

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 6, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Kristin Kliewer

Music: Rosewood Winds

Worship Leader: Katherine Claassen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Gathering Our Praise

Prelude *Grace Greater than our Sin* Daniel B. Towner
 Great Hymn Favorites arr. Rich Heffler

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: We come to worship our God who knows us and loves us.

Many: We come to listen to God's Word, as it has come to us,
through Moses, the prophets, and the Master
Teacher, Jesus Christ.

One: We come to learn from the written Word of God as the
Holy Spirit, working in our teachers, pastors, and others,
makes God's Word present to us.

Many: As we worship today, we seek to know and love God
more fully.

* Invocation

* **Gathering Hymn No. 489** *O little children, gather*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Offertory *Canon in D* Johann Pachebel

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 20-25 John Klaassen

Special Music

Glory to His Name
A New Name in Glory

Rosewood Winds
arr. Gordon Schuster
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Proclaiming

Children's Story

Valerie Klaassen

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

Scripture Reading Joshua 4:1-5, 20-24 Pastor Peter

Sermon *What are these stones?* Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 545** *Be thou my vision* vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

Sharing and Prayer *Three American Folk Hymns* Lewis/Robertson
Pastor Katherine and Rosewood Winds

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 487** *Teach me, O Lord*

Commissioning Sunday School Classes and Teachers

Katherine Claassen

* **Benediction** Christian Education Litany Insert

Postlude *Gigue* Johann Sebastian Bach

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults
to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the
children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

On this Christian education Sunday, we begin a new Sunday School year. May God guide and direct all of us as teachers and students. We also welcome Rosewood Winds. Special thanks to members Amanda Friesen, Kristin Kliewer, and Valerie Klaassen for sharing their musical gifts!

For Sharing and Prayer

Virginia Harms had surgery on Wednesday and was moved to St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

The Education Council would like to thank all who had a part in the Back-to-School Sunday. Many people brought school supplies, made snacks, decorated tables, interviewed students, helped assemble the school kits, sewed beautiful school kit bags, cleaned up afterwards, and helped out in so many ways. We put together a total of eighty-one school kits. That's a total of eighty-one children that will have smiles on their faces as they open up their new school kits.

Western District Conference: Pray for workers, laborers, employers; for the unemployed and those lacking meaningful work.

Mennonite Mission Network: Radical Journey participants are beginning their year with an orientation to help them focus on what God is doing in the world and imagine how they may join in. Pray that they would be open to the movement of God's love in and around them.

Next Sunday: We will ponder our calling to be a *community* of faith. The scripture texts will be Lev. 26:9-12 and Romans 12:3-21 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Announcements

Elective Sunday School Class: Starting September 20th (and continuing through October 4) Pastor Katherine will be leading an elective Sunday School Bible Study provided by Mennonite Church USA entitled "Following Jesus in a World that is not." It will focus on three questions: What has shaped our identity in the past? What is shaping our identities now? and What will shape our identities in the future? All are welcome and invited to attend.

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: condiments. 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 Terry Klassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Katherine
Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$1,365.85
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Wednesday 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.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Next Sunday at noon Teacher Appreciation Meal

Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Work projects - school kits, tie comforts, etc.; Hostess & Devotions: Agnes Harder and Gladys Reimer; Financial Projects: Mennonite Central Committee.

September 20 College-Age Lunch: There will be a meal for all college-age young adults at Tim and Lisa Harms on September 20th. College Students, please let Pastor Katherine know if you are planning to attend and/or invite other students as well (this is encouraged). If anyone from the congregation is interested in helping prepare the meal, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

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

September 27 Youth Group Annual Progressive Supper: The Youth Group will be having a Progressive Supper Sunday, September 27 in the evening (after our service at Wheat State Manor). If you are interested in hosting a course for this event, please contact Pastor Katherine, Kris and Russ Janzen, or Diana and Rob Schunn. Thanks!

In Home Church Fellowship Meals October 11 and October 25 The Spiritual Council invites everyone in the congregation to participate in fellowship meals to be shared in our homes. You are invited to register as either a host or a guest for one of the following Sundays: October 11 at noon or in the evening and October 25 at noon or in the evening. Registration forms are available in the foyer. You are encouraged to complete the form and return it to the basket in the foyer by September 13. If you have questions call Kathy Balzer at 799-2008.

