

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 21, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians/Song Leaders: Curt Regehr, Valerie Klaassen,

Pastor Peter, Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Ask, Seek, Knock

Gathering Our Praise

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 from Psalm 46

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob and Rachel is our refuge.

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth".

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob and Rachel is our refuge.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 526** *In the rifted Rock I'm resting*

Offering our Gifts Harvey County Homeless Shelter

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading 1 John 4: 7-21

Tara Harms-Becker

* **Sing the Journey No. 87** *Put peace into each other's hands*

The quartet will sing verse one.

All are invited to join on verses 2, 3 & 5.

Reader's Theater

Ask, Seek, Knock

by Patty Shelly

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

Special Music *Blest are they*

Quartet

Gospel Reading Matthew 7:6-14

Pastor Peter

Sermon *Practicing Loyalty to God*

Pastor Peter

Responding to the Gospel

* **Song of Response** *From Galilee he preaches still* see insert

To the tune of *I heard the voice of Jesus say.*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song No. 324** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

* **Benediction**

Postlude Sing the Journey No. 78 *We will walk with God*

The congregation is invited to join in singing this when they feel comfortable.

All of the music sung by the quartet is from the new "Sing the Journey" hymnal supplement.

*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 joint adult and youth Sunday School class will meet in the sanctuary and will begin at 10:50 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Summer Sunday School

200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration 2011

10:50 – 11:35 a.m.

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Today: Follow-up discussion. **Next Sunday:** Back-to-School Celebration.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Jerry Acostas, the newly appointed church planter for Wichita. Remember the Church Plant Support Team and the supporting churches: Church of the Servant, Hope Mennonite and Lorraine Avenue Mennonite.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for wisdom and patience for Jenna Liechty Martin and Peter Martin of MMN as they work at ministries of reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Outreach Tip: Plan a party with a difference. Organize it around a Biblical theme that resonates with joy.

Church Events

This evening at 5:00 p.m. Catechism: All Sophomores and Juniors are invited to a BBQ at Peter and Katherine's house this evening at 5 p.m. Bring your calendars as we will be planning our Catechism schedule.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group: Wednesday Night Youth Group will begin August 24 at 7pm. This will be a time to go over a few things for the upcoming year, as well as play Giant Dutch Blitz! We look forward to a wonderful year!

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.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. 200th Anniversary Drama Rehearsal

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Youth Group in charge.

Next Sunday Progressive Supper: The Youth Group will have its annual Progressive Supper on August 28 in the evening and we are looking for hosts for this event. This is a wonderful way to get to know some of the amazing young people within our congregation. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please speak with Pastor Katherine. Thanks!

September 3-4 The 200th Anniversary “Home Coming” Celebration is less than two weeks away. Registrations are coming in and the turnout is exciting. If you have not registered and would like to, please get your registration to Kaye Penner by Monday or call her at 316-283-3948. Meal reservations need to be turned in to the caterers. The caterers will prepare for the number of reservations we turn in so walk-ins will not be served. The schedule for the celebration is on the church's website at www.gracehillmc.org.

Announcements

The Junior Sunday School Dept. has several openings for teachers this fall. If you would be interested in teaching a fun group of Grace Hill kids, please contact Kathy Balzer, Curt Regehr, Theresa Toews or Katherine Claassen. Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

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: Barb Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church Missions \$5,536.00

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

Let's talk about the future of Adult Sunday School! Join the conversation with other teachers and learners and get lots of ideas on August 23, 7 p.m. at the Western District Conference office (2517 N. Main, North Newton). Please RSVP to 316-283-6300 or crlib@mennowdc.org.

Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, invites everyone to hear the Liberty Quartet (www.libertyquartet.com) on Saturday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received. Questions - call 620-585-6964. Liberty Quartet exists to glorify God, present the Gospel of Jesus to those who are in need of a Savior, and to encourage the Saints, through Southern Gospel Music.

The MCC House Against Hunger is complete and up for sale and you're invited to an open house! August 28 from 2-4 p.m. the House Against Hunger at 543 S. Lorraine in Wichita will be open to the public. The house is listed for \$169,000 and it is expected that \$145,000 of that will go to Mennonite Central Committee. Willard Ebersole was the general contractor for the project that came together with volunteer labor and donated materials over the past ten months. The House Against Hunger is a project of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. This is the perfect way to get a well-built house and support MCC. Get your friends together and go check it out!

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for the fall semester begins on August 31 and ends on November 30. A schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go! The summer staffers were characters from Snow White this summer for river play and we're taking a page from their book. We're going to hi ho and heave ho through Work & Play Camp, September 18-22! Tasks and activities for all abilities and skills will be available--and if we run out, we'll just have to play more! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for more information and keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming brochure. All ages are invited.

Part-time Maintenance & Back Room Assistant Needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop: Newton Et Cetera Shop is seeking applicants able to perform regular maintenance throughout the store and help keep the donation receiving area clear and operational. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. work schedule preferred. Available as a paid or volunteer position. Application deadline: September 1. For more information, contact Leia Lawrence at (316) 283-9461 or newtonetc@sbcglobal.net.