

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 10, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Chorister: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Josh Patterson

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 Psalm 139:1-18 Hymn No. 823

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:1-11 Rachelle Claassen

* **Hymn No. 332** *Blessed assurance*

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

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:11-20 Pastor Peter

Sermon *New Creation in Christ* Pastor Peter

Responding to the Gospel

* **Hymn of Response No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

Congregational Commitment Hymn No. 793

* **Hymn of Prayer No. 353** *Lord, listen to your children*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 555** *I need thee every hour*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

The joint adult and youth Sunday School class will meet in the sanctuary and will begin at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Summer Sunday School

200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration 2011

10:50 – 11:35 a.m.

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Today's speaker: Valerie Klaassen: *Camp Mennoscah – The Next 60 Years.*

Next Sunday: Mark Jantzen – 18th & 19th century (Europe) – *Squeezed Between Nationalism and Opportunity*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: For our WDC, pray "that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

Mennonite Mission Network: Participants in MMN's Radical Journey program are returning from Bolivia, China and England. Tomorrow they will begin a weeklong re-entry retreat. Pray that God's Spirit will enlighten this time of reflection on their experiences and prepare the young adults to return to their sending communities for continued ministry.

Upcoming Church Events

August 14 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool, Athletic Park.

September 3-4 200th Anniversary “Home Coming” Celebration

September 18 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting

November 13 Harvest Thanks Sunday - Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky will be our guest speakers.

Announcements

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: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,060.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Men of the Plains

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors’ Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

July 15 is the early deadline for the Western District Conference Annual Assembly ("Make No Excuses, Simply Come to the Banquet") scheduled for July 29-30 at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church. Save some bucks and get your registration in today. A delegate session, resourcing, fellowship and worship plus activities for all ages, including children from infants through junior high, are being organized. Brochures available online: www.mennowdc.org (Conference Life / Annual Assembly).

Diamond Celebration gem: Pre-school children have enjoyed a story hour at the Western District Conference Resource Library since 1977. Each semester, a group of three- to five-year olds is treated to a storyteller, activities and an opportunity to check out as many books as their hands can hold! The outstanding children's collection is truly a gem. Visit the 75-year old Resource Library at 2500 Place, North Newton, KS and find out for yourself!

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 or email JillS@mennonitemission.net for more info. Orientation begins on August 7, 2011 in San Antonio.

Explore your faith with seminary classes this fall: *Sermon on the Mount*, taught by Jerry Truex; *Christian Theology I*, taught by Lois Barrett; and *Pastoral Ministry and Leadership*, taught by Keith Harder. Credit students and auditors welcome. Check out these and other courses at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension at www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains. Weekend and evening classes in North Newton. Register for fall classes by August 8 at www.ambs.edu/admissions/register-online. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plains, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone: 316-283-7098; email: lbarrett@ambs.edu.

Outreach Tip: Churches practicing hospitality have good ways for newcomers to "plug in" to the life of the congregation. How would you invite a friend to plug in here at Grace Hill?