

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 28, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

**Houses filled with good things that we did not provide,
Wells we did not dig,
Vineyards and olive groves that we did not plant.**

When you eat and are satisfied
be careful to remember the Lord,
who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of oppression.

**We will fear the Lord our God and serve him only.
We make our vow in the name of the Lord.**

GOD'S TOP TEN LIST The Fourth Word

Gathering Music Ellen Mosiman
Welcome and Announcements Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship

*Sung Call to Worship Hymnal 648

Morning has broken

*Spoken Call to Worship Psalm 119:57-64

Lord, you are my life.

I promise to obey your words.

I seek your face with all my heart.

Be gracious to me as you promise.

I ponder my ways and turn my steps to your statutes –

Without delay to obey your commands.

Evil doers try to drag me into sin,

But I will not forget your laws.

I will rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.

I am a friend to all who revere you;

To all who keep your commandments.

O Lord, your love fills the earth.

Teach us today your decrees.

Genesis 1:31-2:3

There is a place of quiet rest

Hymnal 5

Prayer

In the Garden/What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Samantha Claassen and Ellen Mosiman

The Fourth Word

Exodus 20:1-2; 8-11

Response to the Word

Deuteronomy 6:10-13

The Lord will bring you to the Land of Promise –
promised to your ancestors

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob –

**A land filled with large flourishing cities
that we did not build,**

Obey my voice Hymnal 163
Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 16:1-5, 13-30

Sermon

The Rest of the Story

O God in restless living

Hymnal 557

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

O day of rest and gladness

Hymnal 641

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Western District Conference.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Thank God for the ministry of Clarence Rempel, Executive Conference Minister, who will be retiring on June 30. Pray for Heidi Regier Kreider, Executive Conference Minister elect, who will begin her work on August 17.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with Ghana Mennonite Church, which experienced reconciliation between a group of congregations in the northern part of the country that had withdrawn several years ago. Pray for the newly reunited church that now consists of 28 congregations and a membership of about 5,000 baptized members.

Church Family News

. . . **Pauline Balzer** is healing a broken wrist after doing a battle to a tough dandelion. The dandelion lost . . . other competing obligations have led **Cal Frye** to resign from the Education Council. Thank you for your service . . . **Mary Ann Wiebe** is accompanying for Wheat State Manor vesper service today at 5:00 . . .

Goin' to Kansas City this week for Mennonite Church USA Assembly are: *Youth* - Carine Claassen, Alston Cunningham, Paul Goossen, Renata Goossen, Jacob Hilgenfeld, Grant Janzen, and Kyle Thiessen; *Youth leaders* - Josh Patterson and Katie Regier; *Grace Hill delegates* - Kendall Claassen, Samantha Claassen, Valerie Klaassen; *WDC delegate* - Diana Schunn, *Conference goers* - Ed and Marge Harms. Assembly runs from Tuesday evening through Sunday morning..

Church Events

Today at 5:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

This evening 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 at the church. Copies of the five resolutions are available on the foyer table.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets.

Next 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.

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: Marge Harms and Quinn Dove

Nursery Next Sunday: Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries \$946.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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*

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Church Secretary: *Debbie Claassen*

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Book purchased for Grace Hill Library:

Ervin R. Stutzman, "Joseph's Dilemma" Bk II of the series "Return to Northkill". He traces the life of teen son Joseph who was kidnapped by the Indians. Stutzman traces his heritage.

Book donated:

Dr. Glen E. Miller, "Living Thoughtfully Dying Well" Some of our church heard him speak about his life, he thoughtfully leads the reader to explore life and death. A book worth reading.

Et Cetera

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

The Democratic Republic of Congo is home to one of the world's largest Mennonite populations. You are invited to learn more about the joys and challenges facing Congolese Mennonites. Come and hear Pastor Adolphe Komuesa, president of Mennonite Church of Congo, as he shares about his church community and country. Mennonite Mission Network's Janet Stucky will also share about her work in Benin, West Africa. This event is sponsored by Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, and will take place on Sunday June 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave, North Newton. Dessert and coffee will be served. RSVP by calling 574-535-0077.

Persons not planning to register for and attend the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City, June 30-July 5, may attend 3 events without registration or cost: Opening worship at the Convention Center on Tuesday, June 30, from 7:15-8:45 pm; closing worship on Sunday, July 5, from 10-11:30 am, with Shane Claiborne as the featured preacher; and the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus program on Friday evening, July 3, beginning at 6:30 in the Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, located at 415 W 13th St.

Celebrate the 4th at Fireworks Extravaganza! Your family is invited to celebrate July 4 at the Fireworks Extravaganza at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive in North Newton. The fireworks show begins at 9 p.m. Hotdogs, beverages and snacks will be available. The evening includes kids' games, a cake walk, bake sale and ice cream sundae sales. Bring your lawn chairs. Flashlights are recommended for navigating to and from parking areas. Information: 316-836-4863.

Are you excited about Mennonite World Conference's Assembly this summer, even if you can't come? Then join us on social media: we're on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Share your own photos and stories from life in your Anabaptist community and read about, watch, and listen to what's happening in Harrisburg this July 21-26. Find the links at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.