

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 30, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

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

* **Gospel Reading** Mark 8:27-37

Diana Schunn

Sermon

Pastor Peter

* **Hymn of Response No. 536** *Take up your cross*

Quartet will sing v. 1, then all join in the remaining verses

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Hymn No. 541** *How clear is our vocation, Lord*

* **Choral Benediction** *Go, my friends, in grace* Wright and Clemens
Quartet

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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: God who spoke the world into being,
speak your Word among us today.

**Many: We seek your wisdom
to live in shalom with all creation**

One: God who loves the world extravagantly,
draw us near to your heart this day.

**Many: We seek to know your perfect love
that drives out all fear.**

One: God who gives bread to the hungry,
fill us with the courage to freely share
the bread of your Word.

**Many: We seek your power
to loosen our shackled tongues
that the whole world might rejoice to hear
the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

All: Come, let us unite our voices in praise of God!

* **Invocation**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 12** *Come let us all unite to sing*

Offering Peace Connections

Special Music *Brother James's Air (Psalm 23)* arr. Jacob
Valerie Klaassen, Curt Regehr, Katherine Goerzen, Peter Goerzen

For Sharing and Prayer

Next Sunday: We will be celebrating Christian Education Sunday, as we begin a new Sunday School year. Texts will be Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 20-25 and Joshua 4:1-5, 20-24, and Pastor Peter will be preaching. Rosewood Winds will be joining us for worship.

Western District Conference: Pray for Joe Wuest, one-half time youth pastor, as he is installed today at Goessel Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for participants beginning assignments with Mennonite Voluntary Service, Radical Journey or Service Adventure. Ask the Lord to give them openness and times of learning as they leave the familiarity of home and embark on a new adventure.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter, Inc. is in a time of financial crisis....during this time of year history shows we typically see less monetary donations, however currently the funds at HCHS, Inc. are critically running low. Regardless of the current finances available, we do trust the Lord will provide the financial means necessary to carry on His ministry in Harvey County. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support in the past, whether it be through volunteering, providing meals, praying for the ministry, or donating monetarily - without you the ministry would not exist. Please consider blessing the ministry with a financial gift, no gift is too small. *If you feel led to provide a gift to the homeless ministry at this time, please direct your giving to:* Harvey County Homeless Shelter, Inc., P.O. Box 978, Newton, Kansas 67114.

Summer Sunday School

Adult, Youth and Children will meet together in the fellowship hall today. Back-to-School Sunday – includes sharing from students, assembling MCC health kits and treats! Everyone is welcome!

Announcements

The Jr. Sunday School Dept. is looking for Junior Youth and Preschool teachers for the new fall Sunday school session. Please contact Katherine Claassen or Ashley Enns if you are interested or know someone who might enjoy time with this great group of kids.

The following books have been donated and entered in the library:
"The Outsider" by Ann H. Gabhart - a novel based on the Kentucky Shaker community in 1807. "Real Men, Real Faith" compiled by Gene Williams Different - men's journeys in faith. "Elna - Struggles through Trials" by Harvey Yoder - Her struggles of life in Communistic Romania in the 1940's to the present.

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: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen
Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr
Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter
Keyboard Next Sunday: Kristen Kliewer
Special Music Next Sunday: Rosewood Winds

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,763.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen Home: 316-283-2412

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Church Events

Monday at 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Exec: We will meet at the church to plan for the coming year.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. High School Youth: We will meet at Doug and Katherine Claassen's house to help set up for 5th Quarter. For those of you who live close to their house, feel free to just meet there at 7 p.m. If it is more convenient to meet at the church, we will meet at the church at 7 and drive over to Doug and Katherine's.

On Friday September 4, Grace Hill will be hosting a 5th Quarter event for area youth at Doug and Katherine Claassen's home. There will be a food sign up sheet passed around during the Sunday School hour.

Background for the 5th Quarter Event: This event was started as an opportunity to provide an alternative activity on Friday nights for the high school age youth in the surrounding area (Invitations are sent to Peabody, Newton, Hesston, Berean and Remington High Schools). It is intended to be a safe environment for youth to gather together and spend time with one another. It is sponsored by our congregation and allows an opportunity for the Grace Hill Youth to extend invitations to other youth to join us for Wednesday nights and other church activities.

As High School Sponsors, we have been able to spend time with the youth who attend and extend invitations as well. However, the setting was not designed to be a Bible Study or Worship gathering, but a non-invasive way to extend welcome and do outreach in the community. We invite your prayers for this event and other high school activities this year. We also wish to thank you for the support and encouragement that you have provided for this event!

September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Puppet Team - Freshmen who are interested in joining and also last year's puppet team, please meet with Ashley Enns by the youth room.

September 13 at noon Teacher Appreciation Meal

September 27 The semi-annual business meeting will follow a carry-in meal at noon.

Et Cetera

Ten Thousand Villages, Newton invites you to celebrate World Chocolate Day and the opening reception for our Chicken Art Contest on Friday, September 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. We will be enjoying chocolate treats while admiring the artistic creations customers have come up with using the Rooster Candleholder made by our artisan partners Proexport, S.A. in Nicaragua. Please join us for this opportunity to celebrate Fair Trade, enjoy some chocolate, and to cast your vote for your favorite chicken art.

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College begins again on September 9. This program began in 1974 and is designed especially for persons 60 and above. See the 2009 Fall Schedule posted on the bulletin board.

Play golf for Bethel. Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, September 19, Hesston. Check the bulletin board for details, contact the Bethel alumni office at 316-284-5251 or alumni@bethelks.edu, or go to www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php. Registration deadline is September 9. Early entry discount for entering by September 4.

Join us for a celebration of 60 years of fun and fellowship on September 20 at 4 p.m. at Camp Mennoscah. Faspas will be served. Email your memories and pictures to: campmno@mennowdc.org or send to PO Box 65, Murdock KS 67111. **The fall camping season** is almost here! Our fall retreats begin with the Mental Health Spiritual Retreat on September 6-7, followed later in the month with Work & Play Camp, September 20-24. The fun continues with MennoFolk Family Camp on October 9-11 complete with hedgeapple games and scavenger hunt. **Oh no! Our sports shed burned down** with all the sports equipment inside. If you have any sports equipment (basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, baseballs, bowling balls, mitts, bats, etc.) to donate, please contact us (620-297-3290).

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. You can also sign up for a free subscription to "Prayers." E-mail info@MennoniteEducation.org and use "Subscription to Prayers" as the subject.