

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 3, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Worship Leader: Roberta Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

**God hears those voices in the crowd that no one else hears.  
Those voices are often shamed by those claiming to follow Jesus.  
How can we listen and validate their voice?**

## 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

Leader: God, you enfold us in the power of your boundless love;

**People: implanting the Divine Seed in every heart.**

Leader: Heal us from the shame and guilt that keeps the seed from growing.

**People: May we listen to the voice that calls us good.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The Lord is good to all.**

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 19** *I will call upon the Lord*

**Offering Our Gifts** Mennonite Church USA

\* **Hymn No. 96** *We plow the fields and scatter*

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

**Scripture Reading** Mark 10: 46-52

Rachelle Claassen

**Sermon** *A God who hears*

Karen Andres

\* **Song of Response No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

## Congregational Sharing and Prayer

\* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 73** *The Lord lift you up*

## Benediction

## Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

**There will be no Sunday School classes during the month of August.**

## For Sharing and Prayer

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Allen & Elaine Patterson, their children and grandchildren invite the church to an open house celebration August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. in the Grace Hill fellowship hall.

Copies of a newsletter from our mission partners, Wes and Deb Bergen, are available in the foyer. You can also follow their experiences and ministry at <http://bergenbeats.wordpress.com>.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for our Youth Pastors, Youth Sponsors, and Youth Mentors as they begin a new year in encouraging our youth to follow Jesus in all of life.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Last week, Muslims around the world finished celebrating Ramadan, their holiest month of the year. MMN personnel in Muslim contexts find that this is a time of increased spiritual openness. Today, pray that Muslims would encounter Jesus in life-giving ways.

**For pastoral care needs,** please contact a member of the Spiritual Council: Carl Goossen, Judy Janzen, Russ Janzen, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt, Jeff Toews.

**Filling the pulpit for the month of August:**

August 10 & 17 – Weldon Schloneger

August 24 – Eric Massanari

August 31 – Randy Smith

**Church Events**

**August 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Biblical Womanhood Book Study at church.

**We will be assembling MCC School Kits during the Sunday School hour on August 17.** A reminder to collect school supplies for the MCC School Kits: (NEW items only): 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, indicating both 30 cm and 12 inches), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser. Gladys Reimer will be coordinating the sewing of the bags, please contact her if you would like to help with the sewing.

**August 17 at 5:30 p.m.** COME ONE COME ALL!!! All members and guests are welcome to attend the annual Grace Hill summer ice cream social. An ice cream sign-up sheet will be posted in the lobby for those who would like to bring ice cream of all kinds and flavors. Additionally you are invited to bring snacks related to the consumption of this fine frozen family of food that will on this day be at the apex of the food pyramid. Basic toppings will be provided. We encourage the invitation of neighbors, friends, and family to make this more than an exclusive Grace Hill event.

**September 28 at 12:45 p.m.** Semi-annual church business meeting.

## Et Cetera

We ask all members and participants of Western District Conference churches to participate in an online survey with 20 questions in regard to our Confession of Faith, Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA, polity, and sexuality. English and Spanish versions can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion>. This is the beginning of a discernment process responding to a resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church. The resolution can be found at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) under ASSEMBLY 2014. For those who do not have access to the internet, paper copies are available in the foyer - please fill them out and return them to Debbie Claassen or Diana Schunn.

**Day on the Farm is on Saturday August 16!** It's a wonderful opportunity for all generations to explore and experience rural life, complete with cattle, goats, rabbits, poultry and exotic creatures. Starts at 10 a.m., and includes lunch. Admission is free but there will be an opportunity for donations for the ministry of Agri-Urban which supports Bethel College, Mennonite Church USA and Western District Conference. The event is held at the Duerksen/Knepp farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro. See more details on the WDC website [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) under the Events tab.

**Mark your calendars now for the 2014 Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, September 5-7.** This year's retreat will feature a Friday evening "Menno Spa" and snacks. For our main sessions on Saturday and Sunday, Norma Duerksen will be our presenter, with the theme "How Can I Forgive?" Other highlights of the weekend include a variety of seminars, campfire singing with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, music with "Cousins 4," and special activities for girls in grades 3-12. You won't want to miss it! See registration forms in the foyer (also available at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/>). Note there are separate registration forms for ages 8-12 and for ages 13-99! Registration deadline is August 22.

**Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA** invites you to "Conversations for Peace in Palestine and Israel," at Journey Mennonite Church on Friday, Sept. 5, 7-9 p.m. and Hesston Mennonite Church on Saturday, Sept. 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. J. Daryl Byler, a former MCC representative in the Middle East and current executive director for Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacemaking, will share from his experience and facilitate the conversation.

**Hi, Trusty Volunteers! Camp Mennoscah's annual Work & Play Camp** is September 14-17, 2014. We're looking forward to a lot of good fellowship and time spent sprucing up the camp grounds. More information will be available soon!

## Announcements

**The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries** are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

**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:** Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,592.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

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