

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 14, 2011

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

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## 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: We come together as the church of Jesus Christ, recognizing that our Lord lived and died, not just for the church, but for all people and all of creation.

**Many: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.**

One: We also recognize that in God's great love, we respond to this amazing love by loving all who we meet.

**Many: We love, because God first loved us.**

One: Let us love, then, so that we may be free of selfish desires, set free to strive for God's holy will.

**Many: Whatever we do to the least of God's family, that we do to our Lord.**

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 167** *For God so loved us*

**Offering our Gifts** Local Church Missions

### Hearing God's Word

\* **Hymn No. 398** *I love to tell the story*

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

**Gospel Reading** John 8:1-11, Matthew 7:1-5

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### Sermon

Pastor Peter

### Responding to the Gospel

\* **Hymn of Response No. 362** *Help us to help each other*

### Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

### Sending

\* **Sending Song** *The Lord lift you up*

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand  
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand  
Secure in God's word, seeking God's face  
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

\* **Benediction**

### 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 joint adult and youth Sunday School class will meet in the sanctuary and will begin at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome!**

### Summer Sunday School

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration 2011**  
**10:50 – 11:35 a.m.**

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Today's speaker:** Gordon Houser – 21<sup>st</sup> century to present day – *Who are Mennonites in a Time of Diversity and Change?* **Next Sunday:** Follow-up discussion.

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the “Let’s Talk about the Future of Adult Sunday School” conversation to be held on August 23 at the WDC Offices, that imagination and new ideas about Adult Faith Formation will be shared and embraced.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Melanie Quinn of MMN works with youth and displaced people in Botswana. This month, she is reporting to churches in the United States. Pray that her passion for mission would be contagious, and that she would be strengthened through the financial and spiritual support she receives.

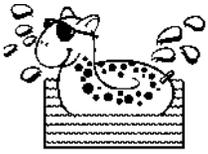
**Outreach Tip:** “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.”

### Books added to the library:

*Heaven is for Real*, Todd Burpo 2010 - Leona Unruh Memorial. Young boy's trip to heaven and his memories of seeing Jesus and others. Many are talking about this book.

*Catching Forever*, Laurel Dee Gugler 2007 - Donated book. Young Mennonite girl facing her ethics and those of her school in the 1950's.

## 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.

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

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary drama rehearsal at church.

**Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Catechism:** All Sophomores and Juniors are invited to a BBQ at Peter and Katherine's house on Sunday, August 21 starting at 5 pm. Bring your calendars as we will be planning our Catechism schedule.

**Sunday, August 28** 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 August 28**, the Youth Group will be having our annual progressive supper. If you are interested in hosting one of the courses (appetizers, salads, main course, dessert), please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!

### September 3-4 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- ◆ REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE! Registrations for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration are due this week, mail them to the church or place them in Virgil's mail box.
- ◆ On Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> during the celebration week-end there is a time for local members of the church to share church, personal or family stories. Five to eight minutes will be allotted for your story. Talk to Virgil about the story you wish to tell.
- ◆ Lisa Schmidt is in need of some special pictures of the church story for her drama production. Talk to her about those needs.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed. We will need several persons to help with ticket taking at meals, registration table, and to assist persons in finding grave sites. Volunteer and we will find a spot where you can serve. Talk to Kaye.

## Announcements

**College/Young Adult Meal:** If you are interested in hosting a meal for college-age youth and young adults, please speak with Pastor Katherine. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!

**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 \$1,298.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Harvey County Homeless Shelter

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

**Pastor: Peter Goerzen**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

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## Et Cetera

**You are invited to celebrate the witness of Mary**, mother of Jesus, on August 14 at 8:30 p.m. We'll listen to Mary's own words and the words of those who have known God's love through her. This vesper service will include song, poetry, dance and prayer in the spirit of "lectio divina" or "holy reading." The service takes place at New Creation Fellowship Church, 221 S Muse, Newton. Renee Kanagy, Mary Herr, Yolanda Kauffman and Sara Dick are the planners.

**Let's talk about the future of Adult Sunday School!** Join the conversation with other teachers and learners and get lots of ideas on August 23, 7 p.m. at the Western District Conference office (2517 N. Main, North Newton). Please RSVP to 316-283-6300 or [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).

**The Newton chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Mid-Kansas** is sponsoring a 12-week Family to Family Education Course on Monday evenings, starting August 29, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church, 429 East First St, Newton. This course is designed for families of persons with major depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia, panic or obsessive compulsive disorder. There is no cost to the course, just a commitment to attend regularly. For enrollment or more information, call Florene Wiens, 316-283-5814 or Marilyn Jost, 316-772-6062. Class limited to 25 persons. Register by August 15, if possible.

**All women and girls** grade 3 and above are invited to Camp Mennoscah September 9-11. On Saturday, we have many opportunities including Bible study, canoeing, skin care and pampering, water aerobics, using your digital camera, prayerful movement, and learning about gluten intolerance. There will also be time for fellowship, spending time in nature, swimming, singing and worshipping God. Scholarships are available. Brochures are available in the foyer or for more information contact [womengirlsretreat@gmail.com](mailto:womengirlsretreat@gmail.com). We hope to see everyone at the retreat.

**The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. 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: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander> or you can register online.

**Mark Your Calendars for MCC Meat Canning** The Mennonite Central Committee mobile meat canner will be at the MCC Center in North Newton this fall. Here are the dates for each community: Moundridge - Oct. 31, Newton - Nov. 1-3, Buhler/Inman - Nov. 4-5, Hillsboro - Nov. 7-8. The canner will move to Hutchinson for Nov. 10-11. Contributions to help pay for canning expenses can be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 with "CS Meat Canning" designated on the memo line.

**Have you heard? Camp Mennoscah** is working to become a non-profit organization. We will remain the Western District Conference camp (except for on those piddly legal papers) for as long as you guys want us--and we hope that's forever. Please keep Camp Mennoscah, the Retreat Commission, and the Western District Conference Executive Board in your prayers as we go through this process.

**Bethel College Women's Association** has been blessed with amazing volunteers for the Swiss-German meal at Fall Festival! A big thanks goes to all who have served to make this a success! Many of our faithful volunteers would like to pass the baton to the next group of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to help supply bread, borscht, drinks, pickles, pie, sausage or table waiters for this meal or in helping with making New Year's Cookies, please contact Valerie Klaassen at [jvklaassen@pixius.net](mailto:jvklaassen@pixius.net) or 316-799-2641. We're looking ahead to the 2012 Fall Festival. If you are interested in helping out this year, we'd love to hear from you! It's a great way to meet people and to help raise money for projects at Bethel College.

**Part-time Maintenance & Back Room Assistant Needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop:** Newton Et Cetera Shop is seeking applicants able to perform regular maintenance throughout the store and help keep the donation receiving area clear and operational. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. work schedule preferred. Available as a paid or volunteer position. Application deadline: September 1. For more information, contact Leia Lawrence at (316) 283-9461 or [newtonetc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:newtonetc@sbcglobal.net).