

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 15, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Shaped by the Story: Trust in the Living God Who Delivers and Saves

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 from Psalm 143

One: Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,

Many: for I put my trust in you.

One: Teach me the way I should go,

Many: for to you I lift up my soul.

One: Save me from my enemies, O Lord,

Many: for I have fled to you for refuge.

One: Teach me to do your will,

Many: for you are my God.

One: Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path.

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life.

In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,

All: for I put my trust in you.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 19** *I will call upon the Lord*

Women are invited to sing the first line, followed by the men with the response. We will sing this through twice.

Offering Our Gifts Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Hearing God's Story

Scripture Story

Kyle Regier

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

Old Testament Reading Daniel 6: 10-23

Josh Patterson

Scripture Sharing

Lucas, Paul and Renata Goossen

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Responding to God's Story

* **Hymn of Response No. 544** *When we walk with the Lord*

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 Sing the Journey No. 97** *The Lord is my light*

* **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

Western District Conference: Pray for Amanda Rempel as she represents WDC at the ordination of three women in the Congo. She will be leaving September 19 for three weeks. Pray for spiritual and physical vigor and safety and support in travel.

Mennonite Mission Network: In a country where following Jesus is not authorized, a Christian counselor thanks God for a Mission Network woman whose ministry includes developing discipleship materials and translating Christian literature. Pray for safety and encouragement for mission workers and Christians who communicate God's love in countries such as this one.

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.

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: Kris Janzen and Jo Frye

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,254.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

Wednesday 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!

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

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

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

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.

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

Next Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Menno-Nite Live – Bible Charades and Pictionary – Get your pantomime and sketching skills ready, or come and watch the fun of retelling our treasured stories!

September 25 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 2. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as our Wednesday night programming.



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 4:30. We will then return to Pastor Katherine's home for a mystery meal. NOTE: This WILL be at Peter and Katherine's home because of another event taking place at the church building.

Et Cetera

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 – this afternoon at 3 p.m., Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus; free with offering taken.

It's Bushels of Fun! Work & Play Camp is a service-oriented camp for all ages! This fun retreat at Camp Mennoscah is September 15-18 and is for all folks of all skill levels and abilities. We have coffee breaks and do things like painting, cleaning, sewing, repairing, canoeing, and skydiving. (We're kidding about the skydiving but we thought it might catch your attention.) Call us at 620-297-3290 for information or find the brochure online at www.campmennoscah.org No charge for this retreat; donations accepted. This is a great retreat, whether enjoyed for one day or all days!

Hesston College will host Warren St. John, journalist, former New York Times reporter and author of *Outcasts United: An American Town, A Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference*, as he presents his research of the refugee experience and resettlement at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 19 at Hesston Mennonite Church. The event is free and open to the public. A reception and book signing will follow St. John's presentation in the Hesston Mennonite Church Community Center with refreshment provided by The Lincoln Perk and Salted Creamery. Reception attendees will receive book signing order numbers upon arrival. Books will also be for sale at the reception. Go to www.hesston.edu for more information.

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.

Pulled Pork (and an Annual Meeting)! Camp Mennoscah Association's 2013 Annual Meeting is September 22 and everyone is invited. Activities will begin at 3 p.m. with a gathering time, followed by a 4 p.m. business meeting and concert by Tom, Lois, and Anna Harder, and will conclude with a pulled pork meal and groundbreaking for the new bathhouses. Meat, buns, and drink provided. Please bring a side dish to share and table service. Donations accepted. Call 620-297-3290 for more information.

Et Cetera

All Are Invited to Participate in the Loss of Turtle Island on Friday, September 27 at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, at 10 a.m. The Loss of Turtle Island exercise provides an opportunity to interactively explore the historic relationship between Europeans, specifically Mennonites in the Central States region, and the Indigenous nations who inhabit the land we now call the United States of America. The exercise uses blankets to represent the lands of what is now known as the United States, and the distinct cultures and nations which live on those lands to this day. Following the exercise all who attend are welcome to stay for lunch with MCC Central States board and staff to learn more about MCC's current work. Shalom Mennonite Church is located at 800 E. 1st St, Newton. Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at tinaschrag@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

Bethel College Fall Festival is just around the corner! Most events are Saturday, October 5, on campus, including, at Kauffman Museum: Levi Goossen's presentation, "A History of the Bethel Bell," 11 a.m., and a reunion for all current and former museum employees from 3-4 p.m. Museum admission, including the special exhibit "Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton, 1935-1943," is free October 3-6. See www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

The Bethel College Women's Association Market on the Green Committee is asking for donations of ethnic foods, poppy seed rolls, zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, and other baked goods and home grown produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5. Please bring your items to the large tent on the north side of the green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Also available for sale will be gift items that include the NEW! Hot off the press, "A BC ABC Book", a limerick book of Bethel life and lore with illustrations by alumni artists. This along with anniversary picnic baskets and T-shirts, pewter Christmas Tree ornaments, stadium seats, cookbooks, Lithuanian candle house replicas of Goerz House and the CD "Nights of Wonder", which features music selections from previous BC Christmas Fests. Come start your Christmas shopping early!

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.

Mennonite Disaster Service update on Shawnee, Oklahoma. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the clean-up in Oklahoma following the tornado outbreak in May. MDS is now ready to begin the rebuilding phase! We continue to invite your prayers and support as we work to bring families back home. We are in need of weekly volunteers from Oct. 7 – Dec. 13. We are also looking for volunteers who would cook for a week or two in October or December. Call MDS at 1-800-241-8111 for more information about volunteering.

Scrapbooking Retreats - This past spring our Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp Mennoscah was soooo full that we added a second retreat. We're testing the waters to see if there is enough of a demand for two retreats this fall. The two retreat dates are November 1-3 and November 15-17. The brochure will soon be on our website at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats. We can't wait to fill these retreats to the fullest for hours of cropping fun! Call us at 620-297-3290 with questions.

New People & New Hours - Mennonite Central Committee Central States has several new people to introduce to you! Michelle Armster is our new Transitional Executive Director. Michelle currently lives in Lancaster, PA and is Associate Pastor of Community Life at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. She will move to Kansas and work from the North Newton office. Also in North Newton, Anna Yoder is Donor Relations Coordinator, Megan Upton-Tyner is Office Manager and Dan Stucky is Warehouse Coordinator (he works daily from 1-5pm). New Hours! The North Newton MCC Center is once again open Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Please stop by and see us 121 E. 30th in North Newton or call 316-283-2720!