

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 23, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Musician: Jordan Ortman

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Seek Shalom Through Hospitality

Gathering

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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 34: 14-22

Call to Worship

One: Brothers and sisters, welcome to worship.

Many: We lay aside our pride and our judgments as we enter the house of God.

One: In this place, each seat is a seat of honor

Many: In this place, each person is of utmost value

One: Here we glimpse God's kingdom of justice.

Many: Here we hear whispers of God's kingdom of shalom

All: May our eyes and our ears be open.

Prayer for Shalom and Lighting the Peace Lamp

* **Gathering Hymn Sing the Journey No. 16**

Praise with joy the world's Creator

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Listening

New Testament Reading Hebrews 12:28 – 13:2 Josh Patterson

Worship Music *Ave Verum Corpus* by Mozart Adult Choir
English Translation: *Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for humankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death*

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

New Testament Reading James 2: 1-17 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Hospitality, Healing, and Hope* Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Pardon

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 30** *Jesus Christ is waiting*

* **Blessing**

* **Choral Blessing** *The Lord lift you up* by Shelly Adult Choir

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

The flower bouquet this morning is in honor of Merrill & Gladys Harms' 65th Anniversary. You are invited to a "Come & Go Celebration" with Merrill and Gladys this afternoon any time from 3-5 p.m. at the City of North Newton Community Room (2601 N. Main St) for refreshments and fellowship.

College Prayer Partners: Sign up on the sheet in the foyer to be a prayer partner for one of our college students!

Western District Conference: Pray for the Chin Emmanuel Church, a newly recognized emerging congregation in Houston, Texas, as they develop relationships in the WDC, engage Anabaptist training, and continue their outreach to Chin immigrants. Pray for Pastor Simon Hmung as he prepares for credentialing.

Mennonite Mission Network: Members of the London Mennonite Trust, a MMN partner, are refurbishing new properties in Birmingham, England. Pray for discernment as they collaborate with United Kingdom Anabaptist Network to develop a new vision for ministry.

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: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Anabaptist Menn. Biblical Seminary \$1,095.00

Offering Next Sunday: We will receive a special health and well-being offering. Half of this offering will go towards an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church building. The other half will be sent to Mennonite Central Committee for health projects. For many people around the world, good health care is out of reach. Some communities lack proper equipment or medications while others are in remote areas far from health providers. This offering will help MCC open doors to healthier lives in the name of Christ!

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 Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. All-church carry-in meal. Everyone is invited to stay!

Today at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting. The minutes of the last business meeting were emailed to the congregation this week. If you did not receive the minutes, they are posted on the bulletin board. The minutes will not be read at the meeting.

Tuesday afternoon Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday 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 3. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the wiener roast as well as our Wednesday night programming.

September 26 – October 2 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. The volunteer and meal sign-up is on the bulletin board.

Sunday, October 7 at noon Attention all council members! The Administrative Council is planning a vision, planning, and praying retreat for Sunday, October 7 from noon-4 p.m. here at the church, and all members of councils are encouraged to participate. We will eat lunch at noon and follow with the meeting. Please let Debbie Claassen know if you plan to attend so food arrangements can be made. Come join us as we seek God's leading for the coming year and beyond!

Sunday, October 14 Worship and Supper with Casa Betania: On Sunday, October 14, the Casa Betania congregation from Newton will join us at Grace Hill for a special evening of exciting worship and food and fellowship. Casa Betania's worship band will be leading our singing, and the congregation will serve a supper of burritos and/or tostadas. We will have the opportunity to share in Casa Betania's ministry in the community through worship, prayer, and a free-will offering which will support the mission of Casa Betania. Worship will be at 5 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m.

October 20-21 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Et Cetera

Today at 2 p.m. – The Bethel College Women's Association presents "Tales and Tunes - Adventures with Aesop," a free program in Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus, featuring the Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Bethel education students. This hands-on expressive arts experience is designed for elementary-age children, but all are welcome. Snacks provided.

A special service to dedicate a historic memorial stone will be held at the Catlin Mennonite cemetery north of Peabody. The dedication will be Sunday afternoon, September 23 at 3:00 p.m. The stone will remember approximately 17 Swiss Volhynian Mennonite children who died at Peabody on the journey from Russia to the Moundridge area in 1874. The cemetery is located from Peabody 3 miles north, 1 west, and ½ north. If there has been rain, go 4 north, 1 west, and ½ south. A tour of the cemetery will follow the service. It is suggested that participants bring lawn chairs.

