

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 26, 2012

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Seek Shalom with our Enemies

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: 4-8, 14

Call to Worship

One: Open our eyes, O God, that we may see,

North side: that we may see your flaming presence that surrounds us with protection,

South side: that we may see the light of your Spirit that dwells among us with love.

One: Open our eyes, O God, that we may see,

North side: that we may see the face of a friend where we thought there was an enemy,

South side: that we may see a banquet hall instead of a battlefield.

One: During this time of worship, O God,

All: open our eyes to see your vision of shalom. Amen.

Prayer for Shalom and Lighting the Peace Lamp

* **Gathering Hymn No. 366** *God of grace and God of glory*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Listening

Children's Story

Kim Claassen

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

* **Hymn Sing The Journey No. 67** *Let there be light, Lord God*

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 6: 8-23

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 411** *I bind my heart this tide*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon John 14:27

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

* **Sending Hymn No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

* **Blessing**

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 for a short program. After this, we will assemble the MCC School Kits.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Marlene Bogard as she begins a sabbatical time which includes preparations for leading WDC in a Year of the Bible in 2013.

Mennonite Mission Network: Melanie Quinn, who comforts those who grieve losses in Botswana, recently traveled to the United States for her father's funeral. Pray that God's peace will surround Melanie as she ministers to refugees who have lost their homeland, and youth at *Bopaganang Basha Ba Semoya* who have lost loved ones to AIDS. Melanie serves through MMN.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

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!

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! If anyone would like to help with this college lunch, please speak with James or Deb Regier. Thanks!

Announcements

REMINDER: Please turn in your "Nominating Form" sheets that were in your mailboxes last Sunday. These are not for nominating other people (unless you have asked them) but for volunteering for whatever area YOU are interested in serving. We would like to have them today.....but if you forgot them, please bring them next Sunday. Let's all work together to serve in the mission of our church.

The Nominating Committee: Kendall Claassen, David Enns, Dean Patterson

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: Barbara Schmidt 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 \$2,404.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Et Cetera

As part of its 125th anniversary celebration in 2012-13, Bethel College will be featuring alumni artists in the Fine Arts Center Gallery throughout the year. The first exhibit, "Nate Ferree: Cyborg Clayworks," opens Friday, August 31 (artist reception Sept. 27). FAC Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, 2-4 p.m.; free admission.

We still have room! There is still room at our Mental Health Spiritual Retreat from Sept 2-3 at Camp Mennoscah. We'll be "Living Creatively" with all sorts of activities and lots of fellowship. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to join us or with any questions. It's always a great time!

Sunday, September 2 at 3:30 p.m. Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program in the Kauffman Museum auditorium, with Caleb Lázaro: "From Pioneers to Space Invaders: The Changing Face of Immigration in Pop Culture"; in conjunction with the special exhibit "Americans by Choice: Immigration and Citizenship in Kansas," which closes Sept. 2. Program is free.

All women & girls (3rd grade and up) are invited to the 2012 Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah September 7-9. Our sessions by speaker Tammy Duvanel Unruh will focus on the theme "In our end is our beginning." We look forward to a wonderful weekend full of fellowship and faith. There will be seminars including handbells, a hymn-sing, Bible study, poetry writing, lawn games, caring for the children of the church, relaxation activities, and plenty of time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Registration forms are available in the foyer and are also available online at www.mennowdc.org. The registration form includes an online registration option (please still mail your fees). Please register by **August 31**. Questions? Email womenandgirlsretreat@gmail.com or call Jennie Wintermote at 316-708-0309.

This is an all-ages camp! Camp Mennoscah's Work & Play Camp is September 16-20 and everyone is invited to join us for one day or all the days for some volunteering and fellowship. We'll have tasks for different skill levels and abilities—and you set your own work and play schedule! Give us a holler at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information. The brochure can also be found at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section.

Annual Harvey County Habitat Fall Fundraiser Dinner will be held on September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 North Anderson, Newton. Live Auction!! Come enjoy great food and fellowship. Dinner catered by Richard and Pat Denno. Entertainment will be provided by "The Woven". Any questions and to RSVP, please call Gary Hill at 316-284-1198. Donations and pledges will be greatly appreciated.

The first annual Camp Mennoscah Association Annual Meeting is September 30 at Camp Mennoscah! All members of WDC and SCC churches are invited to participate in the mission and plan for the future of Camp Mennoscah! We will gather any time between 3 and 4:30 for games and visiting. The meeting begins at 4:30 followed by a pork (provided) and potluck supper (bring a side dish). We'll have pictures from this summer and music by The Book of Jeb. Chris Kliever of Cathcart Architects will share the Master Plan for Camp. Hope to see you there!

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.

See Greece & Rome - "Footsteps of Paul" in 2013 - Join pastor and tour guide Weldon Martens and Bethel College professor Dan Quinlin on a trip to Greece and Italy May 20 – June 2, 2013. The "Footsteps of Paul" tour is an opportunity to learn and share fellowship at locations familiar to Christians from the apostle Paul's travels recorded in Acts 17-18. The trip includes visits to Athens, Corinth, Delphi, Meteora, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Phillippi, Veria and Ephesus. It will conclude with three days in Rome. The trip brochure is available at: <http://www.mtstravel.com/tours/toursP02.html> For more information, contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com or 402-202-9276.