

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 5, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Samantha Claassen

Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Seek Peace With Your Neighbors

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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 34: 1-3, 8-14

Call to Worship

One: We come with praise on our lips and songs in our hearts

Many: For God is good

One: We come seeking a glimpse of Christ's kingdom, a taste of God's grace

Many: For God is good, and in Christ we lack no good thing

One: So let us listen well

Many: Let us speak truth

One: May this time of worship be a step

All: A step we take together, as we pursue God's shalom.

Prayer for Shalom and Lighting the Peace Lamp

* **Gathering Hymn No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Listening

Children's Story

Pastor Peter

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

Worship Music *I will come to you in the silence* Tara Harms-Becker

Old Testament Reading Genesis 26: 12-33 Pastor Katherine

Sermon Pastor Katherine

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 367** *For the healing of the nations*

Prayer of Confession

One: God of abundance,

Many: we sometimes fear that there is not enough.

One: Generous Provider,

Many: we sometimes hesitate to share with our neighbors.

One: Giver of all good things,

Many: we sometimes resent those who seem to have more.

One: Holy Christ,

Many: our fear, our selfishness, our resentment cause us to stray from your way of shalom.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

* **Sending Hymn No. 383** *God, whose giving*

* **Blessing**

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 Adult Sunday School class will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the life and witness of new churches announced at Assembly 2012: Chin Emmanuel Church, Houston, TX; Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Gladewater, TX; and Iglesia Camino de Santidad, Liberal, KS.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for renewal for Robin Gingerich of MMN, who coordinated four Summer Language Institutes, one on the campus of LCC International University in Lithuania, one in Ukraine, one in the eastern European country of Georgia, and one in Kazakhstan. Pray also that the participating students may thirst for Truth as well as language skills.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. The theme this summer is “Faith Stories”. This Sunday’s speaker is Virgil Penner.

Next Sunday’s Speaker: Josh Toevs

Nursery This Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$1,212.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

This afternoon/evening Youth at the lake!

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

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

Next Sunday 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 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.

Announcements

Dillons has now made fundraising easier for Offender Victim Ministries with the Neighborhood Reward Program. All you do is purchase a gift card from one of our distributors or at the OVM office and when you finish the value on the card you can reload the card with additional value when you shop at Dillons. We will now be receiving 5% of the total amount on the reloaded cards instead of the 4% we receive on the regular cards. For this Sunday, there will only be \$100 reloadable cards. Ed Harms and Pauline Toews will be selling the cards. Details about the Dillons cards and Prairie Harvest cards are available in the foyer.

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: boxed meals. 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.

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with John Thiesen, archivist at the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College; Sunday, August 12, 3:30 p.m. in the Kauffman Museum auditorium, in connection with the current special exhibit "Americans by Choice: The Story of Immigration and Citizenship in Kansas." Thiesen's topic is "A Personal Perspective on Mennonite Immigration and Citizenship".

Day on the Farm - August 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Duerksen/Knepp Farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro) One of the features at this year's Day on the Farm will be a new event, the WillowSpring Downs Derby. This stick horse race will probably be most appealing to children, but adult jockeys with an expertise in riding stick horses are welcome as well. Participants are encouraged to bring their own stick horses, and some additional ones will be available, although event organizers are not guaranteeing the speed or stamina of those steeds. Women and girls who come to watch the Derby are also encouraged to wear their "Derby hats" for this festive occasion. More information on the Day on the Farm event can be found on the Western District website: <http://www.mennowdc.org> on the scrolling picture feature.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 15, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Tanzania. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. Or you can register on-line at that website.

Thank you! Your generous and quick response to the Ash Creek wildfires in Montana allowed Mennonite Central Committee Central States to send a shipment of thousands of relief supplies and nearly 2000 cans of meat. The shipment was unloaded by folks at Ashland Christian Fellowship Church on July 22. We have also received nearly \$5000 that will go towards relief and community organizing on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Thank you for your generous response! It's School Kit time again! School Kits are MCC's most requested item and we are collecting them now! For a full list of items go to www.mcc.org/kits/school. If you have questions, please call our office at 316-283-2720.

Part-time Job Opening @ Et Cetera Shop: Newton Et Cetera Shop is accepting applications for a paid or volunteer Maintenance & Back Room Assistant able to work Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Applicants must submit a job history, 3 non-family references and cover letter by Monday, August 13, via e-mail (newtonetc@sbcglobal.net) or in person at 619 N. Main, Newton. Job descriptions available upon request. Spanish-language fluency a plus.

Newton Et Cetera Shop has open the following volunteer positions:
Toy Manager/s: sort, clean, package, price & display toys, **Carpet Cleaner/s:** seeking up to twelve volunteers willing to give one Saturday evening a year to operate small industrial carpet cleaner, **Display Duster/s:** dust display shelves on sales floor, **Sales Clerks:** available shifts on Monday morning, Wednesday morning, Friday morning & afternoon, Saturday morning & afternoon. "I get goosebumps thinking about how much I LOVE volunteering at Et Cetera," says one of our newest volunteers. You might like it too. Volunteer Registration Forms available at www.newtonetceterashop.com/volunteer/ or by request at the shop, 619 N. Main.

Read five testimonies that were given at the WDC Annual Assembly - go to www.wdc.mennowdc.org, click on the rolling picture entitled "We Are Western District Conference".

CHURCH OFFICES

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

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