

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 14, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Ellen Mosiman, Eli Schmidt, Pastor Peter, Pastor Katherine

Song Leaders: Courtney Claassen, Cole Claassen, Paul Goossen,

Katie Regier, Kyle Regier, Heidi Wiebe

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

God's Good Creation: God Cares for the Earth

Gathering

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 Psalm 104

All: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

1: Praise be to God! Mighty are God's works

2: The Lord gives life to the earth

3: The Lord cares for all creation

4: We are filled with your abundance

All: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

1: May the glory of the Lord shine forever

2: God looks on the earth and it trembles

3: The Lord touches the mountains and they smoke

4: Let us sing to the Lord while we live

All: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

Gathering Prayer

One: Sustaining God,

whose word of promise weaves all creation together,

All: remember us as we enter into worship

One: that we may find ourselves woven into the body of Christ,

ready to worship, and energized to carry your work into the world.

**All: In the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

Gathering Songs

Ten thousand reasons (Bless the Lord)

No. 112

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic

Praying

Offering Our Gifts

Local Church

Worship Music

Oceans (Where feet may fall)

Praise Team

Prayers of the People

Listening

Children's Story

Pastor Katherine

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

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 104: 10-30

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding

Song of Response No. 89

For the beauty of the earth

Choral Blessing

The peace of the earth be with you

Praise Team

Sending Song No. 427

You shall go out with joy

Postlude

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Brian Harmon, the new pastor of First Mennonite Church, Halstead, who is being commissioned today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today 40 youth are completing a three-day *Sirviendo a Cristo* (Serving Christ) seminar, organized by the Bolivia Mennonite Church, a MMN partner, to deepen faith and prepare for mission. Pray that these young leaders will find joy as they serve in their congregations and their communities.

Announcements

No Sunday School classes will be held through the month of July. Classes will start again on August 4.

Missing: a 10 gallon Gott cooler from the kitchen – if you know the whereabouts of the cooler, please let the Social Council know. Please remember to sign the check-out sheet if borrowing items from the kitchen. Thank you!

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 Kathy Balzer

Nursery Next Sunday: Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering for Mennonite Disaster Service Tornado Relief: \$3,585.00

Offering for Backpack Program: \$837.00

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,104.00

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

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Church Events

Today at approximately 11:30 a.m. Iglesia Mennonita Casa Betania is celebrating their 5th Anniversary at Newton Athletic Park. We are all invited for the worship service as well as the noon meal. There will be an opportunity to share financially with this congregation during the worship time. Also, it would be a good idea to bring blankets and chairs to sit on.

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Grace Hill make-up softball game at Washington Park.

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

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at the Whitewater Café.

August 11 Youth Group Boating Day: The youth group will have our annual day at the lake at El Dorado Lake following the worship service on Sunday, August 11. All youth (incoming Freshmen to graduating Seniors) are invited and encouraged to bring friends! We will plan to eat sack lunches on our way to the lake; supper will be provided. Please let Pastor Katherine know if you have any questions!

Et Cetera

We have a Pool! You may be wondering what to do as a family at the end of the summer. Well, we have an answer for you. Family Camp at Camp Mennoscah! This camp for all ages (from grandchild to parents to grandparents to young adult and all in between) is July 27-28 - the perfect almost end to summer. The brochure is at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats. It's a weekend chock-full of river play, swimming, worship, and family/friend time! Call us at 620-297-3290 with any questions.

M2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity In Matthew 25:36 Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner. At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 75 prisoners who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New Volunteer training for M2 will be on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. Prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to this ministry and contact Nathan Koontz for more information at m-2.ovm@sbcglobal.net or (316) 215-1758.

40 Ways to Study the Bible; Reading the Bible in 90 Days; Scripture Memory for All Ages; The Lectionary Lens; Acting out in Church: the Bible and Drama. These are just a few of the Learning Centers available at the Year of the Bible Launch that runs 2 p.m. August 1 through noon August 2, at Bethel College. Deadline for early registration and meal signup is July 19. Brochures and registration info at www.mennowdc.org.

Soon and very soon... Western District Conference folks will gather for the Annual Assembly. Fellowship, worship, learning, and more are on the agenda for August 2-3 at Bethel College, North Newton. Deadline for early registration and meal signup is July 19. Brochures and registration info at www.mennowdc.org.

Western District Conference Mennonite Women Supper - Check church bulletin board for information about attending the Mennonite Women Supper during the WDC Conference on August 2. Reservations are required by July 19.

The Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains is conducting a survey this summer (late July-early August) to assist in developing theological education in Kansas. This study will include Western District congregations. Please take the 10 minutes needed to respond to the survey if you are one of the randomly selected persons. All responses are confidential - *Clarence Rempel, WDC Conference Minister*

Thank you from Mennonite Central Committee Central States for your faithful and continuing support of the work of MCC. We are grateful to all of you who have given your resources of time, money, creativity and energy through meat canning, thrift shops, relief sales, Penny Power, board participation, special events and donations. Because of your support, MCC and our partners can keep working for relief, development and peace in over 60 countries around the world. As you know, the crisis in Syria continues to escalate and resources are scarce to meet the humanitarian needs. Recently, containers with MCC relief supplies made it into Syria for the second time in three months. School kits, hygiene kits, blankets, food and other items are currently being distributed. We could not have done it without you. Thank you for your support and prayers as MCC continues to respond to this crisis in the name of Christ.