

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 9, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Peter Goerzen

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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: You were once far off.

All: Now we have been brought near.

One: You were without hope and without God.

All: Now Christ Jesus is our peace.

One: Christ has broken down the dividing wall,

All: the wall of hostility between us.

One: Christ is creating

All: one new humanity

One: and making peace through the cross.

All: We are reconciled to God and each other.

Let us rejoice together!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Gathering Hymn No. 43 *Christ is our cornerstone*

Offering Local Church Missions

Special Music Andrew Voth and Julia Washburn

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

Scripture Reading (Spanish and English) Ephesians 2:11-22

Lestor Guajardo and Casey Schunn

Meditation

Pastor Damian Rodriguez

Sharing Faith Stories

- * **Hymn of Response No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*
vv. 1 & 2 in Spanish, then English

Covenanting as Sister Churches

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

- * **Sending Hymn No. 322** *For we are strangers no more*

- * **Benediction** Pastors Damian and Peter

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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

New address: Melvin and Donna Klaassen
3001 Ivy Drive, Apt. 105, North Newton, KS 67117

Phone: 316-804-4213

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, Kansas as it celebrates its 125th anniversary.

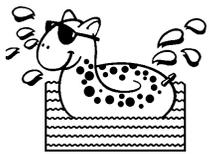
Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN workers, staff and their families who are currently dealing with health concerns. Pray that God will provide healing for illnesses, and energy for the work that needs to be done.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. **Today:** Tara Harms-Becker will be talking about her time in Philippi with Mennonite Mission Network. **Next Sunday:** Visioneering 2020 with Virgil Penner.

During the summer quarter, K-8th grade students will explore instructions for “Making the Right Choices”. There will be two groups: Pre-school through 2nd grade and 3rd – 8th grade. They will be meeting in the basement area for their combined classes.

Church Events



This evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool, Athletic Park. Come and enjoy a free evening of family 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 the swimming.

Monday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

Next Sunday Youth Group to Marion Reservoir – a chance to say farewell to our graduating seniors and welcome our incoming freshman.

Announcements

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.

A reminder to collect school supplies for Back to School Sunday on August 30. 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.

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 Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Jana Harms

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$2,050.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

The 14th annual Agri-Urban Day on the Farm will be held August 15 at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen farm (3 miles north, 4 miles east and 3/4 mile north of Goessel, KS). This family event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes animals, activities, and food. Agri-Urban was developed to bring farmers and urban dwellers together to support Western District Conference, Bethel College and Mennonite Church USA. The success of Agri-Urban is dependent on contributions made by both farmers (who raise the cattle) and urban dwellers (who contribute towards feed costs). To contribute, send checks payable to Mennonite Agri-Urban, c/o Ben Schrag, Treasurer, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117, or bring them to Day on the Farm and enjoy all the great activities.

Ten Thousand Villages, 625 N. Main, Newton will be hosting a customer appreciation event Saturday, August 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. All customers will receive a small gift for attending (while supplies last) and there will be hourly door prizes. A complementary international lunch will be served from 11:30-1:30, and all items in the store will be 10% off all day. Please join us as we celebrate you, our valued customer, and say thank you for your support of Fair Trade and Ten Thousand Villages.

Match Two (M-2) Training August 17 at Hutchinson Correctional Facility The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender/Victim Ministries seeks new volunteers to be involved in prison visitation. Ministry in prison requires a training session given by both prison staff and the M-2 director. The upcoming training will be Monday, August 17 from 7:00 – 11:00 am. (A Saturday training will also be announced soon. Please call our office). M-2 is a supervised in-prison friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be a crucial element in a successful life following incarceration. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. More than 70 men are waiting to be matched. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. No special skills are needed to be a friend. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) or email (ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) for further information or to submit your name and other required information so that clearances may be obtained for admission to training. Please contact us by August 12.

The Women's and Girls' Retreat will be held at Camp Mennoscah on September 11-13. Theme: "Our Kaleidoscope of Life". Retreat speakers are Karen Andres and Marcene Entz. Schedules and registration forms are available on the bulletin board. Registration deadline is August 26.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 19, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 East 30th St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Colombia. Informational brochures are available on the bulletin board. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as shorter family rides, are planned.

Camp Mennoscah has completed another incredible summer of youth camps! 625 campers visited us during our 9 youth camps. Ask a camper you know about Spaghetti Night or the Fairy Tale People for river

play—we're guessing there are some good stories to be shared. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, counseled, and supported Camp Mennoscah through prayers, visits, and gifts.

Camp Mennoscah—We have two fall retreats in September—camp isn't over just because the summer is! The Mental Health Retreat is September 6-7 and our long-standing Work & Play Camp is September 20-24. We'll be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Camp Mennoscah on September 20th, too! More information will be coming soon!

Affirming our faith together

Creemos en Dios Padre todopoderoso,
creador de los cielos y de la tierra;
creador de los pueblos y las culturas;
creador de los idiomas y de las razas.

Creemos en Jesucristo, su Hijo, nuestro Señor,
Dios hecho carne en un ser humano para todos los humanos;
Dios hecho carne en un momento para todas las edades;
Dios hecho carne en una cultura para todas las culturas;
Dios hecho carne en amor y gracia para toda la creación.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo,
por quien el Dios encarnado en Jesucristo
se hace presente en nuestro pueblo y nuestra cultura;

por quien el Dios creador de todo cuanto existe
nos da poder para ser nuevas criaturas;
quien con sus infinitos dones, nos hace un solo pueblo:
el cuerpo de Jesucristo.

Creemos en la Iglesia,
que es universal porque es señal del reino venidero;
que es más fiel mientras más se viste de colores;
donde todos los colores pintan un mismo paisaje;
donde todos los idiomas cantan una misma alabanza

Creemos en el reino venidero, día de la gran fiesta,
cuando todos los colores de la creación
se unirán en un arco iris de armonía;
cuando todos los pueblos de la tierra
se unirán en un banquete de alegría;
cuando todas la lenguas del universo
se unirán en un coro de alabanza.

Y porque creemos, nos comprometemos
a creer por los que no creen,
a amar por los que no aman,
a soñar por los que no sueñan
hasta que lo que esperamos se torne realidad. Amen.

We believe in God, the Father Almighty
Creator of the heavens and the earth,
Creator of all peoples and all cultures,
Creator of all tongues and races.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,
God made flesh in an age for all ages,
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
through whom God incarnate in Jesus Christ
makes his presence known in our peoples and our cultures;

through whose infinite gifts make us one people;
the body of Christ.

We believe in the church universal
because it is a sign of God's reign,
whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues
where all the colors paint a single landscape,
where all tongues sing the same praise.

We believe in the reign of God – the day of the Great Fiesta
when all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow,
when all peoples will join in joyful banquet
when all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

And because we believe, we commit ourselves:
to believe for those who do not believe,
to love for those who do not love,
to dream for those who do not dream,
until the day when hope becomes reality. Amen.