

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 8, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: John Claassen

## **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** from Mark 12: 28-34

One: One of the scribes came near Jesus and asked him,  
"Which commandment is the first of all?"  
Jesus answered, "The first is:

**Many: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

One: The second is this:

**Many: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

One: There are no other commandments greater than these."

Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said to 'love God with all the heart, with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself;' this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

### **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Gathering Hymn Sing The Journey No. 106** *Just a closer walk with thee*

**Offering Our Gifts** Local Church Missions

## **Hearing the Good News**

**Worship Music** *That Says It All*

*Up to the Mountain*

Jené Yoder, Darla Harms-Becker and Roberta Harms

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

**Gospel Reading** Luke 10: 25-37

Jan Brandom

**Sermon** *Who is my neighbor?*

Michael Smith

## **Responding**

\* **Hymn of Response Sing the Journey No. 16**

*Praise with joy the world's Creator*

**Sharing and Congregational Prayer**

Kim Claassen

## **Sending**

\* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 73** *The Lord lift you up*

\* **Benediction**

One: We will go and love the Lord our God with all of our heart,  
all of our soul, with all of our mind, and with all of our strength

**Many: We will go and love our neighbor as ourselves**

One: Which of the three was a neighbor to the man who fell into the  
hands of the robbers?

**Many: The one who showed him mercy**

One: Go and do likewise

## **Postlude**

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Welcome to Michael Smith and Jan Brandom from Wheat State Manor. Thank you for sharing with us this morning! Pastors Peter and Katherine are in Oklahoma City attending the Western District Conference Assembly.

## **Summer Sunday School**

**Today:** Social Hour for all ages in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served.

**Next Sunday's Speaker:** Ronda Schmidt

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Bob Yates as he begins as pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Churches in Bayankhongor, Mongolia, share the gospel through summer camps. Pray that camp participants would come with open hearts, and that God would provide the necessary financial and human resources. MMN partners with Joint Christian Services International in Mongolia.

## **Church Events**

**Today at 4:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy watching softball today. The Grace Hill Alphas (the young guys and girls) play at 4 p.m. and the Grace Hill Omegas play at 5 p.m. Both games are at the Washington Road ball field in Newton.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**August 12 at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – the Youth Group is in charge.

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

**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!

**Nursery This Sunday:** Mary Ann Wiebe and Camille Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$ 1,510.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Men of the Plains

## Announcements

**Youth Group Fundraiser:** The Youth Group will be providing the meal at James Regier's parents' auction for a fundraiser this Saturday, July 14. We are still in great need of pies, so if you would be willing to bake a pie or two, please email Pastor Katherine or call her as soon as possible. Thanks for your support!

**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

**Please pray for all who have been affected by the wildfires** causing immense devastation throughout the United States. Mennonite Central Committee Central States is responding to the call from Mennonite churches in Montana and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe for immediate relief supplies. The Ash Creek fire in Montana has burned nearly 190,000 acres so far. Erica Littlewolf, MCC Central States Indigenous Vision Center staff worker and Northern Cheyenne Tribal member shares, "Officials keep referring to the number of houses burnt but they should use the amount of people affected. One house in the U.S. usually means four people, fire insurance and an emergency system to alert people to evacuate. On the reservation it means about 15 people in one home, no insurance, lack of financial means to rebuild, no emergency alert system/power outage, no land lines and no cell towers. I feel like I need to do some translation work for the information that the public is being given." **Join MCC in responding by bringing the following items to your nearest MCC drop-off location by July 17:** tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, body soap, shampoo & conditioner, laundry soap, lotion, chapstick, hairbrushes, feminine products, hair ties and hairspray. MCC will also send canned meat and other relief supplies. Please call 316-283-2720 with questions.

**Explore your faith with seminary classes this fall:** *Theology and Ethics of the Gospels*, taught by Jerry Truex; *Christian Theology I*, taught by Lois Barrett; *Beginning Greek*, taught by Dan Quinlin; and *Thinking Ethically*, taught by Duane Friesen. Credit students and auditors welcome. Check out these and other courses at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension at [www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains](http://www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains). Evening classes in North Newton. Register by August 6. Classes start August 27, 2012.

**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](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). For more information or to submit a resumé contact Linda Krueger at [LindaK@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LindaK@MennoniteMission.net).

**All women and girls**, ages 8 and older, are invited to the Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah September 7-9. On Saturday, we are offering various sessions including spiritual development, relaxation activities, poetry writing, and music. There will be time to rest, fellowship, spend time in nature, swim, sing and worship God. We are looking forward to hearing from Tammy Duvanel Unruh and learning more about God. We do have some scholarships available so everyone can come to the retreat. For more information, please contact us at [womengirlsretreat@gmail.com](mailto:womengirlsretreat@gmail.com), see the brochure in the foyer or call Jen Wintermote at 316-708-0309. We are also on facebook at Women and Girls Retreat. The deadline for registration is August 31, 2012.

**Bluestem Renovations** (at Camp Mennoscah) It's slow moving, but we're working at getting the Bluestem house basement ready for groups. If you have a group of construction-knowledgeable folks, we would be delighted to have you contact us. We're hoping to add some rooms/walls to the basement. Camp Mennoscah volunteers (that's you!) can reach us at 620-297-3290 to set up volunteer days. We can't wait to see you!

## CHURCH OFFICES

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