

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 9, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Matthew Graber

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

GOD'S TOP TEN LIST The Eighth Word

Gathering Music Matthew Graber
Welcome and Announcements Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship

*Sung Call to Worship Hymnal 383

God, whose giving

*Spoken Call to Worship Psalm 119:129-135

Lord, your laws are beautiful, and so I obey them.

The unfolding of your words gives light;

They give understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth panting –

Longing for your commandments.

Turn to us and have mercy on us,

just as you always do for those who love your name.

direct our steps according to your principles

and let no sin rule over us.

Make your face shine upon your servants

and teach us your ways.

*Children of the heavenly Father Hymnal 616

Matthew 6:19-24

Prayer

The Eighth Word Exodus 20:1-2; 15

Response to the Word Deuteronomy 6:10-13

The Lord will bring you to the Land of Promise –
promised to your ancestors

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob –

A land filled with large flourishing cities

that we did not build,

Houses filled with good things that we did not provide,

Wells we did not dig,

Vineyards and olive groves that we did not plant.

When you eat and are satisfied
be careful to remember the Lord,
who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of oppression.

**We will fear the Lord our God and serve him only.
We make our vow in the name of the Lord.**

Obey my voice Hymnal 163
Offering and Offertory

Children's Story Grant Claassen

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

Scripture Kaye Penner

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Sermon

Robin Hood: Good Guy or Bad Guy?

Lord, thou dost love Hymnal 387

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn Hymnal 389

Take my life

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church.

*"Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry
seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:*

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality."

For Sharing and Prayer

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach of Mennonite Mission Network is speaking in churches throughout the United States this month and in September. Pray that she will be able to share the good news about what God is doing in Mongolia with passion and in an invitational way.

Church Family News

. . . congratulations **Katie Regier** and **Jacob Stucky** who are engaged to be married on June 4 . . . congratulations **Jackie Moore** on being appointed Instructor of Literary Studies at Bethel College. . . . congratulations to **Diana Schunn** that the new Child Advocacy Center received the grant that put them over the top for their funding goal. . .

Summer Sunday School Schedule

August 9	Eighth Commandment
August 16	Ninth Commandment
August 23	Tenth Commandment
August 30	Back to School Sunday

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. The Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing is NOW (or almost now)! Everyone is invited to come to the Camp Sing at 6 p.m. this evening at Grace Hill Mennonite Church to sing camp songs (or to listen), have generic pop and popcorn, and raise funds for toilets for the new bath houses. An offering will be taken for the toilets (\$250 each). A limited number of Camp Sing tee shirts will be available. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 with questions. Bring your friends, bring your parents, and remind your camp friends to be there!

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

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's, Newton.

Announcements

After many years of keeping the church clean Tammy Regehr and family have decided to let someone else have the pleasure of vacuuming, dusting, mopping and other fun things. If anyone is interested, in taking over the job as church janitor please talk to any member of the business council.

School kits are often requested after disasters and for children of families forced to flee their homes. Last year 125,513 kits were shipped to Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Burundi, Ukraine, Haiti, Russia, North Korea, United States, Serbia, and El Salvador. Help equip and assemble school kits for Back to School Sunday, August 30, in the fellowship hall.

School Kit Supplies are being gathered on the foyer table by the photo board. Supplies needed are:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 , 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic indicating both 30cm and 12 inches)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Nursery This Sunday: Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,380.00

Offering Next Sunday: Harvey County Homeless Shelter

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Transition Pastor: *Randy Smith*

Email: transitionpastor@gmail.com

Church Secretary: *Debbie Claassen*

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

Et Cetera

Hopeful Blues, a 5 piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita is inviting you to a concert and CD launch August 9 at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N Maize Road, Wichita. The concert will be informal and include an ice cream social for all ages starting at 7 p.m. Many of the selections performed originate in the MC-USA conference hymnals and songbooks, ranging from traditional to gospel to jazz. Donations will be accepted to cover costs of production, enabling all sales proceeds to be charitable. CD's will be available for sale and will benefit Camp Mennoscah, for refurbishing and replacing musical instruments for campers of all ages.

Getting ready to retire? Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on August 10. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294, (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

MCC Mobile Cannery Dedication - you are invited to join MCC on August 28 to dedicate the new cannery. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. (please **RSVP by Aug. 14** to 316-283-2720/denisevoth@mcc.org), a free will offering will be taken to help cover costs. A service of dedication will take place at 7:30 p.m. (no RSVP necessary). All events will take place at the MCC Center in North Newton, 121 E. 30th Street. Every year the MCC Mobile Meat Canner travels across the United States and Canada meeting volunteers who prepare cans of turkey, beef, chicken and pork to be sent around the world. Annually, over 30,000 people volunteer to make this work happen. Join us to dedicate the brand new canner as the 2015/16 canning season gets underway.

Unique Opportunity! Interested in a 20 lb. case of fresh peaches from Palisade, Colorado? Call the Mennonite Central Committee Central States office **by August 14** (316-283-2720) to place your order. Each case is \$35. Peaches will be available for pick up on August 29. This is not an MCC fund-raiser, simply an opportunity for you to get some delicious peaches. Got questions? Give us a call!

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 19, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E. 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, www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Or you can register on-line at that website.

The fun is never over! Our summer youth camps may be finished, but there are still things to do and fun to have. Work & Play Camp for folks of all ages will start with Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting on September 20 (and the unveiling of the new disc golf course) and run through the 23rd. Donations welcome, no camp fees apply. We work, we chat, we have coffee and snacks. There will be tasks for all skills and abilities. Choose your own project and how much you want to work. Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 for more information or to register.

There is an upcoming opportunity to participate in an anti-racism analysis training. The Newton Community for Racial Justice, an open group of Newton-area citizens, is organizing an anti-racism analysis training in Newton on October 2-4. The training will be facilitated by Roots of Justice. See the flier on the bulletin board for more information. The early registration deadline is **August 14**.

Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening for a Friday/Saturday clothing sorter/clerk. Key qualifications: available 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday, good with people, detail-oriented, able to lift heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Additional weekday hours may become available. Applications requested by **August 12**. To apply, fill out the [Employment Application](http://newtonetceterashop.com) at newtonetceterashop.com and deliver in person to the store at 619 Main Street, Newton.

Western District Conference is on Facebook - check us out and LIKE us!

Want Your Church to Run Deep and Wide? "I want skeptics to doubt their disbelief. I want believers to believe deeper. I want people who don't own a Bible to leave committed to finding one. I want cultural Christians to dust theirs off and start reading them again." This passion drives Andy Stanley as he explains North Point's spiritual formation model, a strategy to reach mature believers and the unchurched/dechurched through compelling preaching and programming. Take a look at *Deep & Wide: Creating Churches Unchurched People Love to Attend* by Stanley, available at the WDC Resource Library. We're happy to mail resources upon request! Contact us at crlib@mennowdc.org / 316-283-6300. Search at [Conference Resource Library](http://www.mennowdc.org).

Pastor Simon from the Chin Emmanuel Church in Houston, TX reports that his native land/state Chin, Myanmar has had heavy rain and flooding which has destroyed many houses and resulted in landslides. Read about this at: [http:// chinlandguardian.com](http://chinlandguardian.com) and m.irrawaddy.org. Prayers are requested for this situation.