

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 7, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Musician: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Russ Janzen

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

**All: Come and worship**

Leader: All you who love and serve our God

**People: Who surrounds us with unfailing love,**

Leader: and answers us when we call;

**People: who cares for the humble and the lowly;**

Leader: and never abandons those in need

**All: This is our God, worthy of our worship and praise!**

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Offering Our Gifts** Mennonite Church USA

\* **Sing the Journey No. 96** *I'm pressing on the upward way*

**Scripture Reading** Philippians 1: 1-11

Russ Janzen

**Special Music** *Heaven's Jubilee*

Valerie Klaassen, Bonita Schroeder, Diana Schunn

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

**Sermon** *Please be patient. God is not finished with me yet.*

Pastor Randy

\* **Hymn of Response No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness*

### Congregational Sharing and Prayer

\* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 13** *My soul is filled with joy*  
verses 1 & 5

\* **Benediction**

### Postlude

\*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.

**The Adult Sunday School class will begin  
10 minutes after the service is over.  
Everyone is welcome!**

**COME AND BE PART** of the combined adult Sunday school class through September. To begin the Discovery Process, this morning Pastor Randy will guide our conversation as we reflect on where Grace Hill is in the lifecycle of a congregation. We will meet in the sanctuary in order to assist hearing.

**SEPTEMBER 14, 21, 28** our Sunday school conversation will focus on the Grace Hill story. As we create a timeline we will reflect on the presence of God in our past, what we want to take forward and what we want to leave behind as we move into the next chapter God has for us.

### For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the Western District Executive Board and Moderator Richard Gehring in their first meeting on Saturday, September 13. Pray for God's guidance as they lead WDC in a year of discernment.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Moriah Hurst of MMN is assuming more responsibility in the community development training program of Praxis, where she teaches in Australia. Pray that God will grant energy and wisdom to Moriah. Pray also for some of her students who are facing major mental health issues.

## **Announcements**

**The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries** are in need of items throughout the year. 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:** Kaye Penner and Quinn Dove

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russ Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Peace Connections \$1,062.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

***Transition Pastor: Randy Smith***

*Email:* [transitionpastor@gmail.com](mailto:transitionpastor@gmail.com)

***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Church Events

**Monday 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 at 7:00 p.m.** The final Biblical Womanhood Book Study will meet at Marie Regehr's apartment at Kidron.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir practice

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at the Breadbasket, Newton.

**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.

**September 28 at 12:45 p.m.** Semi-annual church business meeting. We will have a carry-in meal at 11:30 a.m.

**October 5 at 4:00 p.m.** The Spiritual Council invites everyone age 65 and over to a Senior Fasma in the Fellowship Hall of our church on Sunday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m. Come prepared to have an enjoyable time and to share some of your "Mischievous Experiences from Your Childhood."

## Et Cetera

**The Harvey County Homeless Shelter** will hold training sessions at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter, 900 W. Broadway, Newton on September 9 and September 25. See Donna Balzer for more information.

**Spend a day at Camp Mennoscah!** We're having a Day of Volunteering on September 13 and inviting everyone of all ages and skills. The fun will begin at 8:30 a.m. and tasks will be varied. We will provide a sandwich lunch and a hotdog cookout for supper (no charge). (Be sure to tell us of any dietary needs.) Coming to Work & Play Camp or traveling far? Let us know if you would like to stay overnight. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to let us know that you'll be coming.

**Work & Play Camp, September 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](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 for more information.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 20, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Kenya. Rides of approximately 35, 45 and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are on the bulletin board. The brochure is also available on the MCC website, [www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride). Or you can register on-line at that website.

**If you are a Junior or Senior in high school**, Eastern Mennonite University is basically paying you to come out and visit us! It's called 2014 EMU Fly-Trip. How it works is EMU is PAYING for \$400 dollars of your trip to come out here to visit campus on October 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Once you are out here we'll cover housing, food and a ride to and from the airport, so really you'll be paying just for the leftover ticket cost. Here is the link to more information, ([emu.edu/flytrip](http://emu.edu/flytrip)). Please contact Andrew Penner if you have questions, 540-432-4118 or [andrew.penner@emu.edu](mailto:andrew.penner@emu.edu).

**Mennonite Central Committee** would like to invite you on a Learning Tour to Kenya. On February 7-17, 2015, you will discover, first-hand, Sand Dams at work and see other MCC supported programs in the areas of health, education and peace. The estimate cost for this learning tour is \$1110 per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. Space is very limited. For more information contact Anna Yoder by Monday September 22, 2014 at [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org) or 316-283-2720.

## 2014 – 2015 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

### **Kindergarten/Pre-kindergarten**

*Teachers:* Theresa Toews

*Students:* Sofia Frohlich-Phipps, Hadleigh Harms, Raegan McDonald

### **Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Teachers:* Katherine Claassen and Nancy Harms

*Students:* Rowan Dove, Taylor Frye, Eva Hilgenfeld, Taylor McDonald,  
Brandon Phipps, Madi Phipps

### **Junior Youth: Grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Teachers:* Jo Frye and Deb Regier

*Students:* Quinn Dove, Savannah Frohlich, Paige Frye,  
Lily Hilgenfeld, Bethany Regehr

### **High School: Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Teachers:* Cody Claassen and Rob Schunn or Adult Elective

*Students:* Carine Claassen, Alston Cunningham, Carson Dove,  
Isaac Frohlich, Paul Goossen, Renata Goossen,  
Jacob Hilgenfeld, Grant Janzen

## **2014-15 College Students**

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

**Hutchinson Community College** – Lucas Goossen, Hunter Hill,  
Eli Schmidt

**Kansas State University** - Alex Carr, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen,  
Samantha Claassen, Matthew Hiebert, David Janzen, Madison Janzen,  
Paul Janzen, Adrian Nethercot

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

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