

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 19, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Jordan Ortman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Seek Shalom Through Humility

## 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.*

**Psalm Reading** Psalm 34: 14-18

### Call to Worship

One: To worship is to bear witness that there is One who deserves worship

**Many: There is One who is holy and righteous and powerful**

**All: And that One is not us**

One: So as we gather for worship, let us humble ourselves

**Many: Let us release our pride and our sense of entitlement**

**All: that we might listen deeply and watch expectantly.**

### Prayer for Shalom and Lighting the Peace Lamp

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 70** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* vs. 1-3

**Worship Music** *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Brent Olstad  
Carl Lehmann and Jordan Ortman

### Sharing Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer

#### Listening

**Worship Music** *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Brent Olstad

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

**Old Testament Reading** 1 Samuel 25: 1-35 Reader's Theater  
Tara Harms-Becker, Kylee Schunn, Kyle Regier

### Sermon

Pastor Peter

#### Responding

\* **Hymn of Response No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

### Prayer of Confession

One: Holy One, sometimes we act as if we are of utmost importance

**Many: Hallowed be your name**

One: We spend so much energy trying to make things the way we want them to be

**Many: Your will be done**

One: Sometimes we feel as if we deserve whatever we want

**Many: Give us this day our daily bread**

One: We think that everyone should overlook our mistakes

**Many: As we forgive those who sin against us**

One: Temptations abound. The evil is real

**Many: Deliver us, forgive us, O Holy One in heaven.**

**Assurance of Pardon** 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Offering Our Gifts** Harvey County Homeless Shelter  
**Offertory** *The Water is Wide* by Daniel Kallman

\* **Sending Hymn No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

\* **Blessing**

### 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!**

The offering today is for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Grace Hill gave \$5,294 in 2010, \$4,404 in 2011 and \$670 in 2012. These amounts are contributed to the expenses for operations of the shelter. Contributions can also be given to the building fund for the construction of the new shelter. Thank you for your support!

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for our Transitional Pastors in their specialized ministry of helping congregations prepare for a new future – Ray Reimer, Florence and Weldon Schloneger, Randy Smith, Lee Suderman, June Thomsen, Luann Yutzy and Richard Stephens.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for MMN's Radical Journey participants as they prepare for a challenging year in England, Paraguay, and South Africa. May God give them courage and willingness to step into the unknown and to be shaped by the experience.

### **Summer Sunday School**

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary.** The theme this summer is "Faith Stories". This Sunday's speakers are Olin and Carol Claassen.

**Next Sunday:** Back-to-School Sunday

## Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir practice will begin August 22 at 7 pm!!! Since choir is starting a month before other Wednesday evening programming, we hope those of you who have not been able to participate in the past will join in! We would love to have a choir loft full of folks - high school on up. Andrew Voth and Aaron Tschetter will be directing and Jordan Ortman will be our accompanist.

**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 5 Youth Group:** Wednesday Night Youth Group will begin September 5. We will begin by helping to plan for the church-wide Camp MennoScah Retreat. We look forward to seeing you there!

**September 9 Youth Group Progressive Supper:** The Youth will be having their Annual Progressive Supper on Sunday, September 9. If you would be interested in hosting a course (appetizers, salad, main course, and dessert), please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

**Community Creativity Workshop** Want to be free to develop your creative expression? (Painting, drawing, crafts, scrapbooking, etc.) Join us every second and third Tuesday of the month. Virgil Penner, artist, will be coordinating the workshop. All beginners and advanced persons are welcome. Please bring your own supplies for whatever you wish to create. No cost for coming...bring a friend..... invite a neighbor. Time: 1:30-5:00 (Break time at 3:00 p.m.) Location: Grace Hill Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call Virgil Penner at 316-842-6738 or email pennerv@cox.net. *Schedule for workshop:* September 11 and 18, October 9 and 23, November 13 and 27, December 11, January 8 and 22. List of future dates will be made in January.

**September 16 at noon** College Lunch: James and Deb Regier will host a meal for all college-age young adults on Sunday, September 16. We look forward to seeing you there! Please feel free to invite your friends!

**September 23 at 12:45 p.m.** Semi-annual church business meeting. A carry-in meal will be held at noon.

**October 20-21** Church Retreat at Camp MennoScah.

## 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 Kristen Toews  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barbara Schmidt and Kylee Schunn  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,720.00  
**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

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## Et Cetera

**The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College** for fall semester begins on August 29. This program is in its 38<sup>th</sup> year and is designed especially for persons 60 and above. See the brochure on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**Whoa, horses! Camp Mennoscah** has gobs of retreats coming up - there's one for everyone! The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat is Sept. 2-3, the Work & Play Retreat is Sept. 16-20, and our fall Scrapbooking Retreat is November 2-4. Information for the Mental Health Spiritual Retreat can be found at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section. We're scrambling like crazy to get the Work & Play brochure out and the Scrapbooking brochure will be available soon. Mark the dates on your calendar and we'll look for you at Camp Mennoscah. Contact us at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 with questions.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 15, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Tanzania. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. Or you can register online at that website.

**Attention all preschoolers!** Story Time at the Western District Conference Resource Library will begin on Wednesday, September 19. It's time to open your ears and eyes to the wonderful world of books in our colorful and inspiring children's library. Our storyteller, Pat, will invite you to look inside our special story time mailbox each Wednesday, 10:00 - 10:40, to discover our weekly theme. If you're between the ages of 3-5, come take a peek! To enroll, call 316-283-6300.

**Community Playschool** is looking for a volunteer to help wash dishes and clean up the snack each day around 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday. It would probably be a 30 minute task at the most - if someone were to only volunteer a few days that would be appreciated too. There are also some opportunities to help cut out daily art projects, you can select a day and come help cut out the next week's projects. To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Karma Hill at 799-2547 or Jeanette Leary at the Bethel College Mennonite Church at 316-283-3668.