

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 20, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

## *The Spirit and Church in Acts*

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

\*Call to Worship

Sing the Journey 3

*Jesus calls us here to meet him*

\*Psalm of Praise

Psalm 104:10-15, 24

***How many are your works, Lord!***

***In wisdom you made them all;***

***The earth is full of your creatures.***

God makes springs pour water into ravines,  
and flow between the hills,

giving water to all the animals of the field.

The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

The birds nest by the waters;

and sing among the branches

***How many are your works, Lord!***

***In wisdom you made them all;***

***The earth is full of your creatures.***

God waters the mountains from his heavenly home.

The land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle,

and plants for people to cultivate,

bringing forth food from the earth.

***How many are your works, Lord!***

***In wisdom you made them all;***

***The earth is full of your creatures.***

Wine that gladdens human hearts;

Oil to make their faces shine;

Bread that sustains their strength.

***How many are your works, Lord!***

***In wisdom you made them all;***

***The earth is full of your creatures.***

*\*Sing to the Lord of harvest*

Hymnal 98

Confession and Forgiveness

Coming to Prayer

**Lord Jesus,**

**Blind I am, do thou enlighten me;**

**Naked I am, do thou clothe me;**

**Wounded, do thou heal me;**

**Dead, do thou quicken me.**

**I know no light, no physician, no life, except thee.**

(Menno Simons)

Silent Confession

Prayer

*Healer of our every ill*

Hymnal 377

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Valerie Klaassen

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

Scripture

Doug Hiebert

Acts 3:1-19

Sermon

*Do You, Need What You Want or Want What You Need?*

*My Shepherd will supply my need*

Hymnal 589

Sharing and Prayer

\*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 545

*Be thou my vision*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Anabaptist Menn. Biblical Seminary.

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

**The Education Council** is pleased to welcome Joshua Janzen as the new Director of Youth Programming. Josh will give ¼ time leadership for the spiritual, educational, and social aspects of the Grace Hill youth program, as well as invitation and networking with area youth. Josh is a senior at Bethel College, from Aurora, Nebraska, a member of Bethesda Mennonite Church, a student chaplain, and recently served in the Ministry Inquiry Program in Salem, Oregon. He will meet with youth and their parents for ice cream in The Outback next Sunday evening. Please introduce yourself to Josh and welcome him to Grace Hill.

**Pastor Randy's** nephew passed away on Thursday and Randy will likely be traveling to Ohio this week. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for God's blessing on Rachel Ringenberg Miller at her installation as pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today is Peace Sunday. Pray that materials created by Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network will help Mennonite congregations speak out against the violence of racism within the church and in our societies throughout the coming year.

### Church Family News

**Ray and Elfrieda Schmidt** are finally able to celebrate the sale of their house in North Newton . . . **Edgar Harder** is glad that he now has a private room in the south hall at Wheat State Manor ....**Mike Balzer, Ed Harms, Tim Harms, David Janzen, Dean Patterson, Rob Schunn, and Fred Stuart** drove the shuttle tractors at the State Fair on Tuesday. Thank you for helping out in this way and supporting the Mennonite Relief Sale!...

## Announcements

**Cupcake Sunday is today.** All those who brought food for the food pantry or donate money for the pantry today 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.

**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.

**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:** Kris Janzen and Courtney Nethercot

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Quinn Dove

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,763.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### **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](mailto:transitionpastor@gmail.com)

**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

Secretary's E-mail: [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Church Events

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

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

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council 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. Family Night Wednesdays begin October 7. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as our Wednesday night programming.

**Family Night Wednesdays** is taking a new approach this fall. We will begin with the traditional wiener roast in The Outback on Wednesday, September 30, at 6:15. The following seven Wednesdays, from October 7 through November 18 we will gather for a meal prepared for us by Katherine Claassen. Serving will begin at 6:15, followed by a brief interactive opening, and a time for all ages of biblical storytelling from the Gospel of John. Deryll Amstutz will get us started on the first two Wednesdays. On the following Wednesdays, some from the congregation have volunteered to tell stories. Perhaps you too would like to try this. We will conclude no later than 7:25. Choir and youth group will meet at 7:30. Plan to be part of Family Night.

*“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.”*

## Et Cetera

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, this afternoon 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.

**Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting and Work & Play Camp** are back to back - come to both! The Annual Meeting will start at 3:30 pm on Sunday, September 20th, with disc golf (new baskets and course!), bath house tours, and a scavenger hunt. We'll have a short meeting and a simple meal following these activities. Work & Play Camp will start registering at 3 pm, jump in with the Annual Meeting fun times, and then continue on through Weds, Sept. 23, with projects and coffee breaks. Tasks are available for all skill and ability levels. Let us know you're coming for a day or for all of it! Registrations accepted until full. Call us at 620-297-3290.

**See You at the Pole** is scheduled for Wednesday September 23 at 7:00 a.m. for Remington High School and 7:30 for the Middle School. This is a prayer event for both students and parents.

**Hesston College** will welcome alumni and friends of the college to campus September 24 to 27 for Homecoming 2015: A campus transformation. The weekend will celebrate the completion of the Northlawn renovation project and construction of a new campus entrance. See a full weekend schedule online at [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming).

**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](mailto:kgoerzen@ambs.edu) to register. The registration deadline is September 23.

**Spruce beetles have moved into trees at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.** Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) youth camp worked throughout the summer to address the issue and removed 80 trees containing beetles. Eighteen more trees containing beetles need to be removed. MDS will be working at this project October 2-10. All skill levels are needed. During the MDS youth camp, some of the most productive volunteers were teens who had never done this kind of work before. If you can help that week, or even a day or two that week, please call Paul Unruh 316-772-6308 or Gordon Unruh 620-747-0835. Food and lodging will be provided by RMMC.

**Camp Mennoscah will take out the dam** on Sunday, October 4, at approximately 2 pm. Spectators and helpers welcome! We suggest wearing clothing appropriate to the task, be that spectating or helping. Anyone in fancy costumes should expect to have their picture taken and posted on Facebook. Want to make sure that you know if something changes? Email [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 to let us know you plan to be there.

**The WDC Annual Assembly** is a gathering of Western District folks from near and far, this year at historic Bethel College in North Newton. One way that you can support WDC is through serving as a host home for those who will be traveling from a distance. Those who can make their guest room available on October 30 and 31 are invited to either sign up on the registration form (if you are attending), or contact WDC at 316-283-6300 or [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) (if you are not attending). Thank you!

**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](mailto:maynardknepp@mcc.org) by September 25.

**MCC Borderlands Learning Tour 2015** - you are invited to participate in a learning tour designed to bring awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization and effects on sister communities by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands. Participants will increase their understanding of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities. The tour is Oct. 28-Nov. 4, leaving from Tucson, AZ. For more information contact Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. Immigration Education Coordinator at [saulopadilla@mcc.org](mailto:saulopadilla@mcc.org), or go online to learn more and register [mcc.org/borderlands-tour](http://mcc.org/borderlands-tour).

**Leave or stay?** Many Syrian families face that question as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps Mennonite Central Committee continue to provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families that decide to stay in the region can survive the cold weather ahead. Please give online at [mcc.org/syria-iraq](http://mcc.org/syria-iraq); by phone at 1-888-563-4676; or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Thank you!