.m.: Prayer walk
- Friday July 3, 6:30 p.m.: The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert
- Friday July 3, 8:30 p.m.: Service of Lament for Sexual Abuse
- Saturday July 4, 9:00 p.m.: The Ted & Company drama, Listening for Grace

In addition, worship on Tuesday June 30 from 7:15-8:45 p.m. and Sunday July 5, from 10-11:30 a.m., is free and open to the public. The services will take place in Exhibit Hall A in the Kansas City Convention Center. We hope to see you in Kansas City!

Volunteers and bakers needed for Kidron Bethel Kidron Bethel's July 4 Fireworks Extravaganza includes a cake walk and bake sale to benefit residents through the Health Care Benevolent Fund. Bakers are needed to make cakes or other baked goods. Bring your donations to Kidron's Welcome Center front desk at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 4. During the event that evening, volunteer slots are open between 7:30 and 9, leading kids' outdoor games, working in cake-walk or bake-sale areas, or selling ice cream sundaes. To volunteer for baking or manpower needs, contact Michelle Rider, 620-327-3497, or micheller@bluestemks.org.

You are invited to celebrate the 7th anniversary of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania on July 12 at 3 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church Sanctuary, Newton. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

Mennonite World Conference's global Assembly July 21-26 will be a time for fellowship and growth! Join Anabaptist brothers and sisters from around the world for workshops on personal healing, conflict resolution, gender issues, interfaith conversations, art, worship, prophetic engagement, and so much more! For more info or to register, head to mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

All-Ages Family Camp at Camp Mennoscah on July 25-26! This camp is for everyone - any state of life, any fashion style, and for all favorite colors! Join Katie Best and Alan Stucky for a weekend of amazing camp activities like canoeing, swimming, ultimate frisbee, pop break, campfire and worship. Sign up online at www.campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. It's going to be fun for all ages!

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat - The annual Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is Sept. 6-7. All who are affected by mental illness, including family members and friends, are welcome to join us in supporting one another, enjoying camp activities, and relaxing in fellowship with others. Scholarships are available. Register online or request a brochure at 620-297-3290.

Announcements

The Worship Council has purchased 5 large-print hymnals for the congregation. They are located at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use during worship or ask an usher for one.

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: Kris Janzen and Jo Frye

Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Quinn Dove

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,994.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference