

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 19, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Matthew Graber

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

GOD'S TOP TEN LIST The Seventh Word

Gathering Music Matthew Graber
Welcome and Announcements Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship

*Sung Call to Worship Hymnal 644

When morning gilds the skies

*Spoken Call to Worship Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have made a vow and kept it – that I will be faithful to your righteous laws.

Lord, accept the praise of my mouth and teach me your ways.

Though my life is at risk, still I will not forsake your principles.

Your statutes are my heritage - they are joy to my heart.

My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*For the beauty of the earth Hymnal 89

Matthew 5:27-32

Prayer

Wedding Song (There Is Love) (Stookey) Jeff Toews

The Seventh Word Exodus 20:1-2; 14
Response to the Word Deuteronomy 6:10-13

The Lord will bring you to the Land of Promise –
promised to your ancestors

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob –

**A land filled with large flourishing cities
that we did not build,**

Houses filled with good things that we did not provide,

Wells we did not dig,

Vineyards and olive groves that we did not plant.

When you eat and are satisfied

be careful to remember the Lord,

who brought you out of Egypt,

out of the land of oppression.

We will fear the Lord our God and serve him only.

We make our vow in the name of the Lord.

Obey my voice Hymnal 163
Offering and Offertory

Children's Story
Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care
Scripture Donna Balzer

Genesis; 1:26-28, 2:18-25

Sermon
High Fidelity
Will you let me be your servant Hymnal 307

Sharing and Prayer
*Sending Hymn Hymnal 447
O Jesus I have promised

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Men of the Plains.

*"Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry
seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:*

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality."

For Sharing and Prayer

We have great appreciation for the congregation for your support and sympathy expressed during Gladys' terminal illness. It covered a long period of time, but in the end her wishes and prayers were fulfilled. She is in the care of our Lord and maker Jesus Christ. We also thank you for the many offerings of delicious food, flowers and memorials. We will always remember you in our prayers. - Merrill Harms and the Gladys Harms family

Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig engage in teaching ministries in Ivory Coast through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that papers from a powerful symposium (presenting guidelines for the church's witness during political elections) will be available to the public before October when national presidential elections are scheduled to take place.

Church Family News

. . . **Allen Patterson's** family wants you to know that he turns 80 tomorrow . . . **Randy** and **Ann Smith** will be visiting South Carolina, Washington DC, Akron Pennsylvania, and Wadsworth Ohio over the next two weeks . . . **Samantha Claassen** begins KU Medical School in Wichita tomorrow with plans to go into family medicine . . .

Pastoral care needs through August 3 can be addressed to the Spiritual Council: Carl Goossen, Judy Janzen, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt, and Jeff Toews.

Assembly Resolutions Update: In the fellowship hall, on June 21, about 40 people participated in a discussion on five resolutions to be presented at the Kansas City Assembly. These five resolutions were: *Israel-Palestine, Faithful Witness Amid endless War, Churchwide Statement on Sexual Abuse, Forbearance in the Midst of Difference, and Status of the Membership Guidelines.* At Assembly, the *Israel-Palestine* resolution was tabled until 2017. The other four resolutions were approved. Prior to assembly, regarding the forbearance and the membership guidelines resolutions, the MC USA Executive Board reported, "If both resolutions pass the Executive Board will see this as a mandate to hold together the traditional stance of our church with an approach that grants freedom to congregations and area conferences to work things out in their own contexts with mutual accountability with the Constituency Leaders Council." Western District Conference assembly is scheduled for October 30-31 on the Bethel College campus.

Summer Sunday School Schedule

July 26	No Sunday school
August 2	John Stoesz, "Native Americans" with children's activities.
August 9	Eighth Commandment
August 16	Ninth Commandment
August 23	Tenth Commandment
August 30	Back to School Sunday

Church Events

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Stearman's Airport Café, Benton.

Worship Services for July 26 will include sharing from Mennonite Church Assembly by our attendees and August 2 with John Stoesz from Camp Mennoscah. John will also lead the Sunday school hour.

Announcements

School kits are often requested after disasters and for children of families forced to flee their homes. Last year 125,513 kits were shipped to Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Berundi, Ukraine, Haiti, Russia, North Korea, United States, Serbia, and El Salvador. Help equip and assemble school kits for Back to School Sunday, August 30, in the fellowship hall.

School Kit Supplies are being gathered on the foyer table by the photo board. Supplies needed are:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 , 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic indicating both 30cm and 12 inches)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Nursery This Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Emma Hilgenfeld

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,306.66

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, this afternoon at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Aaron Barnhart from the Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau will present "From Resisters to Reformers: How Kansas Mennonites Changed Mental Health Care." Learn how Civilian Public Service workers during and after World War II helped expose intolerable conditions at mental hospitals around the United States, leading to postwar reforms and a transformation of psychiatric care.

"Know Your Rights," Mennonite Church of the Servant and Apostento Alto Mennonite Church are sponsoring a "Know Your Rights" workshop on Sunday, July 19, at 5:00 p.m. The focus of the workshop is to inform immigrants and their allies about the rights of immigrants when approached by ICE. The session will be led by Priscilla Orta-Wenner, staff attorney for Sunflower Community Action, and will be conducted in both English and Spanish. Mennonite Church of the Servant is located at the corner of 23rd & Woodland (note, not Woodlawn).

You are invited to the Emmaus Missions Conference July 19-22. Speaker: Rev. Brian Wechsler, Executive Director of Village Missions; Theme: "The Missionary Heart of Jesus" from Philippians 2. Evening includes a short missionary feature each night. Sunday thru Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. (at Emmaus Church, 9070 NW Meadowlark)

Mennonite World Conference's Global Assembly is finally here! Opening worship begins Tuesday evening at 4 pm (EST) with morning worship at 9:30 am and evening worship at 6:45 pm, Wednesday through Saturday. Join the worship and listen to the speakers each day online and follow along with videos, photos, and stories on mwc-cmm.org.

Mennonite Mission Network seeks a Church Relations Associate to serve in the Newton, KS office. Read the full position descriptions on our website at www.MennoniteMission.net. All applicants must be committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and résumé to staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net or to Linda Krueger, Human Resource Coordinator, Mennonite Mission Network, Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515. **Church Relations Associate** applicants must have a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world and the ability to relate well with people and listen perceptively. Strong candidates will be extroverted with an outgoing personality and externally driven to meet and talk with pastors and church leaders about mission. A good understanding of communications theory and strategies as well as resource development and fund-raising are needed. Experience in marketing, development or public relations is recommended. Ability and willingness to travel 7-10 days per month is expected. Newton, KS, based is ideal; will consider Elkhart, IN, based.