

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 23, 2015

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

## GOD'S TOP TEN LIST The Tenth Word

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

\*Sung Call to Worship

Hymnal 651

*I owe the Lord a morning song*

\*Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 119:162-168

I rejoice in your promise,

**As one who has found great treasure.**

I hate lies,

**But I love your law.**

Seven times each day I praise you, for your law is just.

**Great peace comes to those who love your law,  
and nothing can cause them to stumble.**

I follow your commandments,

**And wait for your salvation.**

I obey your statutes,

**And love them greatly.**

***I live your precepts because all my ways are known to you.***

\*Come thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 521

Matthew 6:25-33

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymnal 324

Prayer

The Tenth Word

Exodus 20:1-2; 17

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

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

Scripture

Jeff Toews

Genesis 3:1-13

Sermon

*The Curse of Getting What you Want*

*The Ten Words*

Hymnal 807

*\*My shepherd will supply my need*

Hymnal 589

Sharing and Prayer

\*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 338

*I know not why God's wondrous grace*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Western District Conference.

*"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

We want to thank the church family for all your thoughts and prayers expressed during this time of loss. Terry and Cheryl Klassen

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network partners, Gordon McDade and Karen Sethuraman, have created a space in Northern Ireland for people who don't have a church background. Pray for them and the Down Community as they offer Jesus' hope to people.

### Summer Sunday School Schedule

August 23	Tenth Commandment
August 30	Back to School Sunday

## Church Events

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Structure Task Force meets.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's, Newton.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Gifts Discernment Team meets.

**September 4, 6 & 8** Grace Hill week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

## Announcements

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly** will be October 30-31, 2015 at Bethel College. Grace Hill can send seven delegates. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Tim Harms.

**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:** Catina Wiebe and Jane Washburn

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Harvey County Homeless Shelter \$2,181.50

**Offering Next Sunday:** Peace Connections

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Transition Pastor: Randy Smith**

**Email:** [transitionpastor@gmail.com](mailto:transitionpastor@gmail.com)

**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

**Secretary's E-mail:** [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Centering Prayer** continues to meet every Monday from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. All are welcome; no previous experience required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu). (For help locating Agape Center at Richert House, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/))

**Women & Girls!** Remember to register for the retreat at Camp Mennoscah Sept. 11-13. Registration forms are available in the foyer. The registration forms are also available to download and send in from the Camp Mennoscah website at: <http://campmennoscah.org/camp-retreats/>. Please register by August 29 to avoid a late fee.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 19, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E. 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, [www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride). Or you can register on-line at that website.

**Double Whammie! Camp Mennoscah** is having a combo event on Sept. 20 - it's our annual meeting and the beginning of Work & Play Camp! Starting at 3 p.m., we'll be saying hi and checking in all the Work & Play folks and then at 3:30 p.m., all the pre-annual meeting activities will start. There will be disc golf (brand new course & baskets), new bath house tours (not quite completed), and a scavenger hunt. Next up is a brief business meeting plus a simple meal and gobs of chat time. Work & Play continues through Sept. 23 with projects, cleanup, and fun times. Call Camp Mennoscah for more information. No camp fees! (Meal donation of \$4/meal suggested.)

**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. 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, please see Debbie Claassen for the information letter.

**Where is the Good News for Rural Folk?** AMBS-Kansas Center will be hosting S. Roy Kaufman's webinar entitled "Where is the Good News for Rural Folk?" This webinar will take place on Wednesday, September 30 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the AMBS-Kansas Center classroom at 2517 N Main in North Newton. This webinar will explore how a ministry of community formation might take place in the lives of declining rural congregations, enabling these congregations to become missional agents of change in their communities. Cost is \$10 per participant. Please contact Katherine Goerzen at [kgoerzen@ambs.edu](mailto:kgoerzen@ambs.edu) to register. The registration deadline is September 23.

**It's our Fall Scrapbooking lineup!** Camp Mennoscah has two Fall Scrapbooking Retreats - Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8. Sign up online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org), but don't wait too long! Both retreats are almost half full. Bring a friend for fun and a discount - and empty a box or two of all that photo clutter!

**Attention high school students!** Win \$1,000 by writing an essay for the MCC U.S. Washington Office annual public policy essay contest. Topics include the militarization of police, climate change, and prisoner re-entry. All students who attend Mennonite high school or are members of Anabaptist congregations are eligible to participate. Learn more at: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington/contest>.

**Offender Victim Ministries** is seeking additional Community Justice Mentors to help clients address their need for change. Mentors work one-on-one with clients in two life-skills programs--one focused on anger management, conflict resolution and mindfulness, the other focused on decision-making, values, impact and accountability. All work with program participants is client-centered and strengths-based. Mentor training and shadowing opportunities are provided and can be flexible. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, hold a strong commitment to restorative justice principles, be willing to commit 1 1/2 to 2 hours per week for at least 6 months, be able to listen deeply and facilitate reflective discussion. Other qualifications and requirements will be communicated upon expressed interest. Could this be you? Request more information and a mentor application by e-mailing [leia@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:leia@offendervictimministries.org).