

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 31, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Worship Leader: K. John Klaassen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Fate or Formed?

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

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 19** *I will call upon the Lord*

Offering Our Gifts Peace Connections

Children's Story

Lindsey Harms

* **Hymn No. 332** *Blessed assurance*

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

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

John Klaassen

Sermon *What you see is what you get*

Pastor Randy Smith

* **Hymn No. 486** *God of our life*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 73** *The Lord lift you up*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Today following the worship service, we will have a time of introduction and question and answer time with Pastor Randy and Ann in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served. The adult Sunday School classes will meet jointly during the month of September to begin the transition process.

A transition team has been formed to help facilitate the transition process. Members of the team are Kendall Claassen, Jo Frye, Russ Janzen, Josh Patterson and Deb Regier.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the new Church Planting Commission as they receive orientation to the theology, principles, and practices of developing new churches.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Janet Stucky of MMN as she continues to develop language fluency, and as she writes a project proposal for Bethesda Hospital in Benin detailing the nutritional needs of women and young children.

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: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Quinn Dove

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference 1,335.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The Transition Team will meet with Pastor Randy at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3 with Matthew Graber as director. We will sing on September 14.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council will meet at church.

Monday, September 8 at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at the MCC Center in North Newton. Program: MCC Work Room; Hostess & Devotions: Agnes Harder and Judy Janzen; Financial Project: Mennonite Central Committee.

Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. The final Biblical Womanhood Book Study will meet at Marie Regehr's apartment at Kidron.

September 12, 14 & 16 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.

CHURCH OFFICES

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

A reminder to complete your Western District Conference online survey today – can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDCopinion>. If you have a paper copy, please return to Debbie Claassen today also.

Free informational seminars for women - *Women and money* is a series of lunchtime presentations (noon to 1 p.m.) coordinated by Everence, scheduled for four Wednesdays – Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24 – at Hesston Public Library. Topics are “Taking the lead – women in the modern-day workplace,” “Living generously – within your means,” “Leaving something – for those you leave behind” and “Investing in your future – avoid the bag lady blues.” Light lunch will be served. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller of Everence at (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

With events in Israel and Palestine, primarily Gaza, very much in the news in recent weeks, we are fortunate to have the first-hand observations and insights of persons who have spent substantial time in that region. Daryl Byler, former MCC representative in Palestine and Israel, Iran, Iraq and Jordan, will be speaking at several events from September 5 to 7. These will take place at Hesston College, Journey Mennonite Church-South Hutchinson, Hesston Mennonite Church, Whitestone Mennonite Church, and First Mennonite Church-Newton. See the flier on the bulletin board for times, locations and topics.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Kansas Center will offer Anabaptist History and Theology this fall semester. This course will explore the vision and personalities of early Anabaptism and will assess the relevance of this heritage for the church today as we seek to form disciples in the Anabaptist tradition. This course is taught by Professor Lois Barrett, and will meet on four weekends (Sept. 5-6, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 7-8, Dec. 5-6, with Fridays 6:30-9:30pm and Saturdays 8:30am – 4:30pm). For more information, please see www.ambs.edu/academics/fall-courses.cfm or contact the registrar at registrar@ambs.edu.

Miles for Manor, a one-day bike ride in scenic Butler county, will be held on September 6 as a fund-raiser for Wheat State Manor – to help purchase a wireless nurse call system. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Day of Volunteering! For lack of a catchier title, it's a Day of Volunteering. Folks of all ages are invited to come out to Camp Mennoscah on Saturday, Sept. 13, to put those creative brains and mighty muscles to use on various fun tasks. We're considering this a kick-off of sorts to our Work & Play Camp that starts on Sunday. Fun starts at 8:30 a.m.! We will provide a sandwich lunch and a hotdog cookout for supper. (Be sure to tell us of any dietary needs.) Contact us at 620-297-3290 to let us know that you'll be coming.

Work & Play Camp, Sept. 14-17 - We're putting Camp Mennoscah back to rights after a summer of fun camps and hard use! This is a service-oriented retreat for people of all ages and skills. Along with the tasks we hope to complete, we'll have evening devotions, games, coffee breaks, and gobs of fellowship. No charge for this retreat, only a suggested donation of \$4.00 per person/meal. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information.

The Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting will be September 20 at 5 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. We hope you will join us for a light supper, updates from camp staff and board members, election of new board members and our fun feature “Pastors Love Camp”. Pastors from Topeka, Manhattan, Newton, and Hillsboro have agreed to entertain us with a variety show! Please join us in planning for the future as Camp Mennoscah continues to provide a place for people of all ages to seek God, enjoy nature, renew self and fellowship with others!

Hesston College will host Homecoming 2014, Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration, Sept. 25 to 28. Alumni and friends are invited to take part in the weekend featuring alumni from diverse multicultural backgrounds giving presentations and performances focused on their "Go Everywhere" life and career experiences. Also included are class reunions, athletic events, tapas style picnic and festival, entertainment stage, and music and drama shows. Go to hesston.edu/homecoming for schedule and registration information.

We've got TWO! There are two Fall Scrapbooking Retreats at Camp Mennoscah (Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 14-15). These retreats are for scrapbookers of all skill levels--and are filled with fun sessions and fellowship! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or check out the website for more information.

Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening for a half-time back door receiver and general maintenance person. Key qualifications: available 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, good with people, ability to lift and carry heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Spanish language skills a plus. To apply, call 283-9461 by September 15.