

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 4, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leaders: Pastors Peter and Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Arlin Buller, Todd Shults, Cynthia Goerzen,

Pastor Peter, Pastor Katherine

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

200th Anniversary Celebration
Remembering the Past, Embracing the Future

Gathering Our Praise

Prelude As you enter the sanctuary, you are invited to join us in singing praise to our steadfast God.

Hymn No. 327 *Great is thy faithfulness*

STJ No. 1 *We sing to you, O God*

Hymn No. 606 *Oh, have you not heard*

Hymn No. 545 *Be thou my vision*

Hymn No. 102 *To God be the glory*

Hymn No. 26 *Holy Spirit, come with power*

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.

Instrumental Call to Worship *Praise God from whom all blessing flow*

Call to Worship based on Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Let those who are gathered here say:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let Grace Hill Mennonite Church say:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let those who fear the Lord say:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The Lord is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation.

Many: We give thanks that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Many: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Lord is God and he has given us light.

Many: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will exalt you.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Songs of Praise No. 121** *Holy God, we praise thy name*

This hymn was sung at the dedication of the church building which replaced the old stone church on August 1, 1954 and at the 100th anniversary of the congregation being in America.

Hymn No. 343 *My hope is built on nothing less*

This hymn was sung at the dedication of the church building which replaced the old stone church on August 1, 1954.

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Word

Gospel Reading Matthew 7:24-27

Camille Claassen

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 2:4-10

* **Hymn No. 311** *The church's one foundation*

This hymn was sung at the 100th anniversary of the congregation being in America and at the groundbreaking for the new sanctuary on June 25, 2000.

Children's Story

Kim Claassen

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

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 3 Pastor Katherine Goerzen

Sermon *No Other Foundation*

Pastor Peter Goerzen

Responding to the Gospel

* **Hymn of Response No. 43** *Christ is our cornerstone*

This hymn was sung at the groundbreaking for the new sanctuary on June 25, 2000.

Litany of Thanksgiving see insert

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

This hymn was sung at the groundbreaking for the new sanctuary in 2000, at the transition from the old sanctuary to the new sanctuary on September 2, 2001, and at the dedication of the new sanctuary on November 25, 2001.

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

A meal will be served at noon, tickets are required. The meal will be followed by story telling, tours and Faspas.

For Sharing and Prayer

One hundred twelve school kits were donated to the Mennonite Central Committee Center. A big thank you to all who bought supplies and helped pack the school kits.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Beatrice Mennonite Church and their new pastor, John Regier, who is being commissioned today for this new place of ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, children in Japan from areas contaminated by radioactivity were invited to Menno Village, a partner of MMN, for several weeks to play outside and to enjoy clean food and water. Pray that what these children learned about Jesus' love will continue to give hope to them and their families.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The youth group will meet at church.

Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center in North Newton. Note change of time. Program: Work at MCC Center; Hostess & Devotions: Elva Unruh and Marie Regehr; Financial Projects: MCC.

Sunday, September 18 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting. A carry-in meal will be held after Sunday School.

September 25 at noon There will be a meal for all college-age young adults on Sunday, September 25 at Tim and Lisa Harms' home.

Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Kick-Off – All church wiener roast at the church.

Announcements

The Junior Sunday school department is looking for one more teacher for the junior high class. This would require teaching only two Sundays a month. Please pray for this need and contact Kathy Balzer if you would like to teach or have a suggestion. Thank you.

Teachers are also needed for our Wednesday night programming. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Ashley Enns or Debbie Claassen.

Donated food items will go to the Potwin Food Pantry this month. Suggested items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, canned meals, boxed meals, soups, crackers, and other nonperishable items. Cash donations are accepted. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,519.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

Western District Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah takes place September 9-11. Brochures are available in the foyer or for more information contact womengirlsretreat@gmail.com.

The Mennonite Church USA Newton offices will hold an open house on Thursday, September 15, from 4 - 6 p.m. at 718 N. Main St., Newton. Everyone is welcome to come meet churchwide staff and Executive Board members of Mennonite Church USA and to tour the newly renovated offices.

Work a little, play a little. There's always gobs of work to do at Camp Mennoscah and our "to do" list is never any shorter. But the best and most important part of our Work & Play Camp (Sept. 18-22) is not the work we do, but the good conversations and the fun times. All ages and abilities are invited to come to Work & Play--take an extra nap or spend a few more minutes finishing a project. It's up to you! Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information or to register.

WDC Resource Library - Pre-School Story Time for children in the Newton area. Children ages 3-5 are invited to sign up for fall session now by calling 316-283-6300. Story time starts Wed. September 21 at 10:00 a.m. Storytellers will be Pat Schmidt and Marlene Bogard, who will introduce your children to excellent children's literature and illustrations, the joy of books and much more.

Did you miss part of the 75th Birthday Party of the Resource Library? We are not done yet! Check out this poster-size document that features Library Director Marlene Bogard's top 75 books that are available for you to check out. This colorful list includes children and adult titles. Find it at: <http://mennowdc.org/resources/>.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has surpassed its initial target of raising \$1 million for the East Africa drought and is now expanding its response to the continuing crisis in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. MCC is planning to provide emergency food assistance and emergency relief for internally displaced people around the Somalia border town of Dhobley, the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya and in two districts in southeastern Ethiopia. MCC continues to work with long-term partner organizations in over 50 countries to help lessen the effects of future droughts. Please consider giving a gift for 'East Africa Drought', or to 'Where Needed Most' to support MCC's sustainable development work around the world. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or donate online at mcc.org.

Litany of Thanksgiving

1: No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid;
that foundation is Jesus Christ.

All: Others, by the grace of God, have laid the foundation, and now we build upon it.

2: Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, you have been our dwelling place in all generations!

1: And the mercy and the steadfast love of the Lord has rested upon us.

2: God has established the work of our hands.

1: One generation playing its part and passing on;

2: Another generation playing its part and passing on.

All: Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, you have been our dwelling place in all generations!

1: Lord, we praise you for the living stones who have gone before us.

All: Others, by the grace of God, have laid the foundation, and now we build upon it.

2: We give you thanks for their courage, their vision, their wisdom, their faith.

All: Others, by the grace of God, have laid the foundation, and now we build upon it.

1: Everyone who hears the words of Jesus and act upon them will be like a wise person who built a house upon the rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon the house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

2: No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid;
that foundation is Jesus Christ.

All: Others, by the grace of God, have laid the foundation, and now we build upon it.

1: But let each one take care how she builds.

2: Let each one take care how he builds.

All: We build upon the firm foundation that has been laid before us.

1: Lord, we praise you for the living stones within our congregation now.

All: We build upon the firm foundation that has been laid before us.

2: We give you thanks for the living stones who shape the future of your church.

All: Let us take care how we build.

1: Come to the Lord, the Living Stone!

2: Rejected by the world, but chosen by God.

1: Come to that Living Stone!

2: And be yourselves like living stones,

1: built into a house upon the rock, to the glory of God

2: A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people!

All: We are living stones!

1: Built into a living heritage to the glory of God,

2: to declare the wonderful deeds of God who has called us out of darkness and into marvelous light!

All: We are living stones!

1: Once we were no people; now we are God's people

2: Once we had no experience of mercy, now it is intimately ours!

1: Come to the Living Stone!

2: Come to the Cornerstone!

1: And be yourselves like living stones –

2: Let us take care how we build.

1: Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, you have been our dwelling place in all generations!

2: Others, by the grace of God, have laid the foundation and now we build upon it.

All: For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

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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