

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 15, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Child Blessing and Dedication *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.

Worship Music *Let the children come to me*

Tara Harms-Becker and Pastor Katherine

Call to Worship Mark 10: 13-16

One: People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

Many: "Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

One: And Jesus took the children up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 616** *Children of the heavenly Father*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Men of the Plains

Hearing the Good News

Children's Story

Pastor Katherine and Sophia

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 90** *Lord, we bring to you our children*

Worship Music *How Great Thou Art*

Carine Claassen and Tara Harms-Becker

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:1-5; 19:13-15

Cole Claassen

Sermon *As a little child*

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 620** *Child of blessing, child of promise*

Family and Child Dedication

Katherine, Peter and Sophia Goerzen

Catina and Chris Wiebe, Alston Cunningham, Bryanna Smith and Adrian Wiebe

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song No. 433** *Go, my children*

* **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 Adult Sunday School class will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to the Grace Hill congregation for your care and support given to Dale Smith and his family during his illness and death. We appreciate your prayers and love at this time.

Justina Smith and family

Our delegates to Western District Conference thank you for holding them and the assembly in your prayers this past weekend. Plans for the delegates to report are in process.

Thank You to everyone who provided pies for the Youth Group's fundraiser at the auction yesterday! They were delicious and very much appreciated!

Western District Conference: Pray for the launch of public worship by Manos de Cristo Iglesia Menonita, Wichita this Sunday. Pray for Church Planter Jerry Acosta and the supporting congregations of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite, Hope Mennonite, and Church of the Servant, all in Wichita.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for all the neighborhood children coming to Margaret De Jong's door in Senegal. Pray that God would go before Margaret as she visits their parents with the request to teach their children about the God of the Bible. Margaret serves through MMN.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. The theme this summer is "Faith Stories". This Sunday's speaker is Ronda Schmidt.

Next Sunday's Speaker: Ed and Marge Harms

Church Events

Today at 5:00 p.m. Last chance to watch Grace Hill softball! Both teams play their last game today. The Alphas play at 5 p.m. and the Omegas play at 6 p.m. Both games are at the Washington Road ball field in Newton. Come cheer for Grace Hill and have fun watching with us!

Monday – Wednesday The Youth Group will be doing service work in the Newton/Wichita/Whitewater area this week.

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

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

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

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: Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,662.10

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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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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.

You Are Invited to Open House at 9 Lakewood Circle in North Newton, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 21. 2-bedroom, 2-bath townhome in Campus Woods Estates, Kidron Bethel Village. 1,500 sq. ft. Details: Marilyn King, 316-836-4837.

Young Adults, Seafaring Wanderers. Young adults (college age to approx. 35) are invited to grab their boats (or just their sleeping bags) and head on over to Camp Mennoscah for a weekend of sailing the Ninnescah. It's an informal time of worship, swimming, a bit of BTB (Borrow the Balls), and some of the best fellowship you can find. Find the brochure online at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events or check it out on Facebook. Need more information? Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

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.ambse.edu/GreatPlains. Evening classes in North Newton. Register by August 6. Classes start August 27, 2012.