

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 14, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-7

Pauline Toews

Sermon

Wait, Where Are We Going?

Randy Smith

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Choir

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Rain down

Sing the Journey 49

*Benediction

Postlude

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church Missions.

*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!**

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

Emily Klassen and Jesse Jameson were married yesterday at Grace Hill. We ask God's blessing on their marriage.

Western District Conference: Pray for Kay Schroeder who will be ordained today as a pastor at First Mennonite Church, Newton.

GRATEFUL REMEMBERING:

Trust, God Will Lead

Gathering Music

Ellen Mosiman

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

Praise the Lord, my soul,
Let all that is within me praise God's holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul,
And forget not God's benefits.**

Praise the Lord, you angels;
You mighty ones who obey and do God's bidding.

**Praise the Lord, you heavenly hosts;
You servants who do God's will.**

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in
God's domain.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

*Praise Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

Hymnal 65

*Prayer

Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)

Choir

Choir Director: Matthew Graber Accompanist: Tara Harms-Becker

Confession and Forgiveness

Coming into Confession

Genesis 50:15-21

Silent Confession

The Good News of Forgiveness

Psalm 103: 13-18

I know not why God's wondrous

Hymnal 338

Offering

Children's Story

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

Mennonite Mission Network: Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter, who serve through MMN, are helping the Round Chapel, a congregation in London, England, find new ways of engaging the community – a weekly parent-toddler time and intergenerational sessions of exploring arts and cooking. Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus through these activities.

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: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Jo Frye and Kris Janzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,734.00

Offering Next Sunday: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets.

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

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

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – John and Valerie Klaassen and friends are in charge of the service.

September 24 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 1. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as our Wednesday night programming.



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 Faspa 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."

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

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Randy & Ann Smith: 115 W. 27th St., North Newton, KS 67117

My first two sermons were based on two of my favorite Bible verses. I asked what some of your favorite Bible verses are. Here are three responses received.
Randy

Doreen Harms

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Judy Janzen

Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Alma Schmidt

"Be still, and know that I am God;

Psalms 46:10a

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

Et Cetera

Free informational seminars for women - *Women and money* is a series of lunchtime presentations (noon to 1 p.m.) coordinated by Everence, scheduled on Wednesdays – Sept. 17 and 24 – at Hesston

Public Library. Topics are “Leaving something – for those you leave behind” and “Investing in your future – avoid the bag lady blues.” Light lunch will be served. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller of Everence at (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Peace Connections All-Day Open House will be held on September 18, 10 am - 8 pm. Drop by anytime to meet the new Executive Director, Jennifer Rose, and VISTA Volunteer Danny Barrera. Tour the redesigned store and office space. Refreshments. Third Thursday Music and Art, 6-8 pm, Singalong with the NUTS (Newton Ukulele Tunes Society).

We're celebrating Camp Mennoscah and the wonderful experiences that happen there at our Annual Meeting on September 20! We hope you will join us at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton at 5 p.m. for a light supper. Good food will be followed by interesting, informative reports, an election of new board members, and PASTORS LOVE CAMP: a talent night featuring Renee Kanagy, Barb and Richard Krehbiel-Gehring, Cynthia and Roger Neufeld-Smith, Heidi Regier-Kreider, Peter and Katherine Goerzen, and Susan Jantzen.

Poverty Simulation on September 21, 2:30-5 p.m. (registration at 2 pm) at Bethel College. Find out what it's like to live through a month in the life of a low-income family. You will never be the same. Please RSVP to Peace Connections, 316-284-0000 to reserve a spot.

KIPCOR 2014-15 film series begins with the 2007 documentary *Miss HIV*, September 21 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Bethel College's Fine Arts Center; free with donations accepted to support the work of KIPCOR. The 88-minute film exposes the heated rhetoric, conflicting agendas, high stakes and heavy toll in the battle over strategies to cope with the ongoing AIDS epidemic. Talk-back session with Martin Wilson, HIV/AIDS prevention coordinator at Positive Directions, Wichita, will follow screening.

Internationally acclaimed baritone, peace activist and Hesston College faculty member Tony Brown brings music and history alive in documentary and concert experience with *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in His Words and Songs*. Legendary folk singer Pete Seeger shares on video his friendship in turbulent times with Robeson. The show has been created for courage in human life to be honored and spirits to be lifted up by song. Enjoy the show and much more at A

Hesston College Homecoming – Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration September 25 to 28. Go to hesston.edu/homecoming for schedule and registration information.

Community Playschool is a member of Harvey County United Way, and it receives a grant from UW annually. Participation in the Chili CookOff is one activity of Playschool to increase contributions for United Way. We invite and urge your support by joining us for chili on September 27, between Midland Bank and Prairie Harvest on 6th Street, Newton, beginning at 11 a.m. We suggest you buy tickets in advance from a Playschool board or staff member - \$5 before September 22, after that or at the door it's \$6. Your vote for "best chili" is by contributing to the fishbowl jar at our booth on the 27th!

Harvest may be over, but we're cropping away at our Scrapbooking Retreats! (We're so horribly punny.) Camp Mennoscah has two retreats this fall for scrapbookers of all skill levels on Oct. 31-Nov. 2 and Nov. 14-16. Search for those boxes of pictures or grab your computer and join us for a fun weekend of sessions, fellowship, and all the time you want to crop! Registration forms can be found at www.campmennoscah.org in the Retreats section.

Camp Mennoscah seeks a person who loves Camp to work 30 hours a week as Office Assistant. Under direction of the Camp Director, the job responsibilities include scheduling reservations, entering camp/retreat registration data, assisting with accounting tasks, working with guest groups to meet their needs, sharing in custodial tasks and weekend hosting as assigned by Camp Director. To apply, please email resume and cover letter to campmno@mennowdc.org, or mail same to Olivia Bartel, Camp Director, P.O. Box 65, 9458 SE 40th Street, Murdock, KS 67111. Deadline is September 30.

Help needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop: Serve Mennonite Central Committee and your local community by clerking at Et Cetera Shop! Clerks are needed for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. Call 283-9461 or email manager@newtonetceterashop.com.