

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 1, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Jordan Ortman, David Janzen

Song Leader: David Janzen

Worship Leader: Camille Claassen

Living the Dream: Reconciliation and Restoration

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.

Worship Music *What a friend we have in Jesus* arr. Hayes
Jordan Ortman

Call to Worship taken from Psalm 33 and Psalm 133

One: How very good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Many: The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind

One: God fashions our hearts in unity and observes all our deeds

Many: How very good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

One: A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength

Many: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who hope in God's love to rescue them from death or to keep them alive during famine

One: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield

Many: Our heart is glad in you, O Lord because we trust in your holy name. Our hope is in you, O God of steadfast love

One: Let your steadfast love be upon us, O God, and fashion our hearts in unity

Many: How very good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 59** *Sing praise to God who reigns*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Word

Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-38 Tara Harms-Becker

Worship Music *Softly and Tenderly* Jordon Ortman

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

Old Testament Reading taken from Genesis 42-50 Pastor Peter

Sermon *God who works for good* Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 49** *Rain down*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent to Proclaim the Good News

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 52** *Unity*

* **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

Western District Conference: Pray for the preachers, worship leaders, learning community leaders, and WDC staff as they make final preparations for Assembly 2012. Pray that the love of God and the indwelling Christ sustain our oneness so that the world might know that God sent Jesus and that God loves them (John 17:23).

Mennonite Mission Network: Stanley Green, executive director of MMN, begins lecturing at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India, this week as part of his sabbatical leave. Pray that Stanley's teaching would be Spirit-inspired and that his body, mind and spirit would be renewed during this time away from office responsibilities.

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. You are invited to come to our church building 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 Valerie Klaassen.

Next Sunday is a Social Hour. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.

Church Events

Today College age and young adult dinner at John and Valerie Klaassen's. Come enjoy food and fellowship!

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Friday – Sunday Western District Assembly in Oklahoma City. Delegates attending for Grace Hill are Pastors Peter and Katherine, Olin Claassen, Brett Harms, Steven Harms, Valerie Klaassen, Rita Patterson and Diana Schunn.

Next Sunday Mike Smith, CEO of Wheat State Manor, will bring the morning message.

Sunday, August 12 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool in Athletic Park.

September 23 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting. A carry-in meal will be held at noon.

October 20-21 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. We are needing coordinators for the retreat – please talk to Brian Hilgenfeld if you are interested in helping with this enjoyable church event!

Announcements

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: canned vegetables. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Mary Ann Wiebe and Camille Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$570.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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.

It's time to walk the plank! All young adults from college age to approximately 35-ish are invited to join us for an informal time of worship games and fun on July 28-29 at Camp Mennoscah. This year's Young Adult Retreat (Y.A.R.) has a piratical theme of Y.A.R-RRR. There will be opportunities to sail the seas like Jesus did in a trusty canoe or marvel at God's celestial wonders during campfire. More information will be coming soon--put it on your calendars!

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a director for Mennonite Voluntary Service, to serve in either the Elkhart, IN or Newton, KS office, and an assistant for the Global Ministries / International Ministries department to serve in the Elkhart, IN office. Position descriptions can be viewed at www.MennoniteMission.net. For more information or to submit a resumé contact Linda Krueger at LindaK@MennoniteMission.net.

The Salvation Army School Supply Program is again in need of school supplies. This program is designed to assist children of families that are having a financial crisis getting their children ready for the new school year. Please bring supplies to the office at 208 W. 6th St. in Newton by August 1. Contact Marcia Brazil at 283-3190 with questions.

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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