

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 16, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

GOD'S TOP TEN LIST The Ninth Word

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Sung Call to Worship

Hymnal 312

Lamp of our feet

*Spoken Call to Worship

Psalms 119:137-144

You are righteous, Lord, and your principles are righteous.

The statutes you lay down are just and trustworthy.

Your promises are true – completely tested – and your servant loves them.

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true.

Trouble and distress come upon me,
but your instruction gives me delight.

Your commandments give me understanding and I shall live.

You are our God. We hear your words and believe.

We put our trust in them.

*Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

Hymnal 340

Matthew 5:33-37

Prayer

The Ninth Word

Exodus 20:1-2; 16

Response to the Word

Deuteronomy 6:10-13

The Lord will bring you to the Land of Promise –
promised to your ancestors

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob –

**A land filled with large flourishing cities
that we did not build,**

Houses filled with good things that we did not provide,

Wells we did not dig,

Vineyards and olive groves that we did not plant.

When you eat and are satisfied

be careful to remember the Lord,

who brought you out of Egypt,

out of the land of oppression.

We will fear the Lord our God and serve him only.

We make our vow in the name of the Lord.

Obey my voice

Hymnal 163

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Quinn Dove

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

Scripture

II Kings 6: 8-23

Sermon

Honest to God

*I believe in you, Lord Jesus

Hymnal 440

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 343

My hope is built on nothing less

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

"Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality."

For Sharing and Prayer

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network and Central Plains Mennonite Conference recently sent Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton and their daughter, Aliyah, to Ecuador. Pray for them as they move into the role of coordinating relationships with Ecuadorian Mennonite churches and international partners.

Church Family News

. **Terry Klassen's** sister, Thelma Jean Klassen passed away Wednesday morning. The family is planning a private service for Monday morning to give tribute to her life . . .

Summer Sunday School Schedule

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| August 16 | Ninth Commandment |
| August 23 | Tenth Commandment |
| August 30 | Back to School Sunday |

Church Events

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

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets.

Announcements

We have the potential for a Sunday school class of six preschoolers! Education Council is committed to meeting this need and making plans for the class. We are seeking a teacher. Is God calling you to be a teacher for these little ones? Please let us know. Education Council members are: Miriam Claassen, Ed Harms, Michelle Hilgenfeld, James Regier, Randy Smith.

The quilt hanging in the foyer was purchased at the Minn-Kota MCC Sale and was pieced by Gertie Graber and quilted by Monica Hofer from Freeman, South Dakota.

After many years of keeping the church clean Tammy Regehr and family have decided to let someone else have the pleasure of vacuuming, dusting, mopping and other fun things. If anyone is interested, in taking over the job as church janitor please talk to any member of the business council.

School kits are often requested after disasters and for children of families forced to flee their homes. Last year 125,513 kits were shipped to Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Burundi, Ukraine, Haiti, Russia, North Korea, United States, Serbia, and El Salvador. Help equip and assemble school kits for Back to School Sunday, August 30, in the fellowship hall.

School Kit Supplies are being gathered on the foyer table by the photo board. Supplies needed are:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 , 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic indicating both 30cm and 12 inches)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Nursery This Sunday: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Catina Wiebe and Jane Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,563.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for fall semester 2015 begins on August 26. This program is designed especially for persons 60 and above. A brochure with a schedule and more information is posted on the bulletin board.

Now is the time to register for the Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! This retreat on Sept. 6-7 is for family, friends, and anyone affected by mental illness. We will be relaxing while enjoying all sorts of activities from swimming to crafts to nature walks. Our theme is Power Up. The brochure can be found at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats or call us at 620-297-3290.

Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah September 11-13 – *Joy! It's More Than a Detergent!* will be the theme, featuring retreat speaker Nadine Friesen. All women and all girls in 3rd grade and above are invited. Come for one night or both. See more information and registration forms in the foyer. Registration deadline is August 22.

Conversational Spanish: Bethel College Mennonite Church Witness Commission has received a Western District Conference “Loaves and Fishes” grant for learning conversational Spanish. 7th graders through adults of supportive congregations to Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, a Western District church, are invited to sign up for Spanish learning sessions. We will tentatively meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays of September, October, November, January, February, and March, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in Pastor Jaime Cazares' office at 510 SE 2nd Street next to First Mennonite Church in Newton. Register by August 23 with Margaret Goering at 316-283-5034 or mrgoering@outlook.com. Fees are \$25.00 for materials and supplies not covered by the grant. Bring payment to first session, with checks written to BCMC with 'Spanish' in the memo line.

Join us at West Zion for a discipleship workshop with Marvin Lorenzana of Mennonite Mission Network on Sept. 12, 9:00-noon. Marvin will focus on how we grow as disciples of Jesus in the context of Missional Discipleship Groups, a form of small group. Lunch will be provided. Please register online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/rcF3DMOedv> (or on the West Zion church website). Marvin will also lead SS and bring the message on Sept.13 at West Zion. West Zion Mennonite is located at 101 S. Washington, Moundridge, 620-345-8143.

The 2015 Newton Area CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, September 27. The recruiter's meeting is on August 25 at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, 102 E. 1st, Newton. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, please see Debbie Claassen for the information letter.

Newton Et Cetera Shop job openings: **Half-time sorter/clerk**, to be available Mondays and Saturdays 8-5 with other hours flexible up to 20 hours per week; **Friday/Saturday clothing sorter/clerk**, to be available 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Requirements: good with people, detail-oriented, able to lift heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Additional hours may become available. Applications requested by August 20. Fill out Employment Application at newtonetceterashop.com and bring to the store at 619 Main Street, Newton. **Newton Et Cetera Shop volunteer positions:** help is needed to clean and tag shoes and electronics, and with clerking. Call 283-9461 for more information.

Volunteer staff are needed at The International Guest House in Washington, D.C. (3 months or full year) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House (a ministry of Allegheny Conference) serves both international and US travelers. Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House. Monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance paid for full year volunteers if needed. Hospitality duties include cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking, hosting breakfast & tea and welcoming guests. Great location for sightseeing and exploring the many facets of the National City. For information and an application contact: Judy Nord judy-marknord@verizon.net (301)985-6858 or International Guest House igh.dc.us@gmail.com (202)726-5808.

CHURCH OFFICES

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