

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 3, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

## 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

**One:** Come, let us worship the One who created us in our mothers' wombs – who created us to be in relationship with one another.

**Many:** We come, desiring to worship together.

**May the Three in One be our inspiration.**

**One:** We come, desiring to learn together.

May Jesus who preached from the mountain be our teacher.

**Many:** We come, as eager children.

**May God the Father be our loving parent.**

**One:** We come, desiring to nurture each other and to grow together.

May the Spirit bind us all together within God's family.

**Many:** Let us worship together as friends who need one another, as brothers and sisters of one family.

**One:** Let us praise our Maker, whose love is made known to us in Jesus Christ, and in his Spirit who is with us wherever we go.

**All:** Let us give thanks for God's steadfast and abiding love.

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 6** *Here in this place*

**Offering our Gifts** Mennonite Church USA

## Hearing God's Word

### Special Music

*The Love of God*

Tara Harms-Becker and Pastor Katherine

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

**New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

Cole Claassen

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:27-32

Pastor Peter

**Sermon** *Pathways to Kingdom Fidelity*

Pastor Peter

## Responding to the Gospel

\* **Hymn of Response No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

## Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

### Sending

\* **Sending Hymn No. 421** *Bless'd be the tie that binds*

\* **Benediction**

### Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for our youth and delegates attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Pittsburgh this week under the theme, "Bridges to the Cross." Pray for fruitful consideration of "The Purposeful Plan" for delegates. Pray for strong commitments to Christ and the path of discipleship for youth.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for MMN personnel, who are organizing the servant projects at the Mennonite Church USA convention in Pittsburgh beginning today through Friday. May Jesus' love touch and transform people's lives through the service of thousands of convention participants.

## Summer Sunday School

**Today:** Social Hour in the fellowship hall.

**Next Sunday:** Valerie Klaassen: *Camp Mennoscah – The Next 60 Years.*

## Church Events

**Monday through Saturday** This week is the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Our congregation is sending Caleb Regehr, John and Miriam Claassen and Pastor Peter (John, Caleb, and Peter will represent our congregation as delegates), as well as the youth group and sponsors. The Youth attending are Kylee Schunn, Eli Schmidt, Kyle Regier, Melinda Regehr, Katrina Regehr, Paul Janzen, Madison Janzen, David Janzen, Hunter Hill, Emma Hilgenfeld, Matthew Hiebert, Steven Harms, Lucas Goossen, Samantha Claassen, Rachelle Claassen, Grant Claassen, Cole Claassen, and Alexander Carr. Sponsors are Rob and Diana Schunn, Kendall and Carol Claassen and Carine Claassen, and Pastor Katherine. Please keep these representatives of Grace Hill, as well as everyone else from Mennonite congregations from around the country who are in attendance, in your prayers.

For any care concerns while Pastors Peter and Katherine are at MC USA Convention, please contact a member of the Spiritual Council. Members are Brian Hilgenfeld, Carol (Olin) Claassen, Merrill Harms and Judy Janzen. Peter and Katherine will also have their cell phones in case they need to be contacted.

**Wednesday through July 12** Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Grace Hill's days are Wed. July 6, Fri. July 8, Sun. July 10 and Tues. July 12. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are willing to help with meals or volunteer for the night.

## **Announcements**

**The Worship Council** would like to purchase 150 copies of the supplemental hymnal *Sing The Journey*, for use during worship, in addition to the current hymnal. If you are interested in helping with this project, copies are \$9.99 each. Donations should be earmarked for the Grace Hill Music Fund. Thank you.

**Donated food items will go to the Whitewater Food Pantry this month.** Suggested items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, canned meals, boxed meals, soups, crackers, and other nonperishable items. Cash donations are accepted. 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:** Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,121.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## **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

**Alumni and Friends of Hesston College** are invited to Honeytown, a high energy Americana band from Kidron, Ohio performing at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 South Main Street, on Sunday, July 24 at 7 p.m. Honeytown's inimitable sound combines elements of progressive bluegrass, four-part a capella, classic rock and pop folk with fun instrumentation. The four-piece group features Tim Shue, a 1985 Hesston College alumnus. The group is performing at the Pittsburgh 2011 Convention. Go to [Honeytownmusic.com](http://Honeytownmusic.com) for more information. A free will offering will be taken.

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly** - A Premier Resourcing Event! This year, congregations are encouraged to choose delegates, or encourage participation from non-delegates, based upon their leadership responsibilities and openness to gaining new ideas that can be used back home. A large portion of the schedule is devoted to worship services and resourcing events called Learning Tracks. In a 3-hour time block, persons can gain information and some practical action ideas on a variety of topics. Registration brochures for the WDC annual assembly sessions are available at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org). For any of you who are in a formal Sister Church Partnership and for those who would like to explore this opportunity to form friendships and relationships between Hispanic and Anglo congregations, we invite you to a conversation on Friday night, July 29 at 9 pm (after worship) in the Bethel College Church Fellowship Hall. Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister for Texas will guide the group in: enhancing relationships, exploring different venues for communication and connectedness, understanding the value of a building bridges approach (in a cultural sense), discovering the appropriate role of committees in managing this relationship and how we can learn together, and grow together: a missional engagement. Plan now to attend this important time!

**Where can your children or grandchildren ride a horse, try to catch a pig, pet farm animals, milk a goat, or take a ride on a wagon pulled by a tractor or horses?** At the 16th annual *Day on the Farm* held at the Duerksen/Knepp farm northeast of Goessel, on Saturday, August 20 10 a.m. This family event is designed to help children from towns and cities connect with the rural upbringing of many of their parents or grandparents. This year's *Day on the Farm* will again feature the red-carpet arrival of Willie the pig. The event is free so make plans now to attend. More information can be found on the Western District website [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) under upcoming events.

**It's hot and the new pool at Camp Mennoscah is a welcome relief for our campers.** The pool was finished and filled in time for the first children's camp. Final payment to the pool construction company is now due. If you have been putting off making that contribution for the pool now is a good time to send it in. We still need \$70,000 to cover the complete costs of the pool. We also need 6 more individuals/families to give \$2,000 each. Your gift of \$2,000 will turn into \$3,000 thanks to a challenge grant. Please send your contributions to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 and mark your checks "Camp Pool". You can also donate using your debit/credit card on the WDC website [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

**Volunteers wanted! Mennonite Voluntary Service** has high-need positions with Habitat for Humanity International and Ten Thousand Villages. Also volunteers are needed to coordinate refugee childcare, repair homes for low-income families, build LEED-certified homes, and assist at a homeless shelter. Visit [Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://Service.MennoniteMission.net) or email [JillS@mennonitemission.net](mailto:JillS@mennonitemission.net) for more info. Orientation begins on August 7, 2011 in San Antonio.

**Outreach Tip:** Contagious Christians are ready to point out where God is at work in their lives and communities. Each day, identify one moment where you have seen God at work.