

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 21, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

GRATEFUL REMEMBERING:

Fallen, God Will Use Us Still

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Sing the Journey 112

I owe my Lord a morning song

Psalm of Praise

from Psalm 145

Praise Hymn

Hymnal 68

O come, loud anthems let us sing

Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 14:7-9, 10, 12

We do not live for ourselves alone.

We do not die for ourselves alone.

If we live, we live for the Lord;

and if we die, we die for the Lord.

Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that

he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why judge a brother or sister?

Why treat a brother or sister with contempt?

For all will stand before the judgment seat of God.

Each person will be required to give an account before God.

Offering

Matthew 20:1-16

Children's Story

Catina Wiebe

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

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 27:1-45, 28:10-19

Sermon

Randy Smith

Don't Try This at Home

Hymn of Response

Hymnal 560

In lonely mountain ways

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Rain down

Sing the Journey 49

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

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

Scripture readers: Doug Claassen (Isaac), Katherine Claassen (Rebekah), Kendall Claassen (Esau), Rob Schunn (Jacob)

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!

Today and next Sunday 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

Western District Conference: Pray for guidance for Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister, as he meets with a Hispanic group wanting to start a new church in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today on Peace Sunday, MMN joins Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite World Conference in "praying for the peace of Jerusalem." May we all find inspiration to respond to conflict in ways that do not perpetuate violence.

Church Events

Today at 5:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – John and Valerie Klaassen and friends are in charge of the service. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Wednesday 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.



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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council will meet.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at the Breadbasket, Newton.

Next Sunday 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."

Announcements

The Worship Council appreciates the comments members have shared regarding worship services. The small notebooks in the pews are available for your suggestions, both what you appreciate and what you would like to see done differently as well as comments on the sermons, music and other aspects of worship. We also ask that you sign your name so that we can follow up as needed. Comments that are not signed will not be shared with the entire council. Please place the comments in the box in the foyer. We would also welcome volunteers for any aspect of worship: your many gifts enrich our worship. Thank you!

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 and Jo Frye

Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,623.00

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

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Et Cetera

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.

Palmyra Baptist Church Women's Ministries invites you to their Annual Guest Tea on October 8 at 1:30 p.m. Ross Janssen, Meteorologist for KWCH-TV, Channel 12, will be our guest speaker. We do hope you will be with us for this time of worship and fellowship together. Palmyra is located at 999 NW Butler Road, Benton.

A BIG thank you to the 1,700 Western District Conference (WDC) members who completed the 20-question Discernment Task Force Survey. You also provided the Task Force with 500 pages of comments! The Task Force met on September 2 to compile the first 1,000 surveys and they are now working on the 700 that arrived in the last week. The full report of the Survey will be released at WDC Reference Council meeting at Eden Mennonite Church on Saturday, November 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register at <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council/> so we can plan for food and so you can receive materials in advance.

Grace Hill Wednesday Night 2014-2015

Kick-off on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 an *All Church Event!*

6:15 p.m. Wiener Roast at the church

Rain or Shine! Donation for meal. Bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks!

Wednesday evening programming begins **October 1**

Grades 1 – 8 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Teacher: Tammy Regehr

Grades 9-12 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Youth Room – Melinda Regehr

For Adults:

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir in the Sanctuary

Director: Matthew Graber

Accompanist: Tara Harms-Becker

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Randy Smith

1 Corinthians - The “Normal” Church

We are making some changes to our Wednesday night programming – the children grades 1-8 and the Adult Bible Study will meet for 8 weeks this fall – October 1 through November 19. We will have another 8 week session in the winter/spring, most likely beginning in February.

SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR!!!!

**We will be having meals EVERY Wednesday night
beginning October 1, 6:15-7:00 p.m.**

We will do this for 8 weeks through November 19.

**Everyone is invited to come to the meals, whether just to eat or to
join in Adult Choir or Bible Study. Everyone is welcome!**

Meal in the fellowship hall.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Claassen.