

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 30, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musicians: Ellen Mosiman, David Janzen Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

## **Back to School Sunday**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

Call to Worship

John 1:35-39

\*Sung Call to Worship

Sing the Journey 3 (green)

*Jesus calls us here to meet him*

John 1:40-43

*Come and see*

Hymnal 20

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

Hymnal 229

Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal 841

John 1: 1-5, 10-14

Prayer

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Michelle Hilgenfeld

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

Scripture

Ann Smith

Philippians 4:4-13

Sermon

*Yuhgottawanna*

Colossians 3:12-17

***Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
gentleness and patience.***

***Bear with each other and forgive one another  
if any of you has a grievance against someone.***

***Forgive as the Lord forgave you.***

***And over all these virtues put on love,  
which binds them all together in perfect unity.***

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
Since, as members of one body, you were called to peace.  
And be thankful.***

***Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly  
as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom***

***through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit,  
singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.  
And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.***

\*Heart with loving heart

Hymnal 420

Sharing and Prayer

\*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 363

*Renew your church*

\*Benediction

Postlude

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

This morning's offering is designated for Peace Connections.

*"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**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Tomorrow, Mennonite Mission Network's DOOR Dwell participants will arrive in the cities they will call home for the coming year. Pray for them as they reflect on the challenges they will encounter and as they celebrate life in community.

**Wes and Deb Bergen's summer prayer letter** was sent by email this week. Paper copies are also available in the foyer.

## **2015-16 College Students**

**Bethel College** –Matthew Graber, Mikayla Hiebert, Emma Hilgenfeld, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Kylee Schunn

**Hutchinson Community College** –Hunter Hill

**Kansas State University** - Alex Carr, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Paul Goossen, Matthew Hiebert, Madison Janzen, Paul Janzen

**Kansas University** – Rachele Claassen, Steven Harms

**Wichita State University** – Ashley Guhr, Brett Harms, Sara Harms, Ellen Mosiman

## **Church Events**

**Today during the Sunday School hour** we will be assembling MCC School Kits in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to help with this special project!

**Today at noon** The YA (Youth Adults) BBQ and swim party is today at noon at Tim and Lisa Harms' house (733 Normandy Ct, Newton). All YAs welcome!

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Social Council 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.

**October 25** Semi-Annual Church Business Meeting

## **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.

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

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kaye Penner and Sara Westerfield

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,426.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## Et Cetera

**Mennograss:** Everyone is invited to come enjoy a free dinner and bluegrass music at Tabor Mennonite Church's annual Mennograss concert. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and table service and join us for burgers and brats. Music will be provided by The Bethesda Band, Jammin' Biscuits, and Everyday Lights. This will be held at the Tabor Mennonite Church Park (891 N Chisholm Trail, Newton) on August 30 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

**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/>.

**Join us at West Zion for a discipleship workshop** with Marvin Lorenzana of Mennonite Mission Network on Sept. 12, 9:00-noon. Marvin will focus on how we grow as disciples of Jesus in the context of Missional Discipleship Groups, a form of small group. Lunch will be provided. Please register online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/rcF3DMOedv> (or on the West Zion church website). West Zion Mennonite is located at 101 S. Washington, Moundridge, 620-345-8143.

**KIPCOR Film Series 2015-16 begins with *Slavery by Another Name*, September 13 at 3 p.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. This PBS documentary deals with the re-enslavement of black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Talk-back session with Dr. Galyn Vesey to follow.

**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).

## Please Join Us for Fall Sunday School Classes!

Preschool  
Teacher: Kathy Balzer  
Classroom 5

Kindergarten – Third Grade  
Teachers: Kris and Renata Goossen  
Classroom 4

Fourth – Eighth Grade  
Teacher: Deb Regier  
Classroom 7

High School and College  
Teacher: James Regier  
Meeting under the balcony

Young Adult  
Teachers: Russ and Kris Janzen  
Meeting in the classroom across from the Library

Alternative Adult Class  
“Gospel of John Bible Study”  
Teacher: Pastor Randy Smith  
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**The Seminar Class** is a new adult Sunday school offering emphasizing Bible study. It will be led by the pastor and meet in the fellowship hall. The class is segmented into study series (seminars) of 4-6 sessions so you can feel free to engage and disengage the class as you have interest in a particular seminar. The first seminar is a four session video presentation, *The Gospel of John*, the script of the movie following the actual gospel text closely. The second seminar will be a Bible study and discussion of the gospel of John, running six sessions beginning October 4.

Other Adult Classes will again  
be meeting in their previous locations