

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 20, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Musicians: David Janzen and Pastor Katherine

## Corinthian Correspondence: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

### *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** 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

#### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

**Offering Our Gifts** Mennonite Men of the Plains

### *Hearing God's Story*

**Children's Story**

Daniel Klaassen

\* **Song No. 493** *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

**Child Dedication** Case Douglas Westerfield

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

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 12-22, 50-58 Cole Claassen

**Sermon**

Pastor Peter

### *Responding to God's Story*

\* **Song of Response No. 277** *I know that my Redeemer lives*

#### Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Jocelyn Graber - Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

### *Sent with the Good News*

\* **Sending Song Sing the Story No. 92** *Sing with all the saints in glory*

**Benediction** 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14, 23-24

#### 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!**

### Summer Sunday School

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Today:** Pastor Peter completes his New Testament overview discussing Revelation. The Junior Department will be meeting together in the basement. There will be no S.S. classes on July 27 or during the month of August.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Pastors Peter and Katherine's last Sunday will be July 27. The Pastors' last day of open office hours, visitation or pastoral care will be July 22. For pastoral care needs, please contact a member of the Spiritual Council: Carl Goossen, Judy Janzen, Russ Janzen, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt, Jeff Toews.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the Discernment Task Force of WDC as they guide the conference-wide conversation and decisions in response to the Rainbow Mennonite Church resolution asking for greater latitude for churches and pastors to determine their pastoral response to persons of same sex attraction.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Brian and Kelly McPhail as they deepen their relationships with their English students in China throughout the summer, and as they assist in coordinating visits with Fuller Theological Seminary and Mennonite Partners in China.

## **Church Events**

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Whistle Stop Café in Walton.

**Next Sunday** Farewell Sunday for Pastors Peter and Katherine. The service will include a time of sharing. No Sunday School classes will be held. Following the service will be a carry-in meal.

**August 17** All Church Ice Cream Social and Game Night – time to be announced.

## 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 \$5,370.00

**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

**Scripture Sing: First Mennonite Church, Newton,** invites you to an evening of song and scripture on Sunday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. Musicians will come with some pre-selected songs, connecting them with specific scripture texts, but there will also be opportunity for suggestions from the floor. The only requirement? Connect the song with the text. If you have instruments bring them along. If you want us to sing a new song, bring the music along to help us learn.

**Jolene Brackett, nationally acclaimed speaker and author,** will share tips for creating positive moments with family and friends who have Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. This seminar is free to the public; seating is limited. Join us at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 23 at the Water's Edge Restaurant, 703 S. Main, Hesston. Presented by Bluestem Communities.

**Spread the word about Day on the Farm** (rural Hillsboro), just a month away: Saturday, August 16, from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be lots of fun activities and food for all ages. Watch for more details to come.

**Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** - The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is August 31-Sept. 1. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness and all friends and family. Swimming, a hayrack ride, free time, and music will all be part of this time of fellowship. The theme this year is Finding Your True Self. Laurie Oswald Robinson, freelance author and inspirational speaker, will join us for sessions. Find the brochure at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) under Retreats or call us at 620-297-3290.

**The Great Plains extension of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,** located in North Newton, terminated its operation as an extension site on June 30, after years of declining enrollment and the increasing availability of online classes. It continues as a site for seminary-level education, offering one course per term. In this new configuration, it has been renamed AMBS-Kansas Center, with an office in the WDC building.

**The biennial convention of Mennonite Church USA will be June 30-July 5, 2015,** in Kansas City, Missouri. Western District and South Central Conferences will serve as the host area conferences, with multiple opportunities for volunteering - full-time (40 hours of work during the convention week) or part-time. There are different types of "perks" depending on how many hours you put in. Go to: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/volunteer/> for guidelines for volunteer work.