

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 15, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music: Carl Goossen & Pastor Katherine

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Gathering in God's Presence

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 Psalm 29

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Hymn No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Offering our Gifts Harvey County Homeless Shelter

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Excerpts from Genesis 6-8 Chris Wiebe

Special Music *This is a story full of love* Hymn No. 315
Samantha Claassen (flute), Carl Goossen (violin)
and Pastor Katherine

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17 Pastor Katherine

Sermon *God's covenant with Noah and all of creation* Pastor Katherine

Responding to God

- * **Hymn of Response No. 567** *How firm a foundation* verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

- * **Sending Hymn No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness*

* **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 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 Doug Penner as he leads the WDC as our moderator for the next two years. Thank God for the new and continuing workers in WDC ministries.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Akiko Aratani and Raymond Epp and their four children as they live out the good news of Jesus through Menno Village, an award-winning urban/rural agricultural initiative in Japan.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School – Today and August 22: Pastors Peter & Katherine will present *Exploring Worship* in the sanctuary.

During the summer, age 3 through 8th grade students class is titled "Rock-Solid Followers". It will offer kids the fun and excitement of an outdoor adventure camp, combined with the discovery of who we are in Jesus Christ and the richness of His love. They will meet in the basement.

Church Events

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlie's in Newton.

Sunday, August 29 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 29 following Sunday School All church potluck meal.

Youth Progressive Supper: Our Youth Group will have its 4th Annual Progressive Supper on Sunday, September 12 following our worship service at Wheat State Manor. If anyone is interested in hosting a course for the Youth Group, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

Sunday, September 19 at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Semi-annual Business Meeting. There will be a potluck meal at 11:30, following Sunday School.

September 19 College-age Bible Study: There will be a Bible Study at Pastor Peter and Katherine's house for all college-age young adults each 3rd Sunday of the month. We will have our first Bible Study on Sunday (with snacks provided), September 19 at 7:30 pm. Please feel free to invite others.

September 26 College-age Lunch: Pastor Peter and Katherine would love to host all college-age young adults for lunch at our house on Sunday, September 26 after church. Please feel free to invite your friends! If anyone from the congregation is interested in helping with food for this meal, please let either Pastor Peter or Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

Announcements

Become a prayer partner to a college-age young adult! See the flier on the table in the foyer for more information.

Prayer ministry sign-up sheets are also available on the table in the foyer. Everyone (including children!) is encouraged to sign up to pray weekly for a specific part of the church's mission and witness. You may sign up more than once. Share in the life and mission of the congregation through the vital ministry of prayer!

Spiritual Council has been prayerfully working through a revision of the council's guidelines over the past several months. These revisions are in your mailboxes today. Please review them and contact a member of Spiritual Council by August 25 if you have any feedback. Thanks!

Christmas is right around the corner. The following classes are responsible for the Christmas Eve program this year: Mariners - Christmas tree, decorations, and candy sacks; Pursuers - program; and Explorers - reception.

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 Ashley Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,516.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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

Mennonite Central Committee Central States grieves the loss of two colleagues: On Aug. 5 service worker Glen D. Lapp, 40, died following an attack on his medical team in northeastern Afghanistan. We call the church to prayer for Glen's loved ones, family and friends of the others who perished, staff of our partner organization in Afghanistan, the people of Afghanistan, and the people who carried out this tragic act. Glen truly showed Christ's love and compassion and the biblical call to peacemaking in serving with the Afghan people. Glen was a member of Community Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA. On Aug. 7 long-time friend and partner Ruth Yellowhawk, 50, died following a brief and intense struggle with cancer in Rapid City, South Dakota. Ruth facilitated discernment processes that have helped shape MCC's work with Native people for many years. Ruth lived her life in a way that always served others, both spiritually and physically. Please pray for Ruth's husband and teenage son, her community and colleagues as we grieve. Glen and Ruth will be remembered.

The 15th annual Day on the Farm sponsored by Mennonite Agri-Urban will be held Saturday, August 21 at the farm of Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp, 3 miles north, 4 miles east, and ¾ mile north of Goessel. This is a great family event that helps children from towns and cities connect with the rural upbringing of many of their parents/grandparents. Events which include horseback rides, pony cart rides, goat milking, pig catching and interaction with farm animals run continuously from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A meal will be served beginning at 11:30. The event is free however contributions to Agri-Urban are welcomed. Agri-Urban benefits Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College.

Coming soon! The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat will soon be here - September 5-6. Anyone affected by mental illness, including family members and friends, is invited for two days of fellowship, activities, and worship. The theme this year is Choosing Positive Role Models. And just a couple weeks after our Mental Health retreat we have our Work & Play Camp! This camp is for anyone with a few free days and willing hands. We will be doing a variety of projects to help put Camp Mennoscah in order after a busy camping summer and having gobs of fun. Tasks for all levels of skill and activity are available. See the brochures in the Coming Events section at www.mennowdc.org or

contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information.

Play golf for Bethel. Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, September 18, at Sand Creek Station, Newton. For details check the bulletin board, contact the Bethel alumni office at 316-284-5251 or alumni@bethelks.edu, or go to www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php. Early entry discount deadline is September 6.

Et Cetera needs you! The many teachers and students who helped us out this summer are going back to school, which means we need clerks (particularly on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays). Volunteering is a great way to build job skills, practice your English or Spanish, socialize, get creative and contribute to the community and world. By volunteering, you'll also help us reach our goal of donating \$170,000 to Mennonite Central Committee this year. Interested? Call us at 316-283-9461 or stop by the store at 619 N. Main in Newton.

Urgent: MCC Canner needed: Are you willing to travel with Mennonite Central Committee's meat canner for the next two years, helping to prepare canned meat for people in crisis around the world? MCC has an urgent opening for this service position, starting as soon as possible. Learn more about the opening at mcc.org/serve/positions/canner-operator-2 or call Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720.