

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 12, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Sara Unruh, David Janzen

Worship Leader & Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Seek Shalom by Practicing Justice

Gathering

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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 34: 4-7, 14

Call to Worship

One: We come from the chaos of our lives, seeking God in this place

Many: We want answers; We want deliverance;

We want to be heard

One: We come in our deep weakness into the powerful presence of God

Many: We lift up our hands; We lift up our hearts;

We lift up our voices

One: We come in faith that the Mighty One, the Holy One

Many: is present; is listening;

is enacting justice in our world

All: Let us worship together in hope

Prayer for Shalom and Lighting the Peace Lamp

* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 13** *My soul is filled with joy*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Listening

* **Song Sing the Journey No. 61** *How can we be silent* verses 1-4

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

Old Testament Reading Numbers 27: 1-11 Nancy Harms

Sermon *The weightier matters* Pastor Peter

Responding

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

Prayer of Confession

One: God, we see in your Word that injustice has long been a part of the human existence. And we see in your Word that your voice speaks toward justice and shalom for all people. If we have furthered injustice in this world,

All: forgive us.

One: As our lives our bound up in unjust powers,

All: have mercy upon us.

One: When you would use our voices to speak your words of justice and shalom,

All: guide us and give us courage

[Moment of Silence]

Assurance of Pardon

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

* **Sending Hymn Sing the Journey No. 54** *Longing for light* verses 1-3, 5

* **Blessing**

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 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 Susan Wheeler, who is being ordained to pastoral ministry at Bethel College Mennonite Church, Newton today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for David Shenk's decision to extend his term of service in Ecuador for another year through MMN and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray that God would bless the Columbian refugee families through David's faithfulness as he ministers alongside members of the Quito Mennonite Church in small business generation, legal aid, and other services.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. The theme this summer is "Faith Stories". This Sunday's speaker is Josh Toevs.

Next Sunday's Speaker: Olin & Carol Claassen

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 Kristen Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,780.00

Offering Next Sunday: Harvey County Homeless Shelter

Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor – Youth Group is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

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.

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

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

August 22 Adult Choir practice will begin August 22 at 7 pm!!! Since choir is starting a month before other Wednesday evening programming, we hope those of you who have not been able to participate in the past will join in! We would love to have a choir loft full of folks - high school on up. Andrew Voth and Aaron Tschetter will be directing and Jordan Ortman will be our accompanist.

Sunday, August 26 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.

September 9 Youth Group Progressive Supper: The Youth will be having their Annual Progressive Supper on Sunday, September 9. If you would be interested in hosting a course (appetizers, salad, main course, and dessert), please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

Community Creativity Workshop Want to be free to develop your creative expression? (Painting, drawing, crafts, scrapbooking, etc.) Join us every second and third Tuesday of the month. Virgil Penner, artist, will be coordinating the workshop. All beginners and advanced persons are welcome. Please bring your own supplies for whatever you wish to create. No cost for coming...bring a friend..... invite a neighbor. Time: 1:30-5:00 (Break time at 3:00 p.m.) Location: Grace Hill Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call Virgil Penner at 316-842-6738 or email pennerv@cox.net. *Schedule for workshop:* September 11 and 18, October 9 and 23, November 13 and 27, December 11, January 8 and 22. List of future dates will be made in January.

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with John Thiesen, archivist at the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College; Sunday, August 12, 3:30 p.m. in the Kauffman Museum auditorium, in connection with the current special exhibit "Americans by Choice: The Story of Immigration and Citizenship in Kansas." Thiesen's topic is "A Personal Perspective on Mennonite Immigration and Citizenship".

Day on the Farm - August 18, 10 am to 3 pm (Duerksen/Knepp Farm, 1583 Falcon, Hillsboro) - This comes as a final encouragement to schedule a visit to the farm, where children and adults alike will enjoy a variety of activities, good food and fellowship. Favorite activities from the past will be featured, including horseback rides, goat milking, buggy and cart rides, pig catching, animal petting, rope making, wood burning, and new this year, the WillowSpring Downs Derby - a stick horse race. More information at: www.mennowdc.org on the scrolling picture feature.

All women and girls, ages 8 and older, are invited to the Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah September 7-9. On Saturday, we are offering various sessions including spiritual development, relaxation activities, poetry writing, and music. There will be time to rest, fellowship, spend time in nature, swim, sing and worship God. We are looking forward to hearing from Tammy Duvanel Unruh and learning more about God. We do have some scholarships available so everyone can come to the retreat. For more information, please contact us at womengirlsretreat@gmail.com, see the brochure in the foyer or call Jen Wintermote at 316-708-0309. We are also on Facebook at Women and Girls Retreat. The deadline for registration is August 31.

Employment Opportunity: Join a global community of people responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice in the name of Christ. Mennonite Central Committee Central States in North Newton is looking for a Donor Relations Assistant to work out of the North Newton office. Please go to www.serve.mcc.org to find the full job description. Letters of intent and resumes should be sent to Melissa Waltner at mwaltner@mcc.org by September 3, 2012.