

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 30, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Valerie Klaassen

God's Good Creation: God's Promise to Creation

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: Covenant-making God, who opens the space between us,
filling it with the enduring promise of steadfast, faithful love,

**Many: send your Holy Spirit into our worship
to remind us of your promises**

during our week of work and play, home and worship,

One: that we may find courage to trust in your promises
and pass your love to our neighbors and friends

**All: In the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we
pray. Amen.**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 70** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Praying

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Voluntary Service

Worship Music

Jeff Toews

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

Prayers of the People

Listening

Old Testament Reading from Genesis 6-9 Samantha Claassen

Sermon

Pastor Weldon Martens

Responding

* **Songs of Response Sing the Journey No. 82** *Water has held us*
Hymn No. 299 *New earth, heavens new*

* **Benediction** Jude v. 24-25

* **Sending Song No. 102** *To God be the glory*

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastors Katherine and Peter will be gone to Phoenix this week. For spiritual care, contact a member of Spiritual Council. In case of emergency, please contact the pastors on their cell phones or by email.

Western District Conference: Praise God for the pastoral ministry of Bob Dalke who will be completing his 27 years of service at Buhler Mennonite Church today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Alyssa Rodriguez of MMN as she works to perfect her Spanish and find her ministry niche at Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador. She asks God for the words to share her care and Jesus' love with people who are marginalized, especially the Colombian refugees.

Church Events

Today Everyone is invited to a BBQ meal hosted by the Social Council. Serving will begin approximately a half hour after the worship service. The BBQ will be held at the North Shelter, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to stay!

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Grace Hill softball game at Athletic Park – Kelsch Field.

Monday-Friday the Mennonite Church USA Convention is taking place in Phoenix. If you would like to know what is going on, check out the live streaming of the delegate sessions. You can also read about all the convention activities in the Phoenix Flyer. Go to: www.mennoniteusa.org for links to both.

Announcements

Today 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.

Today is the last Sunday that the baskets will be out for the Mennonite Disaster Service and Food 4 Kids donations.

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 Kaye Penner

Nursery Next Sunday: Jackie Moore and Rachelle Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,424.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Et Cetera

You are invited to an Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) inspirational and informational program this evening 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!

Old Fashioned Celebration Day and Fireworks Extravaganza! Friday, July 5 at 5:30 p.m., at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Annual benefit for Kidron Bethel's Health Care Benevolent Fund. Themed gift baskets at silent auction, pulled pork BBQ meal for a donation, kids' games, Balloons by Braden, fun photos by Creative Passions Photography, bluegrass-gospel-folk music by Book of Jebb, square dance demonstration and 9:30 p.m. fireworks show. Information: Susan Garofalo, 316-836-4837.

Sunday, July 7 – Kauffman Museum Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 2 p.m. (Note: earlier than usual time); William Juhnke, professor emeritus of American history at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa, and Tom Morain, Graceland's director of government relations, in "Point/Counterpoint: Was the Civil War Necessary?," inviting the public into the debate as they explore the tense political climate of 1860-1861 and demonstrate how historians can disagree without being disagreeable; for more information, contact the museum at 316-283-1612.

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.

The following books has been purchased and/or donated to our library. Please enjoy these and the many others we have. Great summer reading!

Deborah Raney "The Face of the Earth" 2013 Her latest book for her many fans. Mitchell may find the life can go on after being marked by disaster.

Naomi Gaede-Penner "'A" Is for Anaktuvuk: Teacher to the Nunamiut Eskimos" 2013 Story of Anna Bortel Church in her mission to bring education and Christ to the topmost part of Alaska. We have three other books by Naomi.

Lauraine Snelling "Brushstroke" 2006 Can an aunt and her niece after a rocky beginning find new life through art from generations past to today?

Richard Paul Evans "Timepiece" 1996 Duplicate hardback for paperback. One of the books in the "Christmas Box" series.

Chris Fabry "Not in My Heart" 2012 How can the truth be found by the News?

Tracie Peterson "Chase the Sun" 2012 BK 1 of the Land of the Lone Star series. Setting is in Mississippi in the land that has been ravaged by war.

Tracie Peterson "Touching the Sky" 2012 BK II of the above series.

Phyllis Pellman Good, photographs by Jerry Irwin. "Amish Children" Book of beautiful photography of the Amish and writings describing the Amish family life.

CHURCH OFFICES

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Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

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