

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 26, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA Conference Reporting

Gathering Music Ellen Mosiman  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude to Worship

Call to Worship Luke 24: 1-12 Reader's Theater

\**New earth, heavens new* Hymnal 299

Responsive Reading (from the delegate session)

Leader: We gather as a part of the church of Jesus Christ.

**All: One body with many members, a holy temple, a spiritual house, with Jesus Christ as our foundation.**

Leader: We are the church as we gather here in this place.

We discern together as the body of Christ, in order to maintain unity on important matters of faith and life.

**All: We covenant with each other to listen and speak in a spirit of prayerful openness. We covenant to listen to the Scriptures for guidance. We humbly open ourselves to both give and receive counsel. We are grateful for the range of people, gifts and opinions that are present in this gathering.**

Leader: We know that we don't agree on all things.

**All: We are prepared to wait patiently as we seek guidance from the risen Christ.**

Reporting on the resolutions Samantha Claassen

*Jesus, help us live in peace* Sing the Journey (green) 52

Offering and Offertory

Scripture Luke 24: 13-35 Reader's Theater

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

Reflections from conference Kendall Claassen

Leader: We covenant together....

**All: To assume the best intentions of all persons who participate at this table and in this assembly.  
To pray for one another and the assembly leaders.  
To be patient and kind.  
To speak honestly and directly.  
To practice humility and be willing to change or be corrected.  
To listen actively and carefully.  
To respect the views of those who may not agree with the majority.  
To respect the wisdom of the greater assembly and of those at our assigned tables.**

*Holy Spirit, come with power* Hymnal 26

Reflections from conference Samantha Claassen

\**My hope is built on nothing less* Hymnal 343

Reflections from conference Valerie Klaassen

Prayer "Take our Moments and our Days"

Scripture Luke 24: 36-49 Reader's Theater

Youth Reporting

\*Benediction

\**Praise God from whom*

Hymnal 118

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Western District Conference.

*"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

Thank you for thinking of our family these past weeks. We appreciate all of the cards, kind expressions of sympathy, memorials, and memories in honor of Dad. Your thoughts and prayers have been a blessing during this time.  
Bonita Schroeder

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Mike and Teresa Sherrill and their three children, serving with MMN, as they engage in teaching and pastoral ministries in Japan.

Laurinda Voth had a stroke about 10 months ago, she continues to progress slowly and enjoys receiving cards and letters. Her address is: Laurinda Voth, Pinnacle Ridge Nursing and Rehab, Room 105, 400 S. Rogers Road, Olathe, KS 66062.

**Next Sunday** John Stoesz from Camp Mennoscah will bring the morning message. John will also lead the Sunday school hour.

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

### 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

## Announcements

**After many years** of keeping the church clean Tammy Regehr and family have decided to let someone else have the pleasure of vacuuming, dusting, mopping and other fun things. If anyone is interested, in taking over the job as church janitor please talk to any member of the business council.

**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:** Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Men of the Plains \$815.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

**Transition Pastor: Randy Smith**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Pre-order Your Camp Sing Tee Shirt!** Camp Mennoscah's Camp Sing is August 9 at Grace Hill Mennonite Church at 6 p.m. We'll be rollicking and rolling with an evening of camp songs, popcorn, generic pop, and amazing times with friends. The tee shirt design (created by Greg Shelly, Michael Unruh, and Katrina Heinrichs) can be seen on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page. Pre-order yours online by "registering" for the Camp Sing through our online registration (listed as one of our Retreats) or by calling 620-297-3290. Colors are aquatic blue, red, clover green, and charcoal grey.

**Camp Mennoscah holds a Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** annually. This year's retreat for those affected by mental illness - individuals, family, and friends - is September 6-7. Activities include worship, music, a hayrack ride, swimming, and sessions on the theme of "Power Up." Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for information or see the brochure online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) under Retreats. We'll see you there!

**Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah** September 11-13 – *Joy! It's More Than a Detergent!* will be the theme, featuring retreat speaker Nadine Friesen. All women and all girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above are invited. Come for one night or both. See more information and registration forms in the foyer. Registration deadline is August 22.

**Work, Play, and Coffee Breaks! Camp Mennoscah's Work & Play Camp,** September 20-23, is famous (in certain circles) for amazing coffee breaks, incredible volunteer projects, and astounding fellowship. Come experience camp in a new way (or the same old way, if you're a long-time Work & Play attendee)! Tasks are available for all levels of skill and activity. Register online or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

**Conversational Spanish:** Bethel College Mennonite Church Witness Commission has received a Western District Conference "Loaves and Fishes" grant for learning conversational Spanish. 7<sup>th</sup> graders through adults of supportive congregations to Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, a Western District church, are invited to sign up for Spanish learning sessions. We will tentatively meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of September, October, November, January, February, and March, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in Pastor Jaime Cazares' office at 510 SE 2nd Street next to First Mennonite Church in Newton. Register by August 23 with Margaret Goering at 316-283-5034 or [mrgoering@outlook.com](mailto:mrgoering@outlook.com). Fees are \$25.00 for materials and supplies not covered by the grant. Bring payment to first session, with checks written to BCMC with 'Spanish' in the memo line.