

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 11, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Musicians: Valerie Klaassen, Joel Boettger, Jordon Ortman

Gathering Our Praise

Prelude *Sonata in Eb* by Mozart

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 Psalm 103

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 369** *Lord, whose love in humble service*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Offertory *Canonic Sonata* by G.P. Telemann

Hearing God's Word

Special Music *All Creatures of our God and King* arr. by John F. Wilson
Valerie Klaassen, Joel Boettger, Jordon Ortman

Bibles for First Graders Sara Enns, Taylor Frye, Brady Deterding

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

Gospel Reading Mark 2:1-12 Doug Hiebert

Sermon *Tear a hole in the roof* Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

* **Hymn of Response No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

Hymn of Prayer STJ No. 47 *Oh, Lord have mercy*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song No. 372** *O healing river*

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Canonic Sonata* by G.P. Telemann

*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

Thank you for the many prayers, visits, support, and other expressions of concern during the time following Olin's accident and death. We ask that you continue to pray with us as we deal with these issues.

Alma, Darryl & Stacy, Carmen & Paul, and the grandchildren

A special 200th Anniversary "Home Coming" Celebration Thank You to Lisa Schmidt for writing and directing the drama, to all the drama cast, sound people, etc.; to Doreen Harms for her work with historical information beforehand, and for the cemetery identification work; to the Social Council who assisted the caterers for meals and social activities; to Tim Harms for his assistance and extra hours of work; to the men who helped with work beforehand; and to all who helped facilitate events and activities. Thank you also to Pastor Peter and Pastor Katherine for being gracious and inspiring pastoral hosts. The committee has received nothing but appreciation for what it meant to those that attended. We served 580 meals, in addition to Fasma Sunday afternoon. The social council kept the water and coffee containers filled. We had about 350 that attended. Twelve states and Canada were represented in the guest lists.

Also a big THANK YOU to Virgil and Kaye Penner for all of their many hours of planning and hard work. The weekend was a success and all of your time was much appreciated!!

Thank you to those who so generously provided cookies, cakes, and jellies for meals/snacks last weekend for the 200th Anniversary Celebration and for helping with serving and cleanup. All was appreciated.

Social Council

Elections will be held next Sunday, September 18. There are a number of vacancies yet to be filled. The nomination process is sometimes lengthy as people take time to consider their commitment. If you have not yet been asked about a specific assignment, please let the nominating committee know in which area you would be willing to serve. Let us remember our commitments to give of our time, talents and resources to the work of God's Kingdom and be willing to serve joyfully. Please contact the nominating committee this week: Kendall Claassen 620-752-3669, David Enns 316-217-2771, Dean Patterson 316-744-0363.

Western District Conference: Praise God for the abundant provisions for Grace Mennonite Church, Enid, Oklahoma, that is dedicating their debt-free, \$1.4 million new facility today. Pray for a strong outreach in this new location.

Mennonite Mission Network: A country in Asia where MMN personnel minister is in the process of passing a law that could make it very difficult to share the good news of Jesus. Pray for wisdom, courage and protection for Christians in this country as they find creative new ways to pass on their faith.

Church Events

Monday 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.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The youth group will meet at church. Youth - Just a reminder to bring your bed sheet "togas" as we begin our Wednesday Night series on Philippians.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlie's in Newton.

Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m. All-church carry-in meal.

Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting.

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. Rain or shine! Donation for meal – bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks. 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Wednesday Evening Activities. Wednesday evening programming begins October 5.

On October 9 at 4 p.m., all Senior Citizens are invited to join the Spiritual Council for our annual Faspa. The event will be held in the Grace Hill Fellowship Hall. Please come prepared to share memories about entertainment you enjoyed during your childhood (radio programs, school programs, community socials, etc.). Note the change of location from previous years.

2011 – 2012 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Early Childhood: Pre-kindergarten

Teachers: Deb Regier, Theresa Toews

Students: Rowan Dove, Caleb Enns, Jacob Enns

Primary: Grades Kindergarten – 2nd

Teachers: Kathy Balzer, Carol Claassen

Students: Lexi Enns, Lizzi Enns, Sara Enns,

Eva Hilgenfeld, Lily Hilgenfeld

Middler: Grades 3rd - 5th

Teacher: Josh Patterson, Curt Regehr

Students: Quinn Dove, Alia Enns, Brandi Enns,

Bethany Regehr, Bryanna Smith

Junior Youth: Grades 6th - 8th

Teachers: Carl Goossen, Kris Janzen

Students: Carine Claassen, Alston Cunningham, Carson Dove,

Renata Goossen, Jacob Hilgenfeld

High School Location: Youth Room

Students: Alexander Carr, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen,

Rachelle Claassen, Lucas Goossen, Paul Goossen, Ashley Guhr,

Brett Harms, Sara Harms, Steven Harms, Matthew Hiebert,

Mikayla Hiebert, Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen,

Paul Janzen, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Eli Schmidt, Kylee Schunn

2011-12 College Students

Bethel College – Camille Claassen, Cody Claassen, Amanda Regehr, Melinda Regehr, Katie Regier, Casey Schunn

Beloit Technical College – Curtis Toews

Bluffton College - Emily Klassen

Butler Community College – Emily Toews

Kansas State University - Emily Burch, Brittany Claassen, Courtney Claassen, Samantha Claassen, Grant Hill, David Janzen, Adrian Nethercot, Josh Toews

Kansas University – Philip Harms

Wichita State University – Jana Harms, Laura Harms, Cory Hiebert, Kristen Toews

Et Cetera

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.

KIPCOR's Film Series continues with the showing of *Amreeka* at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, in Krehbiel Auditorium. The film is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. "Amreeka" chronicles the adventures of Muna, a single mother who leaves the West Bank with Fadi, her teenage son, with dreams of an exciting future in the promised land of small town Illinois. This film is part of Art With Impact's Underground Film Series. This award winning film was selected because of its insights into Arab culture, immigration issues and American awareness of the Israeli / Palestinian relationship. To learn more about the film and the Underground Film Series, visit www.artwithimpact.org.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. 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: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander> or you can register online.

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.

We're doing it by the book! Well, by the scrapbook, that is. We had such a blast with our spring Scrapbooking Retreat that we are having another one! The fall Scrapbooking Retreat is Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Check out the brochure at www.mennowdc.org or contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org for more information. The theme for this retreat is "You Inspire Me."

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: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,705.00

Offering Next Sunday: Associated 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

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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