

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 18, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Healings and Miracles: Jesus Calms the Storm

Gathering Our Praise

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

One: We will exalt the One who lifts us to high places

All: Sing to the Lord; Praise God's holy name!

One: We called to you and you healed us

All: Sing to the Lord; Praise God's holy name!

One: We cried out to you and you calmed the raging storms

All: Sing to the Lord; Praise God's holy name!

One: Through Jesus, you place our feet on higher ground

All: Sing to the Lord; Praise God's holy name!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn STJ No. 96** *I'm pressing on the upward way*

Offering our Gifts Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Hearing God's Word

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-32 Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn of Response** *Be still, my soul* see insert

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

Gospel Reading Mark 4:35-41

Matt Hiebert

Sermon *Jesus in the Storm*

Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

* **Hymn of Response No. 558** *When the storms of life are raging*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song STJ No. 71** *Alleluia, the Great Storm is over*

* **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 Caleb Regehr, who is beginning as Youth Pastor of Buhler Mennonite, Hoffnungsau Mennonite, and Inman Mennonite churches. His third service of installation is today at Buhler.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the phenomenal growth and ministry of LCC International University in Lithuania as the institution celebrates its 20th anniversary this month. Pray for Betsy and Steve Dintaman and Robin Gingerich of MMN and other faculty members who model Christian discipleship for more than 600 students.

College Prayer Partners: Our congregation is blessed with many college age students and young adults. If you feel called to being a prayer partner for one or two of our college students, or if you would like to continue being a prayer partner for the same student(s) as last year, please see the table in the foyer for more information. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important ministry of our congregation!

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: Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Dodson

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,501.00

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

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Today after Sunday School All-church carry-in meal. Everyone is welcome to stay!

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

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice. Andrew is anxious to get started!! The adult choir is scheduled to sing on Sunday, October 2.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The youth group will meet at church.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

Next Sunday 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.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice.

October 2 Potluck and Hymn Sing! On Sunday October 2, all are invited to an evening of good food, good fellowship, and good song! Starting at 6:00 p.m., all are invited to come to a potluck; people are encouraged to prepare foods out of our new church cookbook. Then at 7:00 p.m. will be a Hymn Sing out of our new "Sing the Journey" Hymnbook. This event is sponsored by the Worship Council.

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.

Et Cetera

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.

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension is sponsoring coffee and a book signing at 9 a.m. on September 24 with Dr. Walter Brueggemann. Brueggemann will be presenting lectures in Wichita titled "Loving the World in Transformational Ways" and "The Evangelical Food Fight" September 23-24. Dr. Brueggemann, one of the world's leading authorities on the Old Testament, sees "the Bible (as) essentially an open, artistic, imaginative narrative of God's staggering care for the world." He challenges the church to "live faithfully in a world that is increasingly multicultural." The weekend events will be held at University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th Street North, Wichita. For more information call the church at 316-634-0430; cyn@uccchurch.org. Registration brochures are available at AMBS-Great Plains office, 2505 N. Main Street, N. Newton, Kansas.

She Works Wonders...Stories of Women Entrepreneurs in Pakistan and Afghanistan with Helen Loftin from MEDA. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Visitor & Education Center, 177 West Hickory Street, Hesston. \$25 for dinner and presentation, \$10 for students. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP by Sept. 19 to Carla Wedman at carlawedman@harperindustries.com or 620-896-7381.

Scrapbooking! We could write an exciting announcement about all the fun and snazzy stuff that happens at our Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp Mennoscah from Sept. 30-Oct. 2, but you'd think we were exaggerating. (And we might, just a little, but it's a really great retreat.) Check out the brochure at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section or give us a call for more information at 620-297-3290.

Bethel College Fall Festival is coming up on October 8. Volunteers are needed at the traditional German-Swiss noon meal from 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Men, women and youth are invited to help with ushering, clearing and resetting tables, pouring beverages, and wiping trays. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Attention all quilters save the date - October 18, 7:00 p.m. Hesston Mennonite Church 309 S. Main, Hesston: The Quilters Corner and Quilt Committees of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invite women of all ages to an evening of information and entertainment featuring Dava Carrell of Winfield, KS. She will be speaking on "What To Do With Your Leftovers" and showing many quilts she has made. Dava bought 1 1/2" strips of Aunt Graces material last year at Quilters' Corner and will be showing us how she put a quilt together using the leftover strips. Dava is a long time quilter who has taught classes and lectured extensively in Kansas and surrounding states, as well as judging at the Kansas State Fair. Bring a friend and come prepared to get excited about making quilts, etc. for our MCC Sale. For more information contact: Pam Hostetler-620-327-2378, Ruth Vogt-620-327-4570.

Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series will be held at Hesston College October 28-30. How do we talk to each other about talking to each other? Join us at Hesston College as we work together—participants choosing the discussion topics, in Open Spaces style, using different techniques such as Samoan Circle and Round Table, talking in ways that go beyond debating each other, but also—hopefully—moving beyond just agreeing to disagree. We're calling the conference *Getting Beyond Them and Us—to We*. We don't want to just get beyond. We want to be transformed. Early bird registration until October 1: www.hesston.edu/AVDS.

Part-time Paid Sorters Needed at Et Cetera - Newton Et Cetera Shop is accepting applications for one or two part-time sorters, available to work Saturdays. Additional weekday hours may be available during the summer. Please stop by the store for a job description and application: 619 N. Main, Newton, KS. Applications must be submitted by Monday, September 26.