

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 8, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

Shaped by the Story: Love the Lord Your God
Grace Hill's Twelve Foundational Scriptures
Gathering and Praising

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 based on Deuteronomy 6

One: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone

All: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind

One: We will keep God's Word in our heart
and the Word of the Lord will be recited to the children, to the youth, and to the adults of our congregation

**Many: We will keep God's Word in our heart
and we will share with each other how God has walked with us on our journey**

One: We will keep God's Word in our heart and we will remind and encourage one another to study God's Word

**Many: We will keep God's Word in our heart
and we will nurture the faith of all within our congregation**

One: Together we will let the Holy Spirit use our lives to proclaim God's Story

Many: Together we will listen to God's Spirit speaking to us

One: Together we will tell of all God's wonderful and glorious deeds

All: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 76** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

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

Hearing God's Story

Old Testament Scripture Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 Jeff Toews

Scripture Sharing Marie Regehr

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Story

* **Binding Ritual and Hymn of Response No. 363** *Renew your church*

Responding to the Story and Congregational Prayer

What was meaningful for you from this morning's worship service?

What questions have you pondered in regard to this text?

How has God's Spirit spoken to you through this Scripture passage?

Sent by God

* **Sending Song No. 398** *I love to tell the story*

* **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 classes will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

The flowers this morning are in honor of Ray and Elfrieda Schmidt's 65th Wedding Anniversary, which was on August 28, and a significant birthday for Elfrieda today! Congratulations to Ray & Elfrieda and Happy Birthday Elfrieda! The Raymond Schmidt Family

Western District Conference: Pray for the Bible Storying event to be held next Sunday with presenter Michael Novelli at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Participants will be led in an interactive learning experience so they can more effectively teach the Bible in their congregations.

Mennonite Mission Network: Participants with Mennonite Voluntary Service, a MMN program, are beginning their service assignments this month. Pray that as they learn to live in community in a new city, their relationships with Jesus and the church will grow deeper.

Church Events

This evening at 5:45 p.m. Grace Hill Night at the Movies – Biblical stories on the big screen, complete with popcorn. Response and evaluation to follow viewing. Tonight's showing: *The Gospel of John* The story of Jesus' life, adapted for screen word-for-word from John's Gospel. Henry Ian Cusick and Christopher Plummer star. 3 hours. PG-13 (crucifixion).

Monday at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet in the church basement. Program: Work day at church, tie comforts and cut quilt blocks; Hostess & Devotions: Agnes Harder, Mary Ann Wiebe, Pauline Toews; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group will meet.
Adult Choir practice.
Spiritual Council meets at church.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket in Newton.

September 18-24 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

September 18 The Youth Group will be serving the meal at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter on Wednesday, September 18. Plan to meet at the Homeless Shelter at 5:45 p.m. to get set up. Please bring a main course dish, salad, or dessert to serve. Thank you for participating in this important ministry of the church!

Sunday, September 29 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual Church Business Meeting. There will be a meal at 11:30 a.m. – more details to come.

October 6 Wheat State Vespers and Mystery Meal: The Youth Group will be leading the Wheat State Vespers service on Sunday, October 6. Plan to meet at the church building at 3:30. We will then return to the church building for a mystery meal (NOTE: This is a change from the Calendar of Events that I gave you, as it will be at the Church Building and not Pastor Katherine's house).

Announcements

Dig In is an adult intergenerational Sunday School class being offered this fall. *Dig In* is a new print and video curriculum focusing on 13 core Scriptures for Anabaptists. Participants interact with the Scriptures by storytelling, background information, clips of people digesting the Word into life, and a prayerful reading and response. This is an adult elective and is part of Grace Hill's Year of the Bible.

Calling All Artists!: Creativity is a gift from the One who created us! So, in conjunction with Grace Hill's Year of the Bible, we would invite anyone who is interested and who feels so led to create pieces of art from favorite scripture passages to be displayed within our church building and/or worship services during the next year. Any medium is fine (painting, photography, sketching, poetry, dance, and so on). If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Peter or Pastor Katherine.

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 Angela Frohlich-Phipps

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,297.00

Offering Next Sunday: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Et Cetera

Dates are set for volunteer training at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at the Shelter Office: September 10 & 26. Please see Donna Balzer if you have questions.

Bible Storying is our next Year of the Bible event. Attend if you enjoy an interactive learning experience on how to learn and teach the Bible. Come to Faith Mennonite, Newton, from 3-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 15. Call Western District Conference at 316-283-6300 by September 10 to reserve your spot. Only \$10 per person or \$25 for a group of up to ten persons from your congregation.

Bethel College and the Bethel College Service Corps present The Misguided Professors and The Book of JEBB in a benefit concert for Oklahoma tornado relief and a celebration of fiddler Jesse Graber – Sunday, September 15 at 3 p.m., Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus; free with offering taken.

Don't Hide Under a Bushel! We're looking for skills great and small--from dusting to repairing, from willing spirits to helpful hands--to join us for our **Work & Play Camp at Camp Mennoscah**, September 15-18. This is a service-oriented retreat for all ages. We'll be working hard and squeezing every ounce of fellowship and fun out of each day. This year's retreat is slightly shorter than previous years and we'd be happy to have folks stay longer. Just let us know! The brochure can be found at www.campmennoscah.org or give us a call at 620-297-3290.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains invites you to a Simple Supper on Friday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. The supper will be followed by a report of the recent survey data and discussion concerning the future of the AMBS - Great Plains extension program. No cost; RSVP by Sept. 16 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-7098 or mfaul@ambs.edu.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 21, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Vietnam. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride are planned. Informational brochures are available on the bulletin board. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. Or you can register online at that website.

Hesston College will host Homecoming 2013: A View From Everywhere with an emphasis on nursing and holistic health September 26 to 29. A weekend highlight will be the show *Laughter is Sacred Space* by Ted & Lee Company TheaterWorks. The show reveals the unique journey of working in theatre and church under the shadow of mental illness while offering hope and humor. Tickets for the show are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or through the Hesston College Bookstore by calling 620-327-8105. Go to www.hesston.edu for more details and registration for all weekend activities.

Headed to the Rocky Mountain MCC Sale in Rocky Ford, CO in October? If so, we're looking for volunteers to bring MCC School Kits back to the MCC Center in North Newton from Colorado. If you're planning on going to Colorado and are willing to bring back a few boxes of school kits, please contact Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720 to work out the details.

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) Convention: "Cultivating Solutions: Harvesting Hope" Join MEDA for 4 days of inspiration, information and networking in Wichita during November 7-10. Plenary sessions feature topics on global food issues, the importance of networking and collaboration and overcoming barriers to hope. Go to www.medaconvention.org for full descriptions of the plenary sessions, seminars, tours and online registration, or call 1-800-665-7026 for more information.

Job Opening: Director of Prison Ministries - Offender/Victim Ministries is seeking applicants to oversee its M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. This position is half-time, salaried and based in Newton. Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters to libby.ovm@sbcglobal.net.