

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 12, 2009

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

\* **Hymn of Sending No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

\* **Benediction**

Pastor Marv

**Postlude**

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

## 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** John 20:21-22

**Leader:** Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

**People:** Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Leader:** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

**People:** Peace be with you.

\* **Prayer of Invocation**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 28** *Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit*

**Offering** Local Church Missions

**Scripture** Luke 19:1-10

Doug Hiebert

\* **Hymn No. 356** *Breathe on me, breath of God*

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

**Reflections from Mennonite USA Assembly**

Pastor Marv and participants

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

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Resource Commission as it designs a "vision" for its ministry as part of the WDC mandate to resource congregations.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the gathering of people from Native Mennonite Ministries in the U.S. and Canada and from indigenous Mennonite World Conference member churches in Central and South America to be held July 19-27 following MWC assembly. Remember the indigenous churches of Paraguay and the Mennonite Team in the Argentine Chaco as they host the visitors.

## Summer Sunday School

**Joint Adult, Youth and Children's Summer Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary today. Caleb Regehr will report on his service trip to Nicaragua. Children's classes are also invited to attend. (They will not be meeting in the basement.) **For the adult and youth next Sunday:** Visioneering 2020 with Virgil Penner.

## Church Events

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.

**Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

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

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Business Council meets at church.  
Social Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Seekers S.S. Class is in charge.

**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.

**August 16** Youth Group to Marion Reservoir – a chance to say farewell to our graduating seniors and welcome our incoming freshman.

## Announcements

**Wheat State Manor** cookbook recipes are due today.

**More volunteers** are needed for the evening and overnight shifts for the homeless shelter July 22 – 28. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner.

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

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Katherine  
**Special Music Next Sunday:** Praise Team  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Julia Washburn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$840.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Men of the Plains

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

**Part of the benefit of attending the Western District annual conference** is meeting old friends and making new ones. Come to Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church on August 7-8 where persons from all over our conference area will be meeting and sharing. The theme *Becoming a New Humanity/Llegando a Ser una Nueva Humanidad* will be developed through messages, stories and Learning Communities. WDC offers five Discovery Day options on August 6 just prior to Annual Conference: "Holy Listening in Community", "They Never Taught Us That in Church Council School", "Dignity, Peace and Care for Creation", "Experience Camp Mennoscah", and "Mennotour" (this one is full, but you can put your name on a waiting list in case of cancellations). Registration brochures for both "Discovery Day" August 6 and WDC conference sessions are now available online at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) or call 316-283-6300.

**Alumni and friends of Bethel College** are invited to the Summer Thresher Golf Classic and Barbecue, Saturday, August 8, at the Galaway Creek Golf Course, Henderson, Nebraska. Contact 316-284-5251, [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu), see the brochure on the bulletin board or print one from [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php). Register with payment by July 31 and save \$10!

**The Women's and Girls' Retreat** will be held at Camp Mennoscah on September 11-13. Retreat speakers are Karen Andres and Marcene Entz. Schedules and registration forms are available on the bulletin board. Registration deadline is August 26.

**Pastor Jeff Wintermote of Trinity Mennonite Church**, Hillsboro, invites WDC individuals to consider this mission learning opportunity: Hmong Mennonite Churches Mission invites you to participate in their 2009 Overseas Mission Trip to Thailand, Dec. 3-15, 2009. The purpose of the trip is to learn about Hmong culture and investigate possible partnership opportunities between North American Mennonites and Hmong Christians in S.E. Asia. Visit Hmong villages, schools, farms, businesses, churches, and non-Christian Hmong villages in the Northern part of Thailand. Cost: airfare from L.A. to Chiang Mai, Thailand plus \$650 for local expenses (transportation, lodging, & food). To register please contact Pastor Shoua Moua, 559-268-2113, 559-519-4742 or email: [shouamission@yahoo.com](mailto:shouamission@yahoo.com) or Jeff at 620-877-0179 or [jeffmote@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffmote@yahoo.com).

**Camp Mennoscah—Send a kid to camp!** The end of the summer is nearing, but we've got a couple of camps left, including senior high. There is still room for fun-loving campers. Or, send someone else's kid to camp! We're running low on scholarship funds, and have had several requests for assistance. Please mark any donations as "scholarship fund." Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for more information.