

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 18, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Sara Harms, David Janzen, Pastor Peter, Pastor Katherine

Song Leaders: Gladys Reimer, Praise Team

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

## God's Good Creation: Join the Celebration

### Gathering

#### 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** Hymn No. 684 based on Psalm 148

#### Gathering Prayer

- \* **Gathering Songs** *I will not be shaken*  
*10,000 Reasons*

### Praying

**Offering Our Gifts** Harvey County Homeless Shelter

**Worship Music** *Revelation Song* Rachelle Claassen and Kylee Schunn

#### Prayers of the People

### Listening

**Children's Story** Pastor Peter

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

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 148 Heidi Wiebe

**Sermon** *Praise the Lord!* Pastor Katherine

### Responding

- \* **Songs of Response** *Indescribable*

Heidi Wiebe will sing the verses. You are invited to join in on the chorus as you feel comfortable.

*God of Wonders*

- \* **Benediction** Hymn No. 684 based on Psalm 148

- \* **Sending Song No. 50** *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

#### 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.

### For Sharing and Prayer

Thanks to Pastors Peter and Katherine for their visits while I was in the hospital. Also thanks for the many cards, calls, visits and especially prayers for me from the church family. They were all genuinely appreciated.  
Miriam Claassen

**New Address:** Brandon, Kristen & Jaxon Faul  
PSC 80 Box 16331, APO, AP 96367

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Ron Flaming as he begins a coaching group for first-time pastors in WDC. Pray that these pastors will flourish in fruitful ministry.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Thank God for Craig Maven's able leadership of MMN's board of directors for the past four years. Pray for Madeline Maldonado, who now takes on this responsibility while continuing to serve as pastor of *Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Arca de Salvacion* in Fort Myers, Florida.

## Church Events

**Today during Sunday School** Grace Hill Bible Bowl 2013! Plan to remain in the sanctuary for the Sunday School hour today for Grace Hill's first annual Bible Bowl! This event will kick off the Year of the Bible at Grace Hill, a year of new learnings, faith practices, and satisfying our thirst for God's Word.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast (65+) at CJ's Restaurant in Newton. Please use the southeast door to the restaurant.

**Next Sunday** 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.

**September 4 Youth Group:** High School Youth Group will begin with a kick off at 7 p.m. on September 4.

**Sunday, September 29 at 12:45 p.m.** Semi-annual Church Business Meeting.

## Announcements

**Women's Book Study:** I (Pastor Katherine) would love to lead a women's book study in conjunction with Grace Hill's Year of the Bible this year. The book that I am interested in pursuing is *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans. Here is an excerpt from the back cover:

“With just the right mixture of humor and insight, compassion and incredulity, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* is an exercise in scriptural exploration and spiritual contemplation. What does God truly expect of women, and is there really a prescription for biblical womanhood? Come along with Evans as she looks for answers in the rich heritage of biblical heroines, models of grace, and all-around women of valor.”

I would hope to meet once a month beginning in October over coffee and hot tea. If any women (high school age women and older) are interested in being a part of this book study, please feel free to send me an email or talk with me in person. Thanks!

**Calling All Artists!:** Creativity is a gift from the One who created us! So, in conjunction with Grace Hill's Year of the Bible, we would invite anyone who is interested and who feels so led to create pieces of art from favorite scripture passages to be displayed within our church building and/or worship services during the next year. Any medium is fine (painting, photography, sketching, poetry, dance, and so on). If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Peter or Pastor Katherine.

**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:** Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$5,395.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Et Cetera

**Mark your calendars now for the 2013 Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, September 6-8.** This year's retreat will feature a Friday evening fashion show (courtesy of the Et Cetera Shop) and dessert. For our main sessions on Saturday and Sunday, Denise Nickel and sisters will be our presenters, with the theme "Serving Creates Lifelong Memories." Other highlights of the weekend includes a variety of seminars, campfire singing with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, music with "Cousins 4," and special activities for girls in grades 3-12. Reservations are due August 23.

**What is Bible Storying?** Not tough to explain or learn - in fact it will come naturally to most of us. Michael Novelli (creator and author) will lead us in this imaginative way to engage the scriptures via storytelling, creative reflection and lively dialogue. Sunday, September 15, 3 - 6:30 p.m. Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. You **MUST** pre-register by calling Western District Conference, 316-283-6300 by September 10. \$10 each or \$25 bring a team. Includes pizza!

**Volunteers needed!** Camp Mennoscah is looking for folks who can tape and mud our newly sheet-rocked walls at the Bluestem house. We can often offer a simple meal and pop break, but need advance notice. We need to have the Bluestem house ready to go by October and we won't be able to do this without your help! Give us a call at 620-297-3290 to sign up and share your skills!

**2014 is the Year! Camp Mennoscah has weekends (and weekdays)** available for you and your family (or other group) to come out and spend some time relaxing on the prairie. In fact, most weekends in July 2014 are open! Plan now and don't miss out on the fun times in the river or pool! Contact us at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290. We'll see you next summer!

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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

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