The Butler County Health Department will be coming to Whitewater on Tuesday, September 25 to give flu shots from 1 - 3 pm at the American Legion Building. This is covered by Medicare. Personal pay will be \$27. Pneumonia shots will be available also. If you have questions, please call Sandra Rutschman at 799-2198.

Fun, food, and fellowship will be the highlights of the First Annual Camp Mennoscah Association meeting! Plan to attend September 30 starting with games and gathering at 3, business meeting at 4:30, meal at 5:15 and program at 6:15. Bring table service and a tasty dish to go with our pork, buns and drink. Bring ideas and dreams for Camp! Bring enthusiasm and energy!

All are invited to a centennial celebration of the Congo Mennonite Church and Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, September 30, at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st St., Newton. Celebrations took place in Congo in July; the month of September 2012 has been set aside for celebrations in eight locations in North America. The Newton-area celebration features the following events: 4:00 p.m. Program in Fellowship Hall – Presentation on 100 years of AIMM witness; message from the church in Africa with video footage of celebrations in Congo; and release of The Jesus Tribe: Grace Stories from Congo's Mennonites 1912-2012, a collection of stories by and about Africans who with courage and faithfulness served as evangelists and church planters. 5:00 p.m. Light Meal in Fellowship Hall; and 6:00 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary – Celebration of the church in Congo with reflections by African church leaders and AIMM-related people, and offering for church projects in Africa. For more information contact First Mennonite Church at 316-283-0273 or office@firstmennonitewton.org.

The Crop Walk will take place next Sunday, September 30 in Newton. See Joyce Wedel for more information or if you have questions.

Getting ready to retire? "Retiring Soon? An Introduction to Medicare and Social Security," will be presented from 7 - 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Road, Wichita; and from 7 - 8 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Hesston Mennonite Church Community Center, 309 S. Main St., Hesston. Representatives of Everence will provide instructions on how to enroll, how continuing to work affects your benefits and answer related questions. Admission is free but please reserve your spot by Oct. 1 by calling Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043 or (877) 467-7294 or emailing darlene.buller@everence.com.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries of Palmyra Baptist Church, rural Benton, invites you to join them for their Annual Guest Tea on October 10 at 1:30 p.m. Bonnie Bing (freelance writer & columnist) formerly the style columnist for the Wichita Eagle, will be the guest speaker.

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 13. 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 125th anniversary picnic basket, pewter Christmas Tree ornaments, stadium seats, cookbooks, breadbasket napkins and tea towels, Lithuanian candle house replicas of Goerz House and "Everyone Loves a Mennonite Girl" T-shirts in new colors and more. Come start your Christmas shopping early! **Bethel College Women's Association** is also sponsoring **PAINT ON SLATE!** For a small fee, you will be able to create a memento of Bethel on a piece of slate salvaged from the old Science Hall roof. Supplies, paint smocks and expertise will be provided. Other Science Hall items will also be on display and for sale. Proceeds go to Bethel College Women's Association.

Ten Thousand Villages store in Newton is graciously staffed with volunteers and they are very much appreciated for every little thing they do. We are excited for the very busy upcoming fall and the holiday season. We are now searching for volunteers in three areas: in-store clerking, off site sales show set up or clerking, or serving as board member. If you if would like to do some rewarding volunteer service at Ten Thousand Villages store, please stop by the store or contact the manager and we will help you find your fit. (625 N Main St., Newton, 316-283-0061)

Grace Hill Wednesday Night 2012-2013

Kick-off on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 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 3**

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

Teachers: Tammy Regehr and Debbie Claassen

Grades 1 – 4 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Teacher: Ashley Enns

Grades 5 – 8 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Basement –Teachers: Derek & Kara Klingenberg

Grades 9-12 7:00-8:15 p.m. Youth Room - Pastor Katherine

For Adults:

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir in the Sanctuary

Directors: Andrew Voth and Aaron Tschetter

Accompanist: Jordan Ortman

Adult Sessions with Pastor Peter

Philip Yancey's "The Jesus I Never Knew" DVD series

**All Church Meals - First and Third Wednesdays of every month
beginning October 3, 6:15-7:00 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 Bowling Party – April 24, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

Tentative date – location to be announced.

Guidelines for Participants

Wednesday Night Programming for 2012-2013

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 6:15 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 6:15 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.