

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 16, 2009

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Keyboard: Jana Harms

Worship Leader: Grant Hill

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

* **Gospel Reading** John 17:14-24

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

* **Hymn of Response No. 311** *The church's one foundation*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Hymn No. 363** *Renew your church*

* **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Congratulations to David and Ashley Enns and their family on the birth and adoption of Caleb James born August 5, 2009. We wish them God's blessings.

Thank you again to all of you for your visits, cards, and prayers in my behalf as I went through my second knee surgery recently. Thank you Peter and Katherine and also all of you who continue to provide my transportation to physical therapy at Newton Medical Center. I appreciate it so much. Judy Janzen

New address: Vladimir Yevseyenkov
3317 S. Giles Ave., Chicago, IL 60616

Western District Conference: Pray for Steve Schmidt as he is installed as lead pastor of Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mary Raber, MMN worker, and staff, faculty and students of Odessa Theological Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine, as the seminary launches a new master's program in applied theology in late August. Pray that God provides the means for young pastors to attend this program.

Prelude

Praise Team

Welcoming Guests 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.

Gathering Song *O breath of life*

Praise Team

* **Call to Worship from Psalm 34 and Proverbs 9**

One: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear God have no want.

All: Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

One: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

All: Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight.

One: Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

All: Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

* **Invocation**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 16** *God is here among us*

Epistle Reading Romans 12:14-21

Grant Hill

Special Music *The word of God is solid ground*

Praise Team

Offering Local Church

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

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. **Today:** Visioneering 2020 - As we prepare to move forward with the next phase of our visioneering process, Pastor Peter will lead discussion on the nature and purpose of the church from the perspective of the Bible and from our Anabaptist tradition. **Next Sunday:** Hymn Sing with Bill Esch.

During the summer quarter, K-8th grade students will explore instructions for "Making the Right Choices". There will be two groups: Pre-school through 2nd grade and 3rd – 8th grade. They will be meeting in the basement area for their combined classes.

Announcements

Opportunities to work on special projects:

- ◆ In 2010 it's time to do a new church pictorial directory! The Administrative Council is looking for two people willing to coordinate the project. Please talk to Diana Schunn if interested.
- ◆ Grace Hill's Bicentennial will be in 2011. If anyone is interested in working on Grace Hill's history and putting a bicentennial book together, please contact Diana Schunn.

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.

This afternoon Youth Group to Marion Reservoir

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

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

Saturday, August 29 at 8:00 a.m. Men's Group - Hope Home Repair has asked us to help an elderly person in Newton with home repairs. The repairs include new fascia boards, guttering and trim painting. For more details talk to Ed Harms.

Sunday, August 30 Back-to-School Celebration during the Sunday School hour. We will gather together in the Fellowship Hall to listen to each others' school memories as well as to assemble 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. **As part of the Back-to-School Sunday activities** – the Education Council is asking the congregation to bring old lunchboxes or lunch pails. Please bring them to church by August 23.

September 27 The semi-annual business meeting will follow a carry-in meal at noon.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Women and Girls Retreat - September 11-13 at Camp Mennoscah will feature Karen Andres and Marcene Entz, friends for almost 20 years. Through Mary and Martha skits, they will reveal the patterns of their friendship that have developed due to various life experiences such as following God's call to ministry and dealing with depression. They want you to know: "Like Mary and Martha, what makes our relationship colorful is recognizing the unique gift we are to one another as sisters in Christ." Send registrations to Veronica Sauder, 772 Random Ct., Hesston KS 67062 by August 26.

"And you welcomed me: a consultation of the people of God on immigration" has an early registration deadline of August 25. Event is near Dallas - Waxahachie - on September 18-20. Register at: www.MennoniteMission.net/Immigration.

Camp Mennoscah's having a birthday party! We're celebrating our 60th anniversary on September 20 at 4 p.m. at Camp Mennoscah. (This is the beginning of our Work & Play Camp!) Come with your favorite stories of camp fun and pictures of Camp Mennoscah. (Remember when....) We'll videotape your stories and scan pictures to create a collage of memories to share with all our congregations. Won't be able to join us? Send us your stories and pictures! Email them to campmno@mennowdc.org or send by post to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock KS 67111.

Camp Mennoscah—How wonderful! We have two Mennonite Voluntary Service workers at Camp Mennoscah. Jennie Warkentine and Michael Unruh are here to help us out, so don't be surprised if they answer the phone or if you receive mail/email from one of them. Thank you to all of you who support Mennonite Voluntary Service workers!

Nursery This Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Theresa Toews and Emily Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,235.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference