

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 5, 2015  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Musician: Tara Harms-Becker  
Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

## GOD'S TOP TEN LIST The Fifth Word

Gathering Music Tara Harms-Becker  
Welcome and Announcements Randy Smith  
Prelude to Worship

\*Sung Call to Worship Hymnal 89  
*For the beauty of the earth*  
\*Spoken Call to Worship Psalm 119:73-77, 80

Lord, your hands made me and formed me.  
Give me understanding to learn your commands.

**May all who revere you rejoice when they see me,  
because I have put my hope in your word.**

I know, O Lord, that your laws are righteous,  
and in faithfulness you afflict me.

**May your unfailing love be my comfort  
according to your promise.**

Let your compassion come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight.

**May my heart be blameless toward your decrees,  
that I may not be put to shame.**

Leviticus 19:2-4, 32-33  
*Great is thy faithfulness* Hymnal 327  
Prayer

The Fifth Word Exodus 20:1-2; 12  
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,**

**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.**

*Obey my voice* Hymnal 163  
Offering and Offertory

Children's Story Kim Claassen  
*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care*  
Scripture Lesson Ken Wiebe  
II Samuel 15:1-12

Sermon  
*Amazing Grace*  
*Lord of the home* Hymnal 490

Sharing and Prayer  
\*Sending Hymn Hymnal 362  
*Help us to help each other*  
\*Benediction  
Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Church USA.

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for members of Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture teams, ages 14-22, and their leaders as they enter into their service and learning experiences with partner communities in France and Japan.

## Church Family News

. . . we stand with **Merril, Marianne**, and all the **Harms** family as they grieve that **Gladys** is no longer with us and celebrate her life well lived . . . **Tara Harms-Becker** and **Cody Claassen** have parts in the Newton Community Theater production "Fiddler on the Roof" July 9-11. . . In case you want to visit or write a letter to **Melinda Regehr**, her new address is: 2303 South Early Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66103. . .

## **Church Events**

**Today following Sunday school** the Social Council will host a hamburger/hotdog fry in the North Pavilion (or the “Outback” as Tim is calling it) All food will be provided. Plan to stay for this time of fellowship!

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church. Devotions by Rita.

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Business Council meets at church.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Stearman’s Airport Café, Benton.

## **Announcements**

**Please get announcements** for next Sunday’s bulletin to Debbie Claassen by Tuesday (July 7) morning. Thank you!

**Several group church emails were sent out this week.** A number of people have not been receiving the emails. If you have received them in the past and have not recently, please go to the spam/junk email on your computer and click Debbie Claassen as an acceptable address. If you are not on the email list and would like to be, please let Debbie Claassen know.

**The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries** are in need of items throughout the year. 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.

## Et Cetera

**Bluestem Communities** invites you to attend its second annual community forum, “Innovations in Living with Dementia 2015,” at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston. Learn how thinking difficulties can impact daily living, how to increase caregiver confidence, and how to be a supportive friend or neighbor. Guest speakers are from the Beatitudes Campus in Phoenix, Arizona. Information: 620-327-3400.

**All-Ages Family Camp at Camp Mennoscah**, July 25-26! It's going to be a riotously great time with Alan and Katie - swimming, river play, campfire, worship, and all sorts of time to make new friends. This is for folks of all ages and family groupings. Brochures are available online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) or by calling 620-297-3290. Hooray for families of all sizes and shapes!

**Power Up with the Spirit!** Camp Mennoscah still has room for campers during these remaining weeks of camp. There is a camp for each age group--First Camp, PreJunior, Junior, Junior High, and Senior High. Limited space at Senior High Camp. Register online or call 620-297-3290.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Kathy Balzer

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

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,209.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### **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***

***Email: [transitionpastor@gmail.com](mailto:transitionpastor@gmail.com)***

***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

***Secretary's E-mail: [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)***

## **STRUCTURE TASK FORCE UPDATE**

### **Where We're At**

At the June 21 meeting the congregation approved a vision statement to give focus and priority to our work and ministry for the next chapter with the next pastor. Plans now need to follow for specific action steps on the points of that vision statement.

### **The Vision**

*“Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:*

*discerning our gifting;*

*developing a leadership team;*

*deepening our core ministries of*

*care, education and hospitality.”*

### **The Cost**

Jesus taught us to “count the cost” in Luke 14:28-30.

Whether this vision statement gains traction with the members or is simply spinning our wheels will become more apparent over this next year as we take action steps.

### **The Structure Task Force**

The Task Force will begin translating this vision into action steps for:

(1) discerning the true ministry gifts, interests, and passions of our members.

(2) developing an approved leadership team that seeks the leading of the Spirit, sets goals and measures progress,

(3) strengthening our care, education, and hospitality ministries while simplifying the organizational structure.

### **The Task Force Members**

Kim Claassen, Tim Harms, Virgil Penner, Randy Smith, Jeff Toews