Et Cetera

The Women's and Girls' Retreat will be held at Camp Mennoscah on September 11-13. Theme: "Our Kaleidoscope of Life". Retreat speakers are Karen Andres and Marcene Entz. Schedules and registration forms are available on the bulletin board.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 19, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 East 30th St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Colombia. Informational brochures are available on the bulletin board. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as shorter family rides, are planned.

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.

Check the bulletin board to see information* from the Western District Conference annual meeting that was held August 7-8 in North Newton. (*Delegate session minutes, approved WDC 2010 budget, WDC 2010 election results, certified delegate list)

It's the oldest we've ever been! Camp Mennoscah is turning 60 this year and we're celebrating on September 20th at 4:00 p.m. We'll share stories and have faspas (a light meal). We're gathering stories on video and scanning pictures to make a collection of memories to share with our supporting congregations. Bring your photos and stories with you, or send them to us in advance by email or post to campmno@mennowdc.org or PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111.

The fun never ends at Camp Mennoscah! Check out the information for our Work & Play Camp and MennoFolk Family Camp at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section. (Or give us a call—we'll send you a brochure.) John Gaeddert will be leading our devotional times for Work & Play, and we have HEDGEAPPLE GAMES at MennoFolk Family Camp. You'll look at those funny fruit in a whole new way—almost guaranteed! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.

Christian Education Litany

All: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**North: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart,
all our soul, all our mind.**

South: We will keep God's word in our heart.

One: The Word of the Lord will be recited to the children,
and to the youth, and to the adults.

**North: We will remind and encourage one another
to study God's Word.**

South: We will share with each other

how God has walked with us on our journey.

One: We will kindle the faith of the congregation
with words of affirmation, challenge, and love.

All: We are God's work of art— each one of us!

**North: Like stained glass we will let God's love shine through us
reflecting the good news of Jesus Christ.**

*South: Together we will let the Holy Spirit use our lives
to proclaim God's story.*

One: Together we will listen and become quiet before God.

**All: Together we will tell of all God's wonderful
and glorious deeds!**

2009 – 2010 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Early Childhood: Pre-kindergarten

Teachers: Deb Regier, Nancy Schmidt, Bonita Schroeder

Students: Lucille Burch, Lexi Enns, Sara Enns,
Taylor Frye, Eva Hilgenfeld

Primary: Grades Kindergarten – 2nd

Teachers: Carol Claassen, Katherine Claassen

Students: Quinn Dove, Brandi Enns, Lizzi Enns,
Paige Frye, Lily Hilgenfeld

Middler & Junior Youth I: Grades 3rd & 6th

Teachers: Kris Goossen, Curt Regehr

Students: Carine Claassen, Carson Dove, Alia Enns,
Renata Goossen, Jacob Hilgenfeld, Bethany Regehr

Junior Youth II: Grades 7th & 8th

Teachers: Doug Claassen, Peter Goerzen, Rob Schunn

Students: Rachelle Claassen, Lucas Goossen, Paul Goossen,
Sara Harms, Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Kadie Martin,
Meghan Nipper, Eli Schmidt, Kylee Schunn

High School Location: Youth Room

Teachers: Kendall Claassen, Jeff Toews

Students: Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Cole Claassen,
Courtney Claassen, Grant Claassen, Samantha Claassen,
Ashley Guhr, Brett Harms, Laura Harms, Philip Harms,
Steven Harms, Matthew Hiebert, Mikayla Hiebert,
David Janzen, Paul Janzen, Emily Klassen, Elizabeth Martin,
Katrina Regehr, Melinda Regehr, Katie Regier, Kyle Regier,
Casey Schunn, Josh Toews, Curtis Toews

2009-10 College Students

Bethel College – Camille Claassen, Daniel Klaassen,
Amanda Regehr, Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier

Butler Community College – Emily Burch

Hesston College – Emily Toews

Kansas State University - Grant Hill, Josh Patterson

Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina – Ashley Toews

Student teaching at Peabody this fall.

Paul Mitchell, Wichita – Kristen Toews

Wichita State University – Jana Harms, Cory Hiebert

Chicago Theological Seminary – Hannah Klaassen

Working toward a Master of Divinity Degree

Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia –

Brett Klingenberg

Eastern Mennonite University – Cassie Klingenberg

Kansas University - Chelsea Vaught, working on DMA

(Doctor of Music Arts)

University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law –

Rachel Balzer Brimm