

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 8, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Pastor Katherine

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Mission Workers: Everyone in the Grace Hill Congregation

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: The God who made the world and everything in it is Lord of heaven and earth and gives mortals life and breath. All who search for God will find God, for God is not far from us.

Many: Thanks be to God for the revelation of himself as God of all peoples!

One: Many shall come from the east and the west and will sit down in the kingdom of God.

Many: Thanks be to God for the gift of salvation for all peoples!

One: Jesus announced: "The kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the good news. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Many: Having received this command, let us witness to the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.

One: The mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them by word and witness that Jesus is Lord!

All: We believe that life can find fulfillment nowhere except in Christ. Let us proclaim the message of deliverance and live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ until he comes!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 16** *God is here among us*

Proclaiming

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 3:8-17 Pastor Katherine

Hymn No. 633 *Whom shall I send?*

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

Gospel Reading John 4:1-26 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Mennovangelism: Sharing our Faith* Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 398** *I love to tell the story*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 580** *My life flows on*

* **Benediction** Hymn No. 755

Postlude Chorus of No. 395 *Here I am, Lord*

*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 Tonya Ramer Wenger being commissioned as the new pastor of First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Monsoon season is in full swing in many areas of the world. Pray for workers laboring in the midst of these annual drenching rains and the resulting flooding, as roads and bridges are often impassable and the challenge of daily ministry is increased.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School – Today and through August 22: Pastors Peter & Katherine will present *Exploring Worship* in the sanctuary.

During the summer, age 3 through 8th grade students class is titled “Rock-Solid Followers”. It will offer kids the fun and excitement of an outdoor adventure camp, combined with the discovery of who we are in Jesus Christ and the richness of His love. They will meet in the basement.

Nursery This Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,023.00

Offering Next Sunday: Harvey County Homeless Shelter

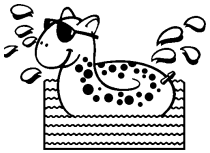
Announcements

Grace Hill college students who will be attending a Mennonite college for the first time have written essays on “What Grace Hill means to me.” The students are asked to write the essays as part of being a recipient of the Grace Hill Mennonite Church College Scholarship award. The essays are posted on the bulletin board.

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner.

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.

Church Events



This evening 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.

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

Sunday, August 29 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, September 19 at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Semi-annual Business Meeting.

October 16-17 Grace Hill Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah – save the date for a weekend away with your church family!

In 1 Peter 3, Vibrant Christians are . . .

Alternative to the ways of the world by following Jesus Christ (vv. 8-9, 13-14)

Authentic followers of Jesus Christ in faith and life (vv. 10-14, 16-17)

Articulate in sharing the their stories of hope, faith, joy, and excitement in Jesus Christ (v. 15)

And, because they are *alternative*, *authentic*, and *articulate*, they are. . .

ATTRACTIVE (1 Peter 2:12)!!
(From Mark and Mary Hurst)

In John 4, Jesus shares his Story by . . .

Connecting with the Samaritan woman (v. 7)

Opening her curiosity by being *counter-cultural* in actions and words (vv. 8-10)

Bridging the conversation to faith (v. 10ff)

Meeting her where she is (vv. 16-18)

Revealing who he is (v. 26), which. . .

Invites her to take *a step* toward faith (vv. 29, 39-42)

“Go, therefore, disciple all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

~Matthew 28:19

Et Cetera

The 15th annual Day on the Farm sponsored by Mennonite Agri-Urban will be held Saturday, August 21 at the farm of Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp, 3 miles north, 4 miles east, and ¾ mile north of Goessel. This is a great family event that helps children from towns and cities connect with the rural upbringing of many of their parents/grandparents. Events which include horseback rides, pony cart rides, goat milking, pig catching and interaction with farm animals run continuously from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A meal will be served beginning at 11:30. The event is free however contributions to Agri-Urban are welcomed. Agri-Urban benefits Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College.

Women uniquely created by God is the theme for the 2010 Women & Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah September 10-12. Featuring retreat speaker Florence Schloneger. For more information, schedule and registration form, see the brochures in the foyer. Registration deadline is August 30.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 18, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th St, North Newton, KS. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Nigeria. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned.

Urgent: MCC Canner needed: Are you willing to travel with Mennonite Central Committee's meat canner for the next two years, helping to prepare canned meat for people in crisis around the world? MCC has an urgent opening for this service position, starting as soon as possible. Learn more about the opening at mcc.org/serve/positions/canner-operator-2 or call Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720.

It's time for MCC School Kits! The MCC warehouses are extremely low on school kits and MCC has already received requests for over 40,000 school kits from partner organizations around the world. The next time you're out running errands, pick up the supplies for an MCC School Kit! The complete list and instructions for making a school kit bag can be found at www.mcc.org/kits/school. Kits should be taken to your nearest MCC drop-off location or the MCC Center in North Newton, KS. Please call us with questions at 316-283-2720.

Going, going, GONE! The old director's house, sometimes known as the blue house, is gone! David Mueller and Kevin Neufeld started the process, Michael Unruh drove the tractor through it, and then the Eden Youth Group finished it off. The house is now rubble (and a bit of a mess). Thank you to everyone who helped in this process and to everyone who supported the building of the new director's house!

Oh, what a beautiful summer! We had rain and heat and gobs upon gobs of the absolute bestest campers and staff. But what did you think about camp? Fill out your camper questionnaire and let us know. This year the questionnaires were sent by email. If you did not receive one, please contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290—we'll get one out to you right away. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great summer! We'll see you again next year.

Camp Mennoscah Fall Retreats! Our Mental Health Spiritual Retreat is September 5-6. Anyone affected by mental illness, including family members and friends, is invited for two days of fellowship, activities, and worship. The theme this year is Living as Role Models. And September 19-23 we have our Work & Play Camp for anyone with a few free days and willing hands. Tasks for all levels of skill and activity are available. If we run out of work, there will be more time for play! Contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information.

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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