

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 24, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Kristen Hoffman

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Living the Dream: Power and Practice

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 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5

One: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God!

Many: Where is the one who is wise? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

One: God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise.
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

**Many: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom;
the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

All: Our faith rests not on human wisdom, but on the power of God!

Gathering Prayer

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

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Word

Worship Music *The Prayer* Kyle Regier and Mandy McNeill

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 39-55 Kris Goossen

- * **Sing the Journey No. 13** *My soul is filled with joy*

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

Old Testament Reading from Genesis 40-41, 47 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Business as usual?* Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

- * **Hymn of Response No. 76** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent to Proclaim the Good News

- * **Sending Song No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

- * **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

Dale Smith passed away on Friday, June 15, 2012. Services were held at Grace Hill yesterday, June 23. We continue to pray for Justina and the family.

Pastor Katherine returned from maternity leave on Friday. Welcome back, Katherine!

Western District Conference: Pray for Chuck Neufeld, Illinois Conference Minister, and Eugene Thieszen, Pastor of Herold Mennonite Church, our Assembly 2012 preachers. Pray for Doug Penner, our WDC moderator, who will be leading our delegate session.

Mennonite Mission Network: Janie Blough, who has served MMN in France with husband, Neal, since 1975, is passionate about music and its contribution to building the church. Pray for inspiration as Janie develops a curriculum that will help recover and maintain the Anabaptist-Mennonite music tradition, and also will affirm the diverse musical cultures that make up the French Mennonite church.

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 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 Jeff Toews.

Next Sunday's speaker: Valerie Klaassen

Church Events

Monday at 1:30 p.m. Food 4 Kids: Tomorrow is Grace Hill's day to provide summer food for kids for the Whitewater and Potwin communities. There is an offering basket to help with the costs of this in the foyer, which will also be passed during Sunday School. We also need volunteers to help pack the bags here at the church tomorrow at 1:30. Please sign up in the foyer if you can help. Thank you for your participation in this ministry in the community!

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

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.

Next Sunday, July 1 College age and young adult dinner at John and Valerie Klaassen's next Sunday, July 1. Come enjoy food and fellowship! RSVP by Saturday morning. See you there!

Announcements

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: Kathy Balzer and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries \$1,138.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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

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.

Join in and act on the unity we already have! That's Jesus' challenge to us as we read John 17. It's also the theme for our 2012 WDC Assembly, to be held July 6-8 at the Magnuson Hotel and Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City: **Becoming One to be Sent in Christ.** So will you join us? Help us discern? Learn? Pray? Celebrate? Together, all of us make up Western District Conference. Check www.mennowdc.org for registration info.

We need a nurse! Camp Mennoscah still needs a nurse for July 8-12. We're getting a little ancy about the fact that we haven't found a nurse yet. If you are a nurse and would be able to do even only a part of these days, please contact us. We want to hear from you. Call us at 620-297-3290 or email campmno@mennowdc.org. Thank you!

Woo-hoo! Folks are bringing us toilet paper and paper towels and it's great! We're thinking of all the fun stuff here at Camp Mennoscah that we will be able to use our "toilet paper money" on. Maybe four-square balls or a new cover for the archery target. Oh my goodness. There are so many fun things we can do with a few extra dollars! Thank you for bringing us donations of toilet paper and paper towels.

Camp Mennoscah Young Adult Retreat! Our Young Adult Retreat (Y.A.R.) has a piratical theme this year--Y.A.R.-RRRR! We'll be walking the plank at the pool, doing a bit of celestial navigation at campfire, and cooking meals over a fire over the July 28-29 weekend. Young adults are formally invited to join us for this informal time of fun and games starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information.