

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 9, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Musician: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Josh Patterson

Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Seek Shalom Through Reconciliation

Gathering

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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 34: 1-3

Call to Worship

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love –

**Many: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers:
a community of kindred hearts.**

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know –

**Many: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

One: People of God, look about you and see all the images of God assembled here

**Many: in me, in you, in each of us,
God's Spirit shines for all to see.**

One: People of God, come

All: Let us worship together.

Prayer for Shalom and Lighting the Peace Lamp

* **Gathering Hymn No. 8** *Brethren, we have met to worship*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Listening

Children's Story

Valerie Klaassen

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

New Testament Reading Colossians 3: 12-17 Brian Hilgenfeld

* **Hymn No. 362** *Help us to help each other*

Gospel Reading Matthew 18: 15-22 Brian Hilgenfeld

Sermon *Where two or three are gathered* Pastor Katherine

Responding

Song of Response *Forgive our sins as we forgive*
Tara Harms-Becker and Pastor Katherine

Prayer of Confession Reading from Hymn No. 696

Assurance of Pardon

Offering Our Gifts Local Church

* **Sending Hymn No. 363** *Renew your church*

* **Blessing**

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!**

An intergenerational Sunday School class will meet in the fellowship hall. The 1st and 3rd Sundays – Pastor Peter will lead a discussion on the sermon and contents. The 2nd and 4th Sundays – Cal Frye and Rob Schunn will lead discussion of current events and assorted topics.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister for Texas and Church Planting. Pray for wisdom in supporting church planters and networking church planting partnerships.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's partner, DOOR, will send a delegation of staff and board members to participate in the Beloved Community Council, meeting September 13-15 in Atlanta. Pray for the Holy Spirit's inspiration in reflecting on race and culture and in envisioning new programs that authentically integrate the gospel and urban communities.

You are invited to a "Come & Go Celebration" of Merrill and Gladys Harms' 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, September 23. Stop by any time from 3-5 p.m. at the City of North Newton Community Room (2601 N. Main St) for refreshments and fellowship.

Church Events

Today at 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Progressive Supper – meet at the church at 4:00 p.m.

Monday at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center in North Newton. Program: Work day at the MCC Center; Hostess & Devotions: Gladys Reimer and Judy Janzen; Financial Project: MCC.

Tuesday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Community Creativity Workshop Want to be free to develop your creative expression? (Painting, drawing, crafts, scrapbooking, etc.) Join us every second and third Tuesday of the month. Virgil Penner, artist, will be coordinating the workshop. All beginners and advanced persons are welcome. Please bring your own supplies for whatever you wish to create. No cost for coming....bring a friend..... invite a neighbor. Time: 1:30-5:00 (Break time at 3:00 p.m.) Location: Grace Hill Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call Virgil Penner at 316-842-6738 or email pennerv@cox.net.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice
Youth Group meets

This Friday, there will be a 5th Quarter at Doug and Katherine Claassen's. If you are interested in helping to provide food for this, there will be a sign-up sheet available during Sunday School. Thank you for your support!

Next Sunday at noon College Lunch: James and Deb Regier will host a meal for all college-age young adults on Sunday, September 16. We look forward to seeing you there! Please feel free to invite your friends! If anyone would like to help with this college lunch, please speak with James or Deb Regier. Thanks!

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. All women are invited to a baby shower for Sara Westerfield in the Grace Hill Fellowship Hall. Sara is registered at Babies-R-Us.

September 23 at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting. A carry-in meal will be held at noon.

September 26 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Kick-Off – All church wiener roast at the church. Rain or shine! Donation for meal – bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks. Wednesday evening programming begins October 3. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as our Wednesday night programming.

Sunday, October 14 Worship and Supper with Casa Betania: On Sunday, October 14, the Casa Betania congregation from Newton will join us at Grace Hill for a special evening of exciting worship and food and fellowship. Casa Betania's worship band will be leading our singing, and the congregation will serve a supper of burritos and/or tostadas. We will have the opportunity to share in Casa Betania's ministry in the community through worship, prayer, and a free-will offering which will support the mission of Casa Betania. Worship will be at 5 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m.

October 20-21 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

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: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,405.00

Offering Next Sunday: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Et Cetera

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 15, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Tanzania. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. Or you can register on-line at that website.

Liberty, a Southern Gospel Quartet, will be in concert on Saturday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church, 1½ miles south of Inman. Whether or not you are a fan of Southern Gospel music, you will certainly enjoy the enthusiasm these men exhibit while serving and singing to the Lord. Their ministry bridges all generations, bringing enjoyment to traditional venues as well as contemporary. No admission fees are requested but a love offering will be taken in support of their ministry. For more information, visit www.libertyquartet.com.

Annual Harvey County Habitat Fall Fundraiser Dinner will be held on September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 North Anderson, Newton. Live Auction!! Come enjoy great food and fellowship. Dinner catered by Richard and Pat Denno. Entertainment will be provided by "The Woven". Any questions and to RSVP, please call Gary Hill at 316-284-1198. Donations and pledges will be greatly appreciated.

Sunday, September 23 – The Bethel College Women's Association presents "Tales and Tunes - Adventures with Aesop," a free program at 2 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus, featuring the Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Bethel education students. This hands-on expressive arts experience is designed for elementary-age children, but all are welcome. Snacks provided.

A special service to dedicate a historic memorial stone will be held at the Catlin Mennonite cemetery north of Peabody. The dedication will be Sunday afternoon, September 23 at 3:00 p.m. The stone will remember approximately 17 Swiss Volhynian Mennonite children who died at Peabody on the journey from Russia to the Moundridge area in 1874. The cemetery is located from Peabody 3 miles north, 1 west, and ½ north. If there has been rain, go 4 north, 1 west, and ½ south. A tour of the cemetery will follow the service. It is suggested that participants bring lawn chairs.

The Camp Mennoscah Association Board of Directors invites you to our first annual meeting on September 30! We'll have good food, good music (The Book of Job!), good information and good fellowship! We hope you will bring your ideas and enthusiasm for continuing the good work that has been done at Camp Mennoscah for over 60 years! The Board has been meeting with Cathcart Architects to develop a plan for the future - come and see and contribute your input! We'll start with games for children and a gathering time at 3, then business meeting at 4:30 followed by supper (pork, buns and drink provided - you bring a side dish to share and table service), then a look at the Master Plan for Camp! Call us at 620-297-3290 for more information. We'll see you there!

All are invited to a centennial celebration of the Congo Mennonite Church and Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, September 30, at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st St., Newton. Celebrations took place in Congo in July; the month of September 2012 has been set aside for celebrations in eight locations in North America. The Newton-area celebration features the following events: 4:00 p.m. Program in Fellowship Hall – Presentation on 100 years of AIMM witness; message from the church in Africa with video footage of celebrations in Congo; and release of The Jesus Tribe: Grace Stories from Congo's Mennonites 1912-2012, a collection of stories by and about Africans who with courage and faithfulness served as evangelists and church planters. 5:00 p.m. Light Meal in Fellowship Hall; and 6:00 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary – Celebration of the church in Congo with reflections by African church leaders and AIMM-related people, and offering for church projects in Africa. For more information contact First Mennonite Church at 316-283-0273 or office@firstmennonitenewton.org.

CHURCH OFFICES

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