

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 27, 2009

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Keyboard: Sara Unruh

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Alma Schmidt

Gathering Our Praