

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 31, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leaders: Youth Group/Quartet

Worship Leader: Caleb Regehr

Musicians: David Janzen, Caleb Regehr, Pastor Katherine

The Lord's Prayer *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

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Let us gather with the faithful from every nation, race, people and language, to worship the God made known to us in Christ Jesus.

Many: To God, the ruler of all creation, and to Jesus the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might forever and ever.

One: Let us gather in God's presence, singing songs of praise and joy, with the people of God in every place and time.

Many: God is holy, enthroned on the praises of his people. Praise the Lord our God.

One: As God who called us is holy, we ourselves must be holy in our conduct, for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy".

All: Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song** *Revelation Song* led by the Youth Group

Offering our Gifts Peace Connections

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:12-25 Pastor Katherine

Children's Story

Cody Claassen

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

Special Music *The Lord's Prayer*

Tara Harms-Becker

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-18

Reader's Theater

Sermon *Praying with Jesus*

Pastor Peter

Responding to the Gospel

* **Hymn of Response No. 353** *Lord, listen to your children*
led by the Youth Group

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song** *Your will be done*

led by Tara Harms-Becker, Melinda Regehr,
Cody Claassen and David Janzen

Words: Your will be done on earth, Oh Lord

* **Benediction**

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 joint adult and youth Sunday School class will meet in the sanctuary and will begin at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Summer Sunday School
200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration 2011
10:50 – 11:35 a.m.

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Today's speaker: James Juhnke – 19th to Early 20th century (US) – *Migration, Go East, Go West or Stay at Home*. **Next Sunday's speaker:** Dale Schrag – Middle 20th to late 20th century – *From Nonresistance to Justice: Crossing the Jordan? Or Crossing the Rubicon?*

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastors Katherine and Peter will be leaving Wednesday for her sister's wedding in Bluffton, Ohio, and will be returning Sunday evening. Contact a member of Spiritual Council for pastoral care needs.

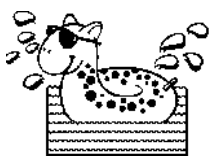
Western District Conference: Thank God for our WDC Assembly – for inspiration received, for lessons learned, and for guidance given. Pray that our vision would be fruitfully lived out to: **Witness** and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, **Dwell** in just and loving relationships, and **Connect** to God's mission in the world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for hope, strength and resources for members of the Mennonite Church in Japan, and for MMN personnel as they live out Jesus' way of peace and love in responding to those who continue to suffer from March's triple tragedy of earthquake, tsunami and nuclear radiation.

Church Events

This evening at 5:30 p.m. College Students/Young Adults: Looking for a way to keep cool during these hot summer days? Then join us for a pool party at Tim and Lisa Harms' this evening. Supper will be served.

August 13-14 Youth Boating Trip: There has been a change of plans this year for our annual Youth Group Boating Trip. Instead of Marion, we will be boating at El Dorado. Parents and youth, please see information in your boxes. If you have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Katherine or with the youth sponsors. Thanks!



August 14 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool, Athletic Park. Come and enjoy a free evening of swimming together with the church family. And don't forget to invite your friends. Refreshments will be served by the Social Council in the park following.

Sunday, August 28 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.

Sunday August 28, the Youth Group will be having our annual progressive supper. If you are interested in hosting one of the courses (appetizers, salads, main course, dessert), please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!

Outreach Tip: Hospitality...is a particular way of looking at the world. In its simplest form, hospitality is seeing the stranger through the eyes of Jesus...choosing to look for Jesus in the eyes of each stranger. - Michele Hershberger

Announcements

Please get announcements for next Sunday's bulletin to Debbie Claassen by Tuesday, August 2. Thank you!

College/Young Adult Meal: If you are interested in hosting a meal for college-age youth and young adults, please speak with Pastor Katherine. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!

Summer Food For Kids: Monday, **August 8** (corrected date) is Grace Hill's day to provide food bags for children in the Whitewater/Potwin community. Today and next Sunday during Sunday School, we will pass around an offering for the food bags. Around 80 bags are passed out every week, and they cost around \$10 per bag. We are also looking for another helper to put the bags together. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested.

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: Debbie Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,101.00

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

The 2011 House Against Hunger, a project of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, located at 543 S. Lorraine, Wichita, will have an open house this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Christopher Shaw, organist at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton and active performer and accompanist in the Wichita metro area, will present a recital at the Bethel College Mennonite Church on August 7, at 3:30 p.m. The recital is the third in a series celebrating the 50th anniversary of its 22 rank Moeller pipe organ. Christopher will perform solo organ works by J.S. Bach, Couperin, Bruhns, Alain and Vierne. Bethel College Instructor of Theatre, Megan Upton-Tyner, will join Shaw in performing *A Sweet for Mother Goose*, a piece for narrator and organ by George Akerley. A free-will offering will be received to cover expenses and to ensure the future of the organ. A reception will follow the recital.

You are invited to attend a concert of piano and organ music by Stephen Vincent at the Emmaus Mennonite Church Sunday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. A fourth-generation native of Southern California, Stephen Vincent now lives in Hillsboro, where he serves on the adjunct music faculty of Tabor College. In addition to teaching at Tabor, he is now the accompanist for the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus and the director of Parkside Voices, a senior-adult community chorus in Hillsboro. He is the Associate Director of Music, Worship, and the Arts at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Wichita, where he leads the 80-voice Chancel Choir, as well as the church's children's choirs. He also serves as Associate Organist. The church broadcasts its second morning service live on KAKE-TV each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Summer Thresher Golf Classic and Barbecue, Saturday, August 13, at Galaway Creek Golf Course, Henderson, Nebraska. Contact 316-284-5251, alumni@bethelks.edu, see the brochure in the foyer or print one from www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php. Register with payment by Thursday, August 4, and save \$10!

You are invited to celebrate the witness of Mary, mother of Jesus, on August 14 at 8:30 p.m. We'll listen to Mary's own words and the words of those who have known God's love through her. This vesper service will include song, poetry, dance and prayer in the spirit of "lectio divina" or "holy reading." The service takes place at New Creation Fellowship Church, 221 S Muse, Newton. Renee Kanagy, Mary Herr, Yolanda Kauffman and Sara Dick are the planners. For more information about the conference about Mary at AMBS that prompted this service, see the April 11 issue of *Mennonite Weekly Review* or the on-line press release in *The Mennonite*: http://www.themennonite.org/public_press_releases/AMBS_conference_asks_what_Mary_might_mean_for_Mennonites_today.

All women and girls grade 3 and above are invited to Camp Mennoscah September 9-11. On Saturday, we have many opportunities including Bible study, canoeing, skin care and pampering, water aerobics, using your digital camera, prayerful movement, and learning about gluten intolerance. There will also be time for fellowship, spending time in nature, swimming, singing and worshiping God. Scholarships are available. Brochures are available in the foyer or for more information contact womengirlsretreat@gmail.com. We hope to see everyone at the retreat.

The following books have been added to the library through the Leona Unruh memorial money:

Deb Raney *Forever After* 2011 BK II of the Hanover Series, BK I also in library.

Nancy Mehl *Simple Deceit* 2010 BK II of Harmony Series, BK I in library; *Simple Choice* 2011 BK III of Harmony Series.

Other donations:

Lori Copeland *Simple Gifts* 2007 Can God work a miracle in life?

Tracie Peterson *What She Left for Me* 2005 journey through the depths of hurt and betrayal; *A Love to Last Forever* 2009 BK II Brides of Gallatin County - complicated lives freed.

Barack Obama *Of Thee I Sing - A Letter to My Daughters* 2010 a children's book.