

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 10, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: David Janzen

Worship Leader: Kaye Penner

Musicians: David Janzen and Jeff Toews

## 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

Leader: Let us gather with the faithful

From every nation, race, people and language,  
to worship the God made known to us in Christ Jesus.

**People: To God, the ruler of the universe, and to Jesus the Lamb. Be blessing and honor, glory and might forever and ever.**

Leader: Let us gather in God's presence,  
Singing songs of praise and joy,  
With the people of God in every place and time.

**People: Holy, holy, holy  
Great God of Hosts!**

**The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

**All: Glory be to God most high.**

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 19** *I will call upon the Lord*

**Offering Our Gifts** Local Church Missions

**Hymn No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

## Worship Music

Jeff Toews

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

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 25: 14-30

Marianne Eichelberger

**Sermon** *The Whistleblower*

Weldon Schloneger

## Congregational Sharing and Prayer

\* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 73** *The Lord lift you up*  
sing through twice

## Benediction

## Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

**There will be no Sunday School classes during the month of August.**

## For Sharing and Prayer

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Allen & Elaine Patterson, their children and grandchildren invite the church to an open house celebration this afternoon from 2-4 p.m. in the Grace Hill fellowship hall. The flowers this morning are in celebration of their anniversary.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Dwight Regier, our WDC Youth Ministry Network Leader, as he encourages and guides youth pastors in their monthly gatherings and in one-on-one meetings.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with MMN, foster community life in the residence halls at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for them as they build relationships with the 53 Russian students and 69 Ukrainian students on campus, helping them listen to each other and develop conflict resolution skills.

**For pastoral care needs,** please contact a member of the Spiritual Council: Carl Goossen, Judy Janzen, Russ Janzen, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt, Jeff Toews.

## Filling the pulpit for the month of August:

August 17 – Weldon Schloneger

August 24 – Eric Massanari

August 31 – Randy Smith

## Church Events

**Today** The youth group is going on their annual boating trip to El Dorado Lake!

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Biblical Womanhood Book Study at church.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Charlies, Newton

**We will be assembling MCC School Kits during the Sunday School hour next Sunday.** A reminder to collect school supplies for the MCC School Kits: (NEW items only): 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, indicating both 30 cm and 12 inches), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser.

**Next Sunday at 5:30 p.m.** COME ONE COME ALL!!! All members and guests are welcome to attend the annual Grace Hill summer ice cream social. An ice cream sign-up sheet will be posted in the lobby for those who would like to bring ice cream of all kinds and flavors. Additionally you are invited to bring snacks related to the consumption of this fine frozen family of food that will on this day be at the apex of the food pyramid. Basic toppings will be provided. We encourage the invitation of neighbors, friends, and family to make this more than an exclusive Grace Hill event.

## Et Cetera

We ask all members and participants of Western District Conference churches to participate in an online survey with 20 questions in regard to our Confession of Faith, Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA, polity, and sexuality. English and Spanish versions can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion>. This is the beginning of a discernment process responding to a resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church. The resolution can be found at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) under ASSEMBLY 2014. For those who do not have access to the internet, paper copies are available in the foyer - please fill them out and return them to Debbie Claassen or Diana Schunn.

**Camp Sing! This evening at 6 p.m.** at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton. Food. Fellowship. Friendship. Singing. Snacks. Awesome camp staff and volunteers. A good time - BE THERE! Support our next project – Two new bathhouses for next camping season! See you soon!

**The Harvey County Homeless Shelter** will hold training sessions at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter, 900 W. Broadway, Newton on August 12, August 28, September 9 and September 25. Grace Hill will be responsible for volunteers on September 12, 14 & 16.

**17th annual Day on the Farm** - August 16, starts at 10 a.m., at the Carol Duerksen/Maynard Knepp Farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro. The WillowSpring Downs Derby will be back, featuring experienced jockeys from the last race, as well as newcomers. 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.

*The Artful Elder – Inspiring the creative spirit in each of us* will be held on Thursday, September 4 at Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton and also in Hesston. Be inspired by the stories and artistic demonstrations of Bluestem residents. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

*Miles for Manor*, a one-day bike ride in scenic Butler county, will be held on September 6 as a fund-raiser for Wheat State Manor – to help purchase a wireless nurse call system. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 20, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Kenya. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are on the bulletin board. The brochure is also available on the MCC website, [www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride). Or you can register on-line at that website.

**Help needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop:** Serve Mennonite Central Committee and your local community by clerking at Et Cetera Shop! Clerks are needed for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. Call 283-9461 or email [manager@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:manager@newtonetceterashop.com).

## Announcements

**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:** Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Theresa Toews and Sara Harms  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,555.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Harvey County Homeless Shelter

## CHURCH OFFICES

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