

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 5, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Violin: Carl Goossen

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship Leader: Doug Claassen

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Sermon *Where in the World is the Third Heaven?*

John Esau

* **Hymn of Response No. 577** *O Love that will not let me go*

* **Benediction**

John Esau

* **Hymn of Sending No. 143** *Amazing grace!*

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

We welcome John Esau to our church and service of worship this morning. He will bring the message in the absence of our pastors who attended the Mennonite Church USA Assembly in Columbus, Ohio this week. John is a retired pastor and resides with his wife Bernice in North Newton. His most recent church assignments include pastoring at Bethel College Mennonite Church and serving as Director of Ministerial Leadership Services for the General Conference Mennonite Church. We welcome John to our church this morning.

For Sharing and Prayer

The youth group, sponsors, and Pastor Katherine and Peter will return from the Mennonite Church USA Convention this afternoon around 4:00-5:00 p.m. Pastor Marv plans to return tomorrow.

Pastor Marv will bring the message next Sunday and will include reporting on the Mennonite Church USA Assembly.

Western District Conference: Pray for the delegates (and others) who attended Mennonite Church USA convention in Columbus, Ohio that God's Spirit will empower our denomination to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Mennonite Mission Network: As churches and individuals use the new Mennonite Media DVD version of "Beyond the News: Sexual Abuse" with Carolyn H. Heggen, pray they will become sensitive to people in the church and community who need healing.

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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** Psalm 123

One: To you I lift my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens.

All: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

One: As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

All: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

One: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have endured much contempt.

All: We have endured much ridicule from the proud,

One: Our soul has had more than its fill of the contempt of the arrogant.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 66** *O worship the King*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

* **Hymn of Prayer No. 355** *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

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

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School - Today: Social hour in fellowship hall for the adults and the junior department. **Next Sunday:** Nicaragua Missions Trip with Caleb Regehr.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

July 26 Farewell for Pastor Marv. Pastor Marv will give the sermon that morning and will also share about the Corinthian Plan during the S.S. hour.

August 2 Installation of Peter Goerzen. Dorothy Nickel Friesen will give the message that morning. There will be a noon meal – more details to follow.

August 9 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grace Hill Swimming Party at the Newton Public Pool.

Announcements

We are asking for volunteers to teach the Junior Sunday School classes for the months of July and August. There are two classes: ages 3 through 2nd grade, and 3rd through 8th grade. If you would be interested in teaching one or two Sundays please contact Katherine Claassen or Ashley Enns. Thank you.

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: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Marv

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,064.00

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CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Garage Sale to benefit Ten Thousand Villages, Newton on Saturday, July 11 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lorraine Ave. Mennonite Church, 655 South Lorraine, Wichita. Please donate clean, unbroken, workable already priced items on Friday, July 10 from 9:30-1:30 at the Ten Thousand Villages store in Newton. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

Learn the basics of the Bible with the course "Reading the Bible," an introduction to the Old and New testaments. Understand and share your faith in the class "Confessing the Faith," an engaging approach to systematic theology. Participate in dialogue with people of other faiths in "Christian Encounter with World Faiths." Check out these and other courses at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension, North Newton, Kansas, at www.amb.edu/GreatPlains. Weekend and evening classes in North Newton and Wichita. Register for fall classes by August 11. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS–Great Plains, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone: 316-283-7098; email: lbarrett@amb.edu.

A reminder to submit your recipes for the Wheat State Manor cookbook, which is being printed for its 35th anniversary. There are recipe forms available on the table in the foyer that can be used by anyone who would like to submit entries. Please take as many forms as you wish and return no later than July 12. Any questions contact Gladys Reimer, Miriam Claassen or Agnes Harder. The cookbooks will be available for sale at Whitewater's Octoberfest.

Interested in immigration issues? Join the conversation at *And You Welcomed Me: A consultation of the people of God on Immigration*. Anyone interested in a Christian response to questions concerning immigration is invited to attend this information-packed weekend of workshops, worship, and networking. September 18-20, 2009, Lakeview Camp and Conference Center, Waxahachie, Texas (near Dallas). Scheduled Workshops: 1)Root Causes and Intro to Immigration Law by Miriam Cardenas and Jennifer Dorrie, West Coast MCC. 2)Education and Options for Active Advocacy by Jodi Read, Tucson, AZ. 3)Engaging the Immigrant Community in Mental Health Education and Empowerment by Gilberto Perez, Goshen, IN. 4)Immigration and Romans 13 by Daniel Carroll Rodas, Denver, CO. Register online at www.MennoniteMission.net/Immigration. Save money if you register by August 25. Final registration deadline September 1.