

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 21, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Ellen Mosiman, David Janzen, Eli Schmidt,

Pastor Peter, Pastor Katherine

Song Leaders: Courtney Claassen, Cody Claassen, Cole Claassen,

Paul Goossen, Katrina Regehr, Katie Regier, Kyle Regier, Heidi Wiebe

Worship Leader: Katie Regier

God's Good Creation: God Knows Us

*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 and Gathering Prayer

One: God of creation,

who knit us together and knows our heart and mind,

*All: be present with us this morning as we seek to be present with you,*

One: that we may face our fears, name our doubts, and find that,

no matter our relationship with you,

we are your beloved daughters and sons.

*All: In the name of Jesus, who is present through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

\* **Gathering Songs** *Here by the water*

**Hymn No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

*Praying*

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

**Worship Music** *God of Wonders*

Kyle Regier

**Prayers of the People**

*Listening*

**Children's Story**

Pastor Peter

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

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 139:1-18

**Sermon**

Pastor Katherine

*Responding*

\* **Song of Response Hymn No. 46** *I sing the mighty power of God*

**Blessing** Hymn No. 764

\* **Sending Songs** *White flag*

**Sing the Journey No. 78** *We will walk with God*

**Postlude**

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Bob Beecher, the new pastor of Beatrice Mennonite Church, who is being commissioned today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** David Shenk lives in a neighborhood in Quito, Ecuador, that exhibits both strong community solidarity and destructive violence. Pray for him as he learns how to incorporate the positive cultural elements into church life and discerns how to respond to abusive aspects. David serves with MMN and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

## **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:** 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 \$5,458.00

**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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## Church Events

**Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast (65+) at the Whitewater Café.

**Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service.

**August 2 Youth Group Service:** The Youth will be serving ice cream at the Western District Assembly on Friday night, August 2 following the worship service (around 9 p.m.). Please plan to come and help with this if you are able. Thanks!

**Sunday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m.** There will be a "Summer Celebration" Ice Cream Social at Grace Hill on Sunday August 4, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite ice cream specialties (home-made and other) and associated complimentary treats (cookies & "stuff") to compliment the comfortable consuming of a conflagration of creamy calories. Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania has been invited to join us for this evening of fun and fellowship. The shelter will be available for outside activities and you are encouraged to bring table games for those wanting to participate in more traditional indoor activities. The Education Council

**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

**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](mailto:m-2.ovm@sbcglobal.net) or (316) 215-1758.

**Open wide and say ahhhhh..... by attending the Year of the Bible Launch** on August 1-2 at Bethel College. Expect to be overwhelmed with diverse resources and ideas. Brochures and registration info at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org). Call 316-283-6300 to see if there is still room!

**"How We Discern, Decide and Do"** presented by Terry Shue, Mennonite Church USA Leadership Development will be part of the delegate sessions at Western District Conference Assembly on August 2-3 on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton. Come to learn, listen, fellowship and worship together as we are Shaped by God's Story.

**A Great Family Event! The annual Day On The Farm** will be on Saturday, August 10, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Duerksen/Knepp farm (1582 Falcon, Hillsboro, KS). The day is free but designed to raise funds for Mennonite Agri-Urban which sponsors the event. A noon meal will be available for a donation.

**The AMBS Great Plains Extension** is collaborating with Western District Conference to encourage Bible study. There is a \$200 scholarship for ANY Bible course (credit/audit, online/classroom, Elkhart/North Newton) for WDC members. Enroll by July 29 in a fall semester Monday evening class on The Gospel of John taught by Jerry Truex. Call Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Interim Director, 316-283-7098, ext. 206 for information.