

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 23, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Musicians: Sara Unruh, David Janzen, Pastor Peter

God's Good Creation: Sharing the Harvest

Gathering

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 and Gathering Prayer

One: God of all creation,

who gives us more than enough food,
more than enough water,
more than enough to sustain our lives,

**Many: may our worship remind us
of the provision of God, the all-knowing one,
the wisdom of Jesus, our generous teacher,
and the energy of the Spirit, our reconciler,**

One: that we may grow in generous hospitality
to those beyond our borders

All: Through the strength of Jesus and the provision of the Holy Spirit we pray, AMEN.

* **Gathering Song No. 1** *What is this place*

Praying

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Worship Music *Just a closer walk with thee*

Tara Harms-Becker and Penny Hiebert

Prayers of the People

Listening

Children's Story

Pastor Katherine

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

Old Testament Reading Ruth 2

Pastors Peter and Katherine

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymns of Response No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant* vs. 1-4
No. 226 *You are salt for the earth*

* **Benediction** Ephesians 3:20-21

Sending Song *Unless a grain of wheat*

Tara Harms-Becker and Penny Hiebert

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 classes will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

The Mennonite Church USA Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona July 1-5. Our youth group, sponsors, pastors and delegates will be attending. Youth group members: Alex Carr, Carine Claassen, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Rachelle Claassen, Lucas Goossen, Paul Goossen, Sara Harms, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen, Paul Janzen, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Kylee Schunn, Eli Schmidt. Sponsors: Josh Patterson, Katie Regier, Rob Schunn, Pastor Katherine. Delegates: Pastor Peter, Pauline Toews. WDC Moderator: Diana Schunn. The group will be flying from Wichita next Sunday, June 30 at 9:45 a.m. and will return Saturday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Elbert and Zola Esau will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house this afternoon from 2-4 p.m. at the Emmaus Mennonite Church. The couple requests no gifts.

Western District Conference: Pray God's wisdom for WDC delegates participating in Phoenix 2013, "Citizens of God's Kingdom," the Mennonite Church USA Assembly meeting July 1-5.

Mennonite Mission Network: Barbara and Tad Wulliman serve in the Philippines through MMN. Praise God for their 29 years at Faith Academy, a Christian school. Pray for many staffing positions yet to be filled for the 2013-14 academic year.

New address: DuMont & Barbara Schmidt
10873 Smokey Mountain Trl, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
Phone number: 608-383-0000

Church Events

Today following the worship service (in the sanctuary) there will be a Youth and Parents meeting to discuss Convention in Phoenix.

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Grace Hill softball game at Washington Road Ball Field.

Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast (65+) at the Breadbasket in Newton.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Praise Band practice. Everyone who is interested in participating in praise team is welcome! Bring your instruments and/or your voices!

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council will meet at Judy Janzen's home. Devotions by Rita.

Next Sunday Pastor Weldon Martens will bring the morning message while Pastors Peter and Katherine are attending the convention.

Next Sunday Everyone is invited to a BBQ meal hosted by the Social Council next Sunday, June 30. Serving will begin approximately a half hour after the worship service. The BBQ will be held at the North Shelter, weather permitting. Otherwise it will be in the fellowship hall. Bring lawn chairs.

Announcements

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month so there will not be any Sunday School classes. Also, there will be no Sunday School classes through the month of July. Classes will start up again on August 4.

Food 4 Kids Grace Hill's day to provide summer food for kids for the Whitewater and Potwin communities is coming up. If you would like to donate to help cover the expenses for this, there is an offering basket in the foyer. (through the month of June) Please make checks out to Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Thank you for your participation in this ministry in the community!

An offering will be taken during the month of June for Mennonite Disaster Service for tornado relief. A basket is in the foyer for those who would like to give. Please make checks out to Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

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: Jo Frye and Kris Janzen
Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Kaye Penner

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen
Offering Last Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries \$1,395.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service

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

Et Cetera

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert on Sunday evening, June 23 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 101 S. Washington Avenue in Moundridge. Featured performers include Jill Wiebe, harp; Christopher Shaw, organ; Rosewood Winds (a woodwind trio comprised of Amanda Friesen, flute; Valerie Klaassen, clarinet; and Kristin Kliever, oboe); Jan Gilmore, vocalist; and Donna Stucky, piano. During the concert, a free-will offering will be received and after the concert there will be a time of fellowship, with refreshments served.

You are invited to an Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) inspirational and informational program on June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. Stan Graber will share about Hope for Congo initiatives and Rod Hollinger-Janzen about AIMM's business-and-mission efforts. Let's celebrate what God is doing!

Year of the Bible Grants: The WDC Resource Commission is offering ten \$200 scholarships for the year August 1, 2013 through July 30, 2014. These grants, from our Vision 2012 funds, are for anyone wishing to enroll (credit or audit) in a Bible course through AMBS or AMBS-Great Plains. Priority will be given to WDC members and regular attendees. Email or call wdc@mennowdc.org 316-283-6300 to request the scholarship; include a letter of recommendation from your pastor.

Remember the good ole days when people memorized scripture? Well how about some new-fangled ways to do it? Go to yearofthebible.net, follow the STUDY IT and MEMORIZE IT links, and find out how you can select the Bible verses you want to memorize, print scripture memory cards, and download Apps. And plan to attend the Western District Conference's Year of the Bible Launch on August 1-2 at Bethel College in North Newton.

Calling all Church Planting Dreamers! One of the many ways you can connect with your community and other congregations is to discover the joys and challenges of church planting. Sign up for the Church Planting Dreamer luncheon to "Imagine Your Community, Ready for Harvest," part of the Western District Conference Annual Assembly on Aug. 2-3 at www.mennowdc.org.

Saturday Job Opening at Et Cetera Shop: Newton Et Cetera Shop is accepting applications for a Saturday clerk. Position requires being available 6-8 hours every Saturday; actual hours worked may vary. Applicants must submit a job history, 3 professional references, and cover letter. Begins as soon as possible; applications accepted until filled. Email all items to newtonetc@sbcglobal.net. Spanish-language fluency a plus, but not required.