

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 25, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

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

One: The Lord is our Shepherd;

Many: we shall not want

One: Come to green pastures

Many: where God restores our souls

One: Come, everyone who suffers, all who fear death,

Many: God will comfort us

One: See, the table is set, even in the midst of our enemies

Many: God is our host who anoints us with oil.

Our cup overflows

One: Surely goodness and mercy are with us every day

Many: and God will welcome and provide for us forever.

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Hymns No. 14** *Come, we that love the Lord*
Sing the Journey No. 16 *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Listening

- * **Song** *Shout to the Lord*

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23 Kaye Penner

Worship Music *He leadeth me* arr. Rich Heffler Valerie Klaassen

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65: 17-19 Kaye Penner

Sermon *Marked by Joy* Heidi Wiebe
Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Responding

- * **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 44** *The love of God*

Congregational Prayer

- * **Sending Song** *Zephaniah 3:17* see insert

- * **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Today we will have our Back-to-School Celebration during the Sunday School Hour. All classes and all ages are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall to assemble the MCC School Kits.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Chin Emmanuel Church, our newest member church, as they undertake acquiring their first church building in Houston, Texas. Pray that this church would continue to make new disciples and reach out to their community.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today participants in MMN's Radical Journey program begin their 10-day orientation in Chicago. Pray for openness and a spirit of service for each person preparing for a year in Argentina, Paraguay or South Africa.

Church Events

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

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

September 4 at 7:00 p.m. The adult choir will begin meeting on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.! We welcome any and all who enjoy singing and who need an uplifting 40 minutes in the middle of the week! Aaron Tschetter will be directing again this year. Please consider singing this year!

Et Cetera

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for fall semester begins this Wednesday, August 28. This program is in its 39th year and is designed especially for persons 60 and above. For a complete schedule see the brochure on the bulletin board.

Hungry for the next Year of the Bible event? Visit this site: <http://echo.wearesparkhouse.org/workshops/> to see what is coming next! Then save September 15, 3 - 6:30 p.m. for an interactive learning experience on Bible Storying at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Only \$10 per person or \$25 for a group of up to 10 persons. Plus pizza, networking, and discounted books by Michael Novelli, our presenter. Call Western District Conference at 316-283-6300 by September 10 to reserve your spot.

This Camp is for YOU! Work & Play Camp at Camp Mennoscah is September 15-18 and is for everyone of all ages. This is a service-oriented camp with lots of fellowship. We'll be painting and cleaning and sorting and working on vehicles and this and that and all sorts of other things. No camp fees for this camp, but donations are welcome. Brochures can be found at www.campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290. Put on those workpants!

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 21, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Vietnam. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride are planned. Informational brochures are available on the bulletin board. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. Or you can register online at that website.

Annual Meeting of the Camp Mennoscah Association. It's almost here. It's September 22 at 3 p.m. at Camp Mennoscah. We'll be looking for you there, so put it on your calendar and dust off your camp tee shirt. More information coming soon!

Engaging our Culture, October 25-26, is a two-part event being planned by the Western District Conference Human Sexuality Discernment Task Force. On Friday, October 25, Mennonite comedian, Ted Swartz, will be teaming up with Keith Graber Miller, Goshen College Bible professor, for a Christian exploration of human sexuality. The theme for Reference Council on Saturday, October 26, is *The Church and Homosexuality: A Conversation That Can Hold Us Together*. David Boshart, Central Plains Conference Minister, along with Keith Graber Miller will be the main presenters. Reference Council is for all the members of Western District Conference Executive Board, Commissions, Committees, and Pastors. This Reference Council like the one on Immigration in March 2013 will be open to any members of WDC congregations. Registration information will be forthcoming.

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: Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Harvey County Homeless Shelter \$2,947.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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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