

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 25, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Julia Dodson

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Amanda Regehr

Healings and Miracles: The Hemorrhaging Woman
and Jairus' Daughter
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: Who are you who come to be healed?

Men/Boys: *We are Jairus, who fears the loss of those we love most, who wails and mourns in the face of death, who seeks the healing hands of Jesus.*

Women/Girls: *We are the hemorrhaging woman, who has been afflicted for years, who comes in fear and trembling to fall at the feet of the One who can save us, who feels lonely and seeks the healing of the Cloak's fringe.*

One: Who are you who come?

Men/Boys: *We are those who give praise to God, the Creator and Redeemer of all, who invites us into God's life and presence and says, "Do not fear".*

Women/Girls: *We are those who seek the One who offers his whole robe, who touches and loves and forgives unconditionally, who nourishes and restores life.*

All: *We are the ones seeking healing. We come to hear the voice of the One who says to us, "My child, your faith has made you well".*

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn STJ No. 2** *Come, walk with us*

Offering our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 30

Pastor Peter

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

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

Gospel Reading Mark 5: 21-43

Donna Balzer

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Responding to the Good News

* **Song of Response** *O Jesus of the healing hem*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song STJ No. 30** *Jesus Christ is waiting*

* **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!**

Elective Sunday School: Pastor Peter will begin an elective Sunday School class today on the book of James. The class will meet in the fellowship hall.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Renee Kenagy, who will be ordained at New Creation Fellowship today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for grace, patience and wisdom as Mennonite Voluntary Service participants (and all of MMN's short term volunteers) begin new terms of service this fall and settle into their host communities and work assignments.

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

Wednesday Night Book Study: Jesus Matters! Pastor Peter will be leading an adult book study Wednesday evenings on the book, *Jesus Matters: Good News for the 21st Century*, edited by James Krabill and David Shenk. Each chapter pairs a scholar and a young adult and looks at a range of faith issues in light of Jesus. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the "church life" bulletin board near the kitchen if interested in participating. Thanks!

Grace Hill's week for volunteering at the Homeless Shelter is October 5 - 11. A sign up sheet for meals and staffing is on the bulletin board. Please make a note, our next week will be December 28 to January 3 - a busy time of year.

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: Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Assoc. Menn. Biblical Seminary \$ 1,091.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter

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 noon There will be a meal for all college-age young adults at Tim and Lisa Harms' home.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.



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. 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Wednesday Evening Activities. Wednesday evening programming begins October 5.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice. The choir will sing next Sunday.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets after the wiener roast.

Next Sunday 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 Faspas. 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.

Saturday, October 15 Workday at church.

Sunday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. Ordination service for Pastors Peter and Katherine.

Et Cetera

This afternoon, 3:30 p.m. in the Kauffman Museum auditorium, Braden Conrad-Hiebner and Ruth Walters will present research from their University of Kansas graduate studies on an 1863 Mennonite dowry chest. “Value beyond Price: Using Material Culture to Understand Daily Life and Beliefs” is free and open to the public; admission to the museum’s special exhibit, “Awesome 150: Museum Friends Share Their Favorites,” and permanent exhibits is also free that afternoon in conjunction with the lecture.

The Bethel College Wind Ensemble has a concert this afternoon at 4 p.m. There is no admission charge. Everyone is welcome!

Last call for Scrapbookers! It's nearing the time of the Camp Mennoscah Fall Scrapbooking Retreat (Sept. 30-Oct. 2) and some of you have not yet signed up! We welcome you to join us for a time of cropping and snack-filled fellowship--away from the chaos of home. Find the brochure at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section or give Camp Mennoscah a call at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information.

Volunteers are needed for the Whitewater Fall Festival children's activities on October 1. The kids booths are south of the Federated Church and volunteers are needed for one hour shifts between noon and 5:00 p.m. Please see Katherine Claassen if you are interested in volunteering.

Enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village from 7 - 9 a.m. Saturday, October 8, a great start to your day at Bethel College Fall Festival. The breakfast menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. A donation is requested for the meal.

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.

Market On The Green is the Bethel College Women's Association's feature event at Fall Festival on Saturday, October 8. The Market is a perennial favorite of Fall Fest attendees, and is our major source of income to fund special projects at Bethel. We invite you to contribute generously to the Market—all kinds of baked goods (zwiebach, peppernuts, and poppy seed rolls are big sellers), noodles, snacks and candies, garden produce, and jams and jellies. Holiday aprons might also attract buyers. Bring your items to the Market tent that morning. For more information, call Valerie Klaassen at (316) 799-2641.

Palmyra Baptist Church (999 NW Butler Road, Benton) invites all women to their Annual Guest Tea on October 12 at 1:30 p.m. Roger Cornish, news anchor for KWCH-TV, Channel 12, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome to attend!

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.

Joplin Care- Sponsored by Western District Conference Women in Missions- The tornado in Joplin, Mo has affected routines and security of many families. WDC Women in Missions would like to offer a coordinated effort with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to assist with some of those family needs. We are suggesting individuals purchase gift/debit cards in the amount of \$10-\$25 from Walgreens, Wal-Mart or VISA. These will be distributed through the MDS program coordinators that are working in Joplin. Gifts are tax deductible. Mail them to: Sharon Stucky, WDC Women in Mission Treasurer, P.O. Box 39, N. Newton, KS 67117. Pick up a reminder flyer in the foyer.

Freeze and 'Frigerate. **Camp Mennoscah** is looking for a large chest freezer and a refrigerator in new/good condition. We need a chest freezer to keep the huge quantities of meat and other food used over the summer so the kitchen freezers can be used for things other than storage. As for the refrigerator, anyone who has fed a family group in the Retreat Center knows that the one fridge there isn't enough space for several meals of food. So, if you're downsizing or have a spare, contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Grace Hill Wednesday Night 2011-2012

Kick-off on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 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 5**

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

Teachers: Camille Claassen and Amanda Regehr

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

Teachers: Cal & Jo Frye

Grades 4 & 5 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Teacher: Nancy Schmidt

Grades 6, 7 & 8 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Basement –Teachers: Derek & Kara Klingenberg (for the fall)

Grades 9-12 7:00-8:30 p.m. Youth Room - Pastor Katherine

For Adults:

Wednesdays times to be announced

Adult Choir in the Sanctuary

Director: Andrew Voth Accompanist: Jordon Ortman

Book Study with Pastor Peter

Jesus Matters: Good News for the 21st Century

**All Church Meals - First and Third Wednesdays of every month
beginning October 5, 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 Skating Party – April 25, 2012, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Starlight Skate Center, Newton

Guidelines for Participants

Wednesday Night Programming for 2011-2012

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.