

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 7, 2011

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: Kendall Claassen

Wealth and Worry *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 based upon Psalm 65 and Habakkuk 3:17-18

One: Praise is due to you, O God, you who answer prayer.

Many: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

One: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; you provide people with grain.

Many: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

One: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks.

Many: The valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

One: But... If the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; if the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; if the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls,

All: I will yet rejoice in the Lord; I will still praise the God of my Salvation.

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Song No. 91/92** *Praise to God/Lord, should rising whirlwinds*
Hymn #91 and #92 are both based off of one poem written by Anna Barbauld entitled "Praise to God in Prosperity and Adversity". The first hymn (#91) is a song of praise for when everything is going well. The second hymn (#92) proclaims that even when things do not go as we would have liked, we will still praise God even when "every blessing's flown."

We will sing verses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, & 9.

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Reading excerpts from Psalm 104 Katie Regier

- * **Hymn No. 589** *My Shepherd will supply my need*

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:19-34 Katie Regier

Sermon *Seek First the Kingdom* Weldon Martens

Responding to the Gospel

- * **Hymn of Response No. 389** *Take my life and let it be*
Verse 2: Men/Boys, Verse 3: Women/Girls, Verses 1, 4-6: All

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

- * **Sending Hymn No. 154** *This is my Father's world*
- * **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: Dale Schrag – Middle 20th to late 20th century – *From Nonresistance to Justice: Crossing the Jordan? Or Crossing the Rubicon?* **Next Sunday's speaker:** Gordon Houser – 21st century to present day – *Who are Mennonites in a Time of Diversity and Change?*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Sembradores de Buenas Nuevas (Sower of Good News), our new church plant in Hutchins, Texas.

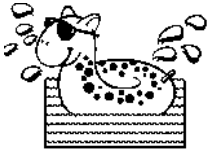
Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Kyong Jung Kim, director of the Korea Anabaptist Center, and for this month's events, including the North East Asia Regional Peace Institute and a peace camp for middle and high school students. Korea Anabaptist Center is a MMN partner agency.

Outreach Tip: Take a number of one-dollar bills to a restaurant. Hand each waitress who passes a bill - say, "I'll bet you haven't been tipped enough today. Here's a little to make a small difference." By growing in our tipping generosity, we can go a long way toward changing a perception that Christians are stingy.

Church Events

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

Saturday & Sunday Youth Boating Trip to El Dorado Lake - Parents and youth, please see the information that was in your boxes last Sunday. If you have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Katherine or with the youth sponsors. Thanks!



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.

August 21 Catechism: All Sophomores and Juniors are invited to a BBQ at Peter and Katherine's house on Sunday, August 21 starting at 5 pm. Bring your calendars as we will be planning our Catechism schedule.

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!

September 3-4 200th Anniversary Celebration - IT IS COMING !!!! You have 12 days from today to get your registration forms in for the 200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration. The committee would appreciate your reservation next Sunday as they need to make many decisions about space allocations for events, meal counts with caterers, and other volunteer assignments.

Announcements

The 200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration committee is looking for pictures: of baptism groups from 1930-2010, wedding pictures in old stone church, 1953 church and current church building, old and present day farm pictures, pictures that show places of work of the current membership, old and current Bible School and Sunday school groups. We need the picture **now** to be used in a multi-media presentation to be presented on Saturday September 3rd. Please put your name on the photos and give to Virgil.

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** is Grace Hill's day to provide food bags for children in the Whitewater/Potwin community. Today 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: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen
Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$ 1,085.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

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. 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.

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.

Day on the Farm (originally scheduled for August 20) has been CANCELLED, due to the extreme heat and drought of this summer. Look for this event to be held again in August 2012.

Tom and Lois Harder, Co-Pastors of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church along with their three daughters have just returned from a sabbatical, spending two months in Paraguay. On Sunday, August 21 they will be giving a concert as "Five Times Harder" at 4:00 p.m. A fasma will follow around 5:00, and they will give a presentation on their time in Paraguay at 6:00 p.m. at Lorraine Avenue church, 655 S. Lorraine, Wichita. All are welcome.

Join others who care about what happens in Adult Faith Formation by coming to: "Let's Talk about ...the future of adult Sunday School" on August 23 at 7:00 pm at the Western District Conference Office at 2517 N. Main in North Newton. Marlene Bogard, Minister of Christian Nurture will facilitate our conversation and provide a myriad of resource ideas. RSVP to [316-283-8984](tel:316-283-8984) or wdc@mennowdc.org.

The Newton chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Mid-Kansas is sponsoring a 12-week Family to Family Education Course on Monday evenings, starting August 29, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church, 429 East First St, Newton. This course is designed for families of persons with major depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia, panic or obsessive compulsive disorder. There is no cost to the course, just a commitment to attend regularly. For enrollment or more information, call Florene Wiens, 316-283-5814 or Marilyn Jost, 316-772-6062. Class limited to 25 persons. Register by August 15, if possible.

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat--Camp Mennoscah's Mental Health Spiritual Retreat is just around the corner! This year's retreat is September 4-5 and is on the theme of The Miraculous in the Everyday. Join us for fellowship and some of the best everyday miracles possible. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information.

Red HOT Summer! Camp Mennoscah has had a sizzling hot summer both in temperatures and in the number of campers. We had 40 more campers this year than we did last year with 538 campers! We are so absolutely-smasholutely thrilled! On top of all those campers, we had 174 workers and volunteers. That's an awful lot of folks having fun. Thanks for making Camp Mennoscah a rocking, hopping place to be.

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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