

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 29, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Musicians: Sara Unruh, David Janzen

Becoming One to be sent in Christ

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.

Call to Worship based on Psalm 133

One: Let us come together with humility

Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity

One: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,
let us come together with gentleness

Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity

One: Though we may want everything to happen quickly,
let us come together with patience

Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity

One: Though the world around often encourages hate,
let us come together in love

Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity

One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,
All: let us worship the God who has called us together

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 3** *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

Offering Our Gifts Peace Connections

Hearing God's Story

* **Hymn No. 421** *Bless'd be the tie that binds* verses 1-3, 6

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

Gospel Reading John 17: 20-26

David Janzen

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Song of Response No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Praise God for the ministry of Camp Mennoscah, Director Olivia Bartel, and all the staff this summer. Pray that encounters with God will be remembered and that commitments to Jesus will remain.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure unit leaders are concluding their orientation in Raleigh, NC, today. Pray for safe travel and empowerment as they prepare for a year of mentoring youth.

Summer Sunday School

Today: Social Hour in the fellowship hall – donuts will be served. Western District Conference delegates will report during the second half of the Social Hour in the fellowship hall.

Next Sunday's Speaker: Virgil Penner

Church Events

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Next Sunday, August 5 afternoon/evening Youth at the lake!

Sunday, August 12 at 4:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor
– Youth Group is in charge.

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

Sunday, August 26 Back-to-School Celebration during the Sunday School Hour. We will again be assembling MCC School Kits. A reminder to collect school supplies: MCC School Kits: (NEW items only): 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets), 4 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, indicating both 30 cm and 12 inches), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser.

September 23 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting. A carry-in meal will be held at noon.

October 20-21 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. We are needing coordinators for the retreat – please talk to Brian Hilgenfeld if you are interested in helping with this enjoyable church event!

Et Cetera

Undoing Racism & Advancing Intercultural Transformation A workshop presented by Luke Hartman will be August 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive, Hesston. You are invited to the workshop to explore ways of undoing racism and advancing intercultural transformation in our congregations. See the brochure in the foyer or contact Whitestone Mennonite Church to register: Whitestone@whitestonemc.com, 620-327-4123.

The annual Day on the Farm, to be held on Saturday, August 18 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Duerksen/Knepp farm (1582 Falcon, Hillsboro), is designed to promote the relationship between rural and urban. A noon meal will be served for a donation. The day is free, but designed to raise funds for Mennonite Agri-Urban which sponsors the event. A great family event!

How do you give spiritual direction to your Board of Directors? How do you help a congregation buy into a vision? How do you live out servant leadership in a dog-eat-dog world? Join us for Top-Down Servant Leadership, the 2012 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series event. Hesston College - October 26-28, 2012. Learn more at www.hesston.edu/avds.

Third Wheel - Camp Mennoscah is looking for a third wheel, or rather a third vehicle. We're looking for a vehicle to use for driving to meetings or to use with staff outings - preferably something gas-efficient and nothing huge. Just a simple vehicle so that there will always be a camp vehicle at camp if there is an emergency need. Contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Bluestem Renovations - We know folks are busy during the summer months, either taking advantage of the not-freezing weather to work or enjoying vacation. As the months start moving toward winter, we're hoping all you construction-minded Camp Mennoscah fans will remember that we are still working on renovations at the Bluestem house. If you'd be interested in helping out with this project - even if in the future - give us a call at 620-297-3290 or send an email to campmno@mennowdc.org.

Employment Opportunity: Join a global community of people responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice in

the name of Christ. Mennonite Central Committee Central States in North Newton is looking for a Donor Relations Assistant to work out of the North Newton office. Please go to www.serve.mcc.org to find the full job description. Letters of intent and resumes should be sent to Melissa Waltner at mwaltner@mcc.org by September 3, 2012.

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: Courtney Claassen and Brittany Claassen
Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Rachelle Claassen
Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,110.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

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