

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 17, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Cal Frye

There will be no Sunday School classes during the month of August.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for John Tyson who will be installed today as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Laura Schlabach serves as the JCS International representative for Bayanhongor, a rural province in Mongolia. Pray for Laura as she works with this consortium of Christian organizations to help people enjoy more abundant life through development and relief, while encouraging the growing church.

For pastoral care needs, please contact a member of the Spiritual Council: Carl Goossen, Judy Janzen, Russ Janzen, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt, Jeff Toews.

Filling the pulpit for the month of August:

August 24 – Eric Massanari

August 31 – Randy Smith

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

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 19** *I will call upon the Lord*

Offering Our Gifts Harvey County Homeless Shelter

* **Hymn No. 46** *I sing the mighty power of God*

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 12: 1-3, Hebrews 1: 1-3a Joyce Stuart

Sermon *Once Upon a Time* Weldon Schloneger

* **Hymn No. 582** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 73** *The Lord lift you up*
sing through twice

Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Church Events

Today following the worship service we will be assembling MCC School Kits in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to help with this special project!

This evening at 5:30 p.m. COME ONE COME ALL!!! All members and guests are welcome to attend the annual Grace Hill summer ice cream social. An ice cream sign-up sheet is in the lobby for those who would like to bring ice cream of all kinds and flavors. Additionally you are invited to bring snacks related to the consumption of this fine frozen family of food that will on this day be at the apex of the food pyramid. Basic toppings will be provided. We encourage the invitation of neighbors, friends, and family to make this more than an exclusive Grace Hill event.

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

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Worship Council meets.
Business Council meets.

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

August 31 following the worship service will be a time of introduction and question and answer time with Randy Smith. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.

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: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Catina Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,280.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

We ask all members and participants of Western District Conference churches to participate in an online survey with 20 questions in regard to our [Confession of Faith](#), Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA, polity, and sexuality. English and Spanish versions can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion>. This is the beginning of a discernment process responding to a resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church. The resolution can be found at mennowdc.org under ASSEMBLY 2014. For those who do not have access to the internet, paper copies are available in the foyer - please fill them out and return them to Debbie Claassen or Diana Schunn. Please complete the survey by August 31.

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat--All are welcome to join us at Camp Mennoscah for the Mental Health Spiritual Retreat on Aug. 31-Sept. 1. The retreat is for those affected by mental illness, including family and friends. We'll spend the weekend in fellowship with the theme of Finding Your True Self. Activities include a hayrack ride, swimming, and sessions with Laurie Oswald Robinson, inspirational speaker. Contact us at 620-297-3290 for more information.

Free informational seminars for women - *Women and money* is a series of lunchtime presentations (noon to 1 p.m.) coordinated by Everence, scheduled for four Wednesdays – Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24 – at Hesston Public Library. Topics are “Taking the lead – women in the modern-day workplace,” “Living generously – within your means,” “Leaving something – for those you leave behind” and “Investing in your future – avoid the bag lady blues.” Light lunch will be served. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller of Everence at (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Support the MCC Bike Hike! On September 4, 5, 6 and 7, thirty people from Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois will meet in the Black Hills to participate in a 175 mile bike ride or 40 mile hike to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee's Indigenous Vision Center. You are invited to support the rider or hiker of your choice by pledging per mile or per participant. Checks can be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117. Please mark the check with Bike/Hike. Contact Elizabeth Janssen at 605-925-4859 or elizabethjanssen@mcc.org with questions.

Mark your calendars now for the 2014 Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, September 5-7. This year's retreat will feature a Friday evening "Menno Spa" and snacks. For our main sessions on Saturday and Sunday, Norma Duerksen will be our presenter, with the theme "How Can I Forgive?" Other highlights of the weekend include a variety of seminars, campfire singing with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, music with "Cousins 4," and special activities for girls in grades 3-12. You won't want to miss it! See registration forms in the foyer (also available at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/>). Note there are separate registration forms for ages 8-12 and for ages 13-99! Registration deadline is August 22.

Miles for Manor, a one-day bike ride in scenic Butler county, will be held on September 6 as a fund-raiser for Wheat State Manor – to help purchase a wireless nurse call system. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Camp Mennoscah's Work & Play Camp is Sept. 14-17! Tasks for all abilities and numerous coffee/tea breaks will be available. There's no charge for this time of volunteering and fellowship--just a suggested donation of \$4.00 per meal. All ages are welcome. Please contact us at 620-297-3290 to let us know you're joining in the fun!

Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening for a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. Key qualifications: available 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, good with people, ability to lift and carry heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Spanish language skills a plus. To apply, call 283-9461 by September 15.