

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 13, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 311

The church's one foundation

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church.

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!

"Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality."

The Spirit and Church in Acts

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Sung Call to Worship

Hymnal 26

Holy Spirit, come with power

*Call to Worship

In the last days, says the Lord,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Sons and daughters will prophesy.

Young men will see visions;

Old men will dream dreams.

On my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit.

And everyone who calls on

the name of the Lord will be saved

*When morning gilds the skies

Hymnal 644

Confession and Forgiveness

Psalm 19:12-14

Silent confession

Prayer

O breath of Life

Sing the Journey 35

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Kim Claassen

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

Scripture

Katherine Claassen

Acts 2:41-47

Sermon

The Holy Church

*Filled with the Spirit's power

Hymnal 289

Sharing and Prayer

How did it happen? A group of 120 believers hiding out in the upper room became an international movement of faith within a generation. The worship series, "The Spirit and Church in Acts" reflects on this relationship and some key moments in the growth of the church and the gospel. Next Sunday's scripture will be Acts 3:1-19.

The Gifts Discernment Team wants to hear from you about your gifting, interests, talents, and ways you feel called to serve God, and soon will begin arranging to meet with you. The hope is that within two years the team will have met with everyone of Grace Hill. The ministries of the church and the things we set out to do are best shaped when we know the way God has gifted us. Thank you for giving an hour of your time to meet when a member of the team calls on you. And be thinking about the ways you feel God has called you to serve. The Gifts Discernment Team is Katherine Claassen, Marge Harms, Dean Patterson, Deb Regier, and Randy Smith.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for God's joy and grace for Peter Emery as he is licensed for interim pastoral ministry at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service households as they settle in to community life in Alamosa, Colorado; Elkhart, Indiana; Kansas City, Kansas; Madison, Wisconsin; Manhattan and Rochester, New York; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

Announcements

Cupcake Sunday will be next Sunday, September 20. All those who bring food for the food pantry or donate money for the pantry on Sunday, September 20 will receive a coupon to exchange for a cupcake between Church service and Sunday School. The food will go to the Whitewater and Potwin Food Pantries. Thanks for your participation.

Delegates are needed from Grace Hill for the Western District Conference Assembly at Bethel College, October 30-31. If you are willing to serve as a delegate, please notify Tim Harms. The delegate session is October 31, 8:30-3:00 with a lunch break. Registration is \$65.00. Register online or pick up a form in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Regier and Katrina Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Janzen and Courtney Nethercot

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,073.00

Offering Next Sunday: Anabaptist Menn. Biblical Seminary

Church Events

Today There will be an all-church meal following the Sunday School hour in the "outback" (north outdoor shelter). The Social Council is providing ham sandwiches, chips, drinks and table service. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship!

Monday at 11:30 a.m. Hands of Friendship -The first meeting of Hands of Friendship for the fall will be a Salad Luncheon held at church on Monday, September 14 at 11:30 a.m. Bring any salad ingredient to be tossed with lettuce. Dessert will be furnished. Devotions will be lead by Marge Harms from the new devotional book *Spark Igniting your God-Given Creativity* by April Yamasaki. This devotional book is sponsored by Mennonite Women USA.

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

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlies, Newton.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Structure Task Force meets.

September 30 at 6:15 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 7. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as our Wednesday night programming.

Please Join Us for Fall Sunday School Classes!

Preschool

Teachers: Kathy Balzer and Tammy Regehr
Classroom 5

Kindergarten – Third Grade

Teachers: Kris and Renata Goossen
Classroom 4

Fourth – Eighth Grade

Teacher: Deb Regier
Classroom 7

High School and College

Teachers: James Regier and Rob Schunn
Meeting under the balcony

Young Adult

Teachers: Russ and Kris Janzen
Meeting in the classroom across from the Library

Alternative Adult Class

"Gospel of John Bible Study"

Teacher: Pastor Randy Smith
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

The Seminar Class is a new adult Sunday school offering emphasizing Bible study. It will be led by the pastor and meet in the fellowship hall. The class is segmented into study series (seminars) of 4-6 sessions so you can feel free to engage and disengage the class as you have interest in a particular seminar. The first seminar is a four session video presentation, *The Gospel of John*, the script of the movie following the actual gospel text closely. The second seminar will be a Bible study and discussion of the gospel of John, running six sessions beginning October 4.

Other Adult Classes will again
be meeting in their previous locations

Et Cetera

KIPCOR Film Series 2015-16 begins with *Slavery by Another Name*, this afternoon at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. This PBS documentary deals with the re-enslavement of black Americans from the Civil War to World War II. Talk-back session with Dr. Galyn Vesey to follow.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 19, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, 121 E. 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, www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Or you can register on-line at that website.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, September 20 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Ben Chappell, a professor of American studies at the University of Kansas, will speak on softball as a cultural resource, using the example of Mexican-American fast-pitch softball and Newton's annual summer tournament, the oldest in the country. Chappell will also speak in Bethel's convocation **September 21 at 11 a.m.** in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. (This is part of the "Root for the Home Team" special exhibit programming.)

Annual Meeting isn't just for the old fogeys! The Annual Meeting on Sept. 20 at Camp Mennoscah has stuff for all ages - disc golf, a scavenger hunt, and bath house tours at 3:30 p.m. Do all those things and then stick around for a brief business meeting at 5 p.m. followed by a simple meal. Everyone invited! Donations for the meal will be taken.

Work & Play Camp is a hoot! This year we'll be registering folks on Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. and then shooing you off to join Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting. Starting on Monday morning we'll be diving into projects of every size and shape, coffee breaks (and tea!), some devotions, and fun and games. Folks of all ages are invited to stay through Weds., Sept. 23, to build community, improve Camp Mennoscah, and bask in the prairielands. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. No charge for this retreat; meal donation suggested.

Where is the Good News for Rural Folk? AMBS-Kansas Center will be hosting S. Roy Kaufman's webinar entitled "Where is the Good News for Rural Folk?" This webinar will take place on Wednesday, September 30 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the AMBS-Kansas Center classroom at 2517 N Main in North Newton. This webinar will explore how a ministry of community formation might take place in the lives of declining rural congregations, enabling these congregations to become missional agents of change in their communities. Cost is \$10 per participant. Please contact Katherine Goerzen at kgoerzen@ambs.edu to register. The registration deadline is September 23.

You've been thinking maybe you'd like to make a scrapbook out of that last trip you took or organize the 900 gazillion pictures on your laptop. Lucky you! We've got a whole weekend of cropping, talking, and fun for you. Camp Mennoscah's Fall Scrapbooking Retreats are Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8. It's a nice huge chunk of time dedicated to you and your scrapbooking endeavors. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Quilts needed: Crossroads Community Church in Winfield is preparing to host their annual "Water for Africa Auction" to benefit MCC water projects in Africa. However, they are short on quilts and sale organizers are seeking donations for finished quilts. Can you help? Please contact Maynard Knepp for details 316-285-3820 or maynardknepp@mcc.org by September 25.

A PDF version of *Pornography: Lies, Truth, and Hope* written by Linda Gehman Peachey and published by MCC is available for download at [MCC Canada](http://MCC.Canada). This resource is designed to help congregations and individuals needing guidance in understanding this addiction. <http://mcccanada.ca/sites/mcccanada.ca/files/media/common/documents/pornographybooklet13web.pdf>

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