

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 26, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music: Sara Unruh, Caleb Regehr and David Janzen

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Gathering in God's Presence

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 Psalm 146

Prayer of Invocation Hymn No. 732

* **Gathering Song No. 6** *Here in this place*

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Luke 4:18-19 Amanda Regehr

Children's Story Valerie Klaassen

Reader's Theater A Prophetic Reading
Tara Harms-Becker, Kris Goossen, Cody Claassen, Jeff Toews

* **Hymn No. 163** *Obey my voice*

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

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:24 and Micah 6:6-8 Amanda Regehr

Sermon *God speaks through the Prophets* Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

Offering our Gifts Western District Conference

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Song** *Water fall on me*

* **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 class will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

This morning, as we tell the story of God's saving plan throughout history, we hear God speaking through the prophets. May the call to just and right relationship, covenant faithfulness, and future hope be found in our hearts and in our voices.

For Sharing and Prayer

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits and flowers during my recent surgery. Melvin Klaassen

Thank you so much to you, our church family, for the outpouring of love and concern during my hospitalization and recovery. Your prayers, cards, food, visits and phone calls were very much appreciated. Each act of kindness has helped to make my required stay at home more bearable! Now I'm looking forward to a more comfortable future.

Carol Claassen

The Olin Claassen family is happy to announce that Vladimir Yevseyenkov has recently been awarded a Ph.D. in Bio-Chemistry from Kansas State University. Vladimir has now relocated to Arizona where he has taken a position as Assistant Professor at Midwestern University Eye Institute in Glendale, AZ. His new address is 5959 W. Utopia Road, Apt. 1060, Glendale, AZ 85308.

Western District Conference: Pray for our Conference Ministers: Clarence Rempel, Gilberto Flores, and David Gerbrandt. Pray for our ministry staff: Marlene Bogard (Nurture), Doug Krehbiel (Youth), and Olivia Bartel (Camp). Pray for our support staff: Nancy Funk, Phyllis Regier, and Sandra Martinez. The staff will gather for a retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 30-October 1.

Mennonite Mission Network: Amanda and Gamaliel Falla are engaged in a powerful ministry of church planting and leadership training along the Caribbean coast of Colombia. Pray for them and the pastors of young congregations, many of whom have dramatic conversion stories.

Announcements

The Gospel of John elective will not be meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month. Regular classes are encouraged to meet at this time.

Christmas Instrumental Ensemble: For our Lessons and Carols Sunday on December 26, we would like to put together an instrumental ensemble to accompany the hymns and provide music for this special service. If you are interested in playing your instrument for this, please see Pastor Katherine. 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.

Church Events

Today All college-age young adults are invited to Pastor Peter and Katherine's home today for lunch.

This evening at 5:00 p.m. What a youth camping season we've had at Camp Mennoscah this summer! We will be celebrating the season with a Supper and Talent Night involving our amazing summer staff, counselors, directors and other volunteers. Please come and re-live your time at camp through story, picture and song at the Grace Hill Mennonite Church this evening at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Talent Extravaganza at 6:30 p.m. Donations to camp will be accepted! Please join us!!!!



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 6.

October 13-19 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are willing to help with food or volunteer for the night.

October 16-17 Grace Hill Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. Please return registration forms to Merrill & Gladys Harms by next Sunday, October 3. See Brian & Michelle Hilgenfeld if you have any questions.

Nursery This Sunday: Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Associated Menn. Biblical Seminary \$1,487.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Et Cetera

You are invited to Harvest of Praise, October 2 and 3. Swiss Church is celebrating 125 years. Saturday we have corn threshing, shocking and shucking with lots of other activities going on throughout the day. Homemade chicken noodle supper and pies served at 5 p.m. with live music from area churches and groups at the New Family Life Center. Praise and worship service on Sunday at 10 a.m. with community wide potluck at 12:30. Hope to see you there! *If you are interested in representing Grace Hill with live music on Saturday evening, contact Pastor Peter.*

Wheat State Manor is sponsoring the Annual Quilt Show at the Whitewater Fall Festival. The date is October 2 and the show will be held at the Federated Church from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to display any quilts they have. Please call the Manor at 799-2181 to enter your quilt in the show.

Life Chain Sunday is October 3. Come join other area churches in Newton from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in helping to protect the unborn in a peaceful, prayerful way. Participants hold signs along Main Street stating "Abortion Kills Children" and "Jesus Heals and Forgives" as a silent witness against abortion. Signs are available at Main and 9th at 1:45. All ages are welcome to participate. You can bring lawn chairs/rain gear (if needed).

Before Bethel College Fall Fest, come enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village on Saturday, October 9, 7:00-9:00 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, whole-hog sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice & coffee. A donation is requested for the meal.

Gerald Dyck will be speaking at Kauffman Museum on October 9 1:00-2:00 p.m. as part of Bethel's Fall Fest. He will use demonstrations, illustrations and storytelling in a presentation on "Doing Ethnomusicology in Northern Thailand." While entrance to the museum on Fall Festival Saturday requires a Fall Festival button (\$2.00), Gerald's lecture in the museum auditorium will be free to the public.

The Women's Ministries of Palmyra Baptist Church (999 NW Butler Road) invites you to join them for their Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 13 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. David Criffis, Chaplain at the Southern Care (Hospice) of Wichita will be the guest speaker.

If you are interested in receiving a complimentary copy of the Mennonite Weekly Review please sign your name on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you, Work & Play folks, from all of us at Camp Mennoscah! You completed numerous projects and took a load off our backs. You sliced enough apples for an entire summer of apple crisp, installed a shower in the Bluestem house, sealed the boardwalk, shingled, cleaned, and did everything else possible. We look forward to seeing you again next year! (And the rest of you are invited to join us, too. There's something for everyone.)

Help meet needs in often forgotten places: Your donation, large or small, to "where needed most" gives Mennonite Central Committee the flexibility to respond effectively to the greatest needs in communities where we serve. Your gift will make a real difference in the lives of families across the world. It will also help fulfill our overall mission of encouraging peace, building stronger communities and providing disaster relief in places that we hear about on the evening news and in often forgotten places around the world. Thank you for considering a gift to MCC, for showing care for humanity, in the name of Christ. Please send your check with "where needed most" in the memo line to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117, or donate online at www.mcc.org.

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