

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 20, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Jean Isaac

International Peace Sunday

Gathering Our Praise

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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.

Introit *The Peace of the Earth*

Praise Team

* **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Many: Who made heaven and earth,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

Many: The Lord watches over the stranger;

He upholds the orphan and the widow.

One: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

* **Invocation**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 65** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 32:15-18, 60:17-20

Cal Frye

Offering Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Proclaiming

Children's Story

Russ and Kris Janzen

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

* **Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:1-11, 38-48

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding

Hymn of Response No. 367 *For the healing of the nations*

Special Music *Prayer of St. Francis*

Praise Team

Blessed are the persecuted

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 346** *Dona nobis pacem*

* **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Doug Claassen had abdominal surgery on Thursday.

The rosebud this morning is in honor of Nathan Edwin Martin, born to Dustin and Sara Martin on Sunday, September 13. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents, and welcome Nathan!

Faith Exploration Class members include Samantha Claassen, Ashley Guhr, Brett Harms, Travis Harms, Matt Hiebert, and Melinda Regehr. Pastors Peter and Katherine will be teaching, and regular class meetings will be the second and fourth Sunday of the month from 10:45-12:45. Please keep class members and teachers in your prayers over the next months as we explore faith together!

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Raymond Unruh as he retires from pastoral ministry at Bethel Mennonite, Hydro, Oklahoma. Give praise to God for 60 years of ministry at Camp Mennoscah.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today concludes a three-day consultation, “And you welcomed me: A consultation of the people of God on immigration,” in Waxahachie, Texas. Pray for church leaders returning to their communities to implement Bible-based responses to immigration dilemmas.

Next Sunday: We conclude our discipleship with a focus on grace. Texts are Isaiah 61:1-11 and Luke 4:14-22, and Pastor Peter will be preaching.

Church Events

Today College-Age Lunch: There will be a meal for all college-age young adults at Tim and Lisa Harms' at noon.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

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

Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m. All church carry-in meal. Followed by the semi-annual business meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Next Sunday The CROP walk will be next Sunday, September 27. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker, please contact Pastor Peter.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – the youth group is in charge.

Next Sunday Youth Group Annual Progressive Supper: The Youth Group will be having a Progressive Supper Sunday, September 27 in the evening (after our service at Wheat State Manor). If you are interested in hosting a course for this event, please contact Pastor Katherine, Kris and Russ Janzen, or Diana and Rob Schunn. Thanks!



Wednesday, September 30 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 7.

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. The Spiritual Council invites all church members and spouses ages 65 and over to Faspa in the Kidron Bethel Community Room.

Announcements

Elective Sunday School Class: Starting today (and continuing through October 4) Pastor Katherine will be leading an elective Sunday School Bible Study provided by Mennonite Church USA entitled "Following Jesus in a World that is not." It will focus on three questions: What has shaped our identity in the past? What is shaping our identities now? and What will shape our identities in the future? All are welcome and invited to attend.

Copies of the Western District Conference 2010 Budget Narrative are available in the foyer.

Grace Hill College Students: If you are interested in receiving *The Mennonite* please contact Debbie Claassen by September 27.

In 2010 it's time to do a new church pictorial directory! The Administrative Council is looking for one more person who is willing to help coordinate the project. Please talk to Diana Schunn if interested.

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: Kris Janzen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,620.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

Birthday Party Today! Camp Mennoscah's 60th anniversary celebration will be held today, September 20th, at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for food, fun, and storytelling. Bring your memories and pictures with you! We'll be videotaping and scanning pictures to create a visual "scrapbook" to share with our congregations. Stay and join us for Work & Play Camp, September 20-24! Questions? Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

As part the Hesston College's centennial celebration, the Music and Theatre Departments will be presenting "Quilters – A Musical Tribute to the Women of the Prairie" as a special homage to the women who have helped shape our history. The show will run September 25-27 and will take place in the Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College Campus. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

A Centennial Heritage Auction featuring historical items and works by alumni artists will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, Yost Center, as a part of Centennial Homecoming Weekend at Hesston College. Alumni and friends of the college are invited to attend. Proceeds support the renovation of Erb Hall Dorm for students. Go to www.hesston.edu/centennial for more information. For questions call toll free at 866-437-7866.

The Bethel College Women's Association Market on the Green Committee is asking for donations of ethnic foods – poppy seed rolls and zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, other baked goods and home grown produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3. Please prepare your items and bring them to the large tent on the green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Check the poster on the bulletin board for suggested items to bring. Thank you!

