

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 6, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Pastor Katherine

Song Leader: David Janzen

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

Gathering and Praising

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 Psalm 121

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 13** *My soul is filled with joy*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Story

- * **Song Sing the Journey No. 103** *Why should I feel discouraged*

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

Scripture Reading Luke 22: 39-46

Kris Goossen

Sermon

Josh Toevs

Responding to God

- * **Song of Response Sing the Story No. 124** *My soul cries out*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

- * **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 49** *Rain down*

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

No Sunday School classes will be held today.

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you so much for all of your support following Nathan's birth! Thank you for the meals, the gifts, the prayers, and the encouragement! We have felt very blessed by the love that you have shown to us.

- Pastors Peter and Katherine, Sophia, and Nathan

The Youth Group will be participating in DOOR Denver this week. They will be serving through such opportunities as serving meals at soup kitchens, helping with children whose moms may be looking for a job, in school, or living on the streets; lawn and building maintenance for individuals, seniors and/or for organizations that temporarily house homeless families; stocking shelves in food banks; sorting donated clothing; taking a tour of a homeless shelter; meeting with and listening to groups that are working for change in the city; conversing and singing with senior citizens. Those participating in this week of service are Alex Carr, Carine Claassen, Rachelle Claassen, Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen, Kylee Schunn, Kendall Claassen, Josh Patterson and Katie Regier. Thank you for your prayers.

Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, Texas, and Pastor Juan Limones. They are hosting the closing worship gathering this morning of WDC Assembly 2014.

Mennonite Mission Network: Caleb Yoder is teaching congregational and upper-level courses on biblical study and Anabaptist theology in Ecuador. Pray for energy and inspiration as Caleb helps provide leadership for a new church in Calderon and adds preaching and administration responsibilities to his normal course load.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Biblical Womanhood book club will meet in the library.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Whistle Stop Café, Walton.

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

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service.

Next Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Grace Hill Night at the Movies – *Peter and Paul*. Tells the story of the early Christian movement boldly spreading the Gospel, even as it is beset by violent opposition from without and turmoil within. Peter and Paul emerge as leaders. Starring Anthony Hopkins and Robert Foxworth. 3 hours. PG.

July 27 Farewell Sunday for Pastors Peter and Katherine. There will be a carry-in meal at noon.

Announcements

We will be assembling MCC School Kits on August 17. A reminder to collect school supplies for the MCC School Kits: (NEW items only): 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, indicating both 30 cm and 12 inches), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser. Gladys Reimer will be coordinating the sewing of the bags, please contact her if you would like to help with the sewing.

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Jackie Moore and Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Jane Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,505.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

Scripture Sing: First Mennonite Church, Newton, invites you to an evening of song and scripture on Sunday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. Musicians will come with some pre-selected songs, connecting them with specific scripture texts, but there will also be opportunity for suggestions from the floor. The only requirement? Connect the song with the text. If you have instruments bring them along. If you want us to sing a new song, bring the music along to help us learn.

Save the Date - Women and Girls Retreat - September 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. Registration forms available soon.

Newton Et Cetera Shop evening manager position: Key qualifications: available 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, great with people, ability to multitask, competent computer/technology skills, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. College graduate preferred. Begins August 11, 2014. Email your interest with resume and 3 professional references by July 14 to manager@newtonetceterashop.com.

Help Iraqis through MCC: As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing vital items for daily life and is planning an ongoing response. MCC also is calling on U.S. lawmakers to oppose military intervention in Iraq and instead to send humanitarian aid. Please help us reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Gifts of money support MCC's efforts with partners in Iraq to both respond quickly and continue long-term efforts that build peace. More information is available online at www.mcc.org/get-involved/kits and www.donate.mcc.org/iraq or by calling 1-888-563-4676. The Action Alert at www.mcc.org/advocate-iraq provides a simple way to contact your representatives and the president. Thank you for partnering with MCC to help uprooted people and for your ongoing prayers for peace in the region.

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