The Newton chapter of The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Mid-Kansas is sponsoring a 12-week Family to Family Education Course on Tuesday evenings, starting October 6, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. This course is designed for families of persons with major depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia, panic or obsessive compulsive disorder. There is no cost to the course, just a commitment to attend regularly. For enrollment or more information, call Florene Wiens, 316-283-5814 or Earlene Stover, 620-543-6482. Class limited to 25 persons. Register by September 22, if possible.

It's newly improved with a hayrack ride, Carpetball tournaments, and scavenger hunts! MennoFolk Family Camp is October 9-11! All ages and all people are invited to join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation. Grandparents and grandkids are welcome whole-heartedly. Music is a vital part of this weekend, so don't forget your instruments. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.

Grace Hill is a sponsor of Community Playschool. Please help support it through the United Way benefit CHILI COOK-OFF on Saturday, October 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., downtown Newton, 6th and Main Streets. Five dollars for all the chili you want. Music, entertainment, food. Vote for Playschool at the \$ fishbowl at the booth.

Due to budget cuts, MCC Central States no longer has paid custodial services. Are you interested in volunteering 2-4 hours per week to complete light cleaning at the Central States office in North Newton? Hours can be flexible. Tasks include vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, dusting & maintenance of kitchen area. Please contact Melissa Waltner at mwaltner@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720 if interested.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Grace Hill Wednesday Night 2009-2010

Kick-off on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 an *All Church Event!*

6:30 p.m. 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 7**

Ages 3 to Kindergarten 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Faith Weaver Friends – Teachers: Kathy Balzer and Debbie Claassen

Grades 1, 2 & 3 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Faith Weavers Friends – with opening, music, projects,
games and journaling

Teachers: Penny Hiebert, Ashley Enns and Miriam Claassen

Grade 4 & 5 7:00-7:50 p.m.

Faith Weaver Friends – with opening, music, projects and games

Teachers: Penny Hiebert, Ashley Enns and Miriam Claassen

7:50 – 8:20 p.m. – Bible Lesson with Nancy Harms

Grades 6, 7 & 8 7:00-7:40 p.m. Basement –Teachers: Cal and Jo Frye

7:45 – 8:15 p.m. Music – Tim and Lisa Schmidt

Grades 9-12 7:00-7:30 p.m. Praise Team/Choir/Puppet Team

7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Room - Pastor Katherine

Adult Choir 7:00 – 7:40 p.m. - Sanctuary

Director: Andrew Voth

Accompanist: Tara Harms-Becker

Adult Bible Study 7:45 – 8:15 p.m. Classroom by kitchen - Pastor Peter

Beginning October 7 – every Wednesday

Studying the Gospel of Mark

**All Church Meals - First and Third Wednesdays of every month
beginning October 7, 6:10-7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to come for both meals.

1st Wed. - Kids sit with classes, 3rd Wed. - Free to sit with families

Meal in the fellowship hall

Cost: High School and Adults: \$3.00 Children: \$2.50

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Enns or Debbie Claassen.

All Church Thanksgiving Service – November 25, 7:00 p.m.

**All Church Skating Party – April 28, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (tentative date)
Starlight Skate Center, Newton**

Guidelines for Participants

Wednesday Night Programming for 2009-2010

Coordinators: Ashley Enns and Debbie Claassen

Kitchen Staff

1. Set tables.
2. Cook and serve food.
3. Have available cleaning cart and waste basket for clean-up.
4. Dispose of leftovers.

Clean-Up Crew

1. Clear tables.
2. Put away tables and chairs.
3. Vacuum floor.
4. Do dishes.
5. Clean kitchen.

Table Parents

1. Enjoy the children.
2. Maintain order at the table.
3. Instruct children to take plate, glass and silverware to designated place.
4. Have children stay at table until dismissed for programming.
5. Create family-like atmosphere.
6. Invited to help with clean-up in fellowship hall and kitchen.
7. Eat first. If serving has started, feel free to go to front of serving line.

Children

1. Activities begin at 6:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall the first and third Wednesday of each month, unless announced otherwise.
2. Maintain good table manners.
3. Leave table only with permission from table parents.
4. Stay at your table until dismissed for programming.
5. Take plate, glass and silverware to designated place when dismissed.
6. Table parents will go through food line first.

Parents

1. Activities begin at 6:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall the first and third Wednesday of each month, unless announced otherwise.
2. Parents of children age's 3-Kindergarten eat with their children.
3. Parents of children grade 1-12 are invited to eat together.
4. Cost: \$3.00/high school and adult; \$2.50/children.
5. Invited to help clean-up as needed after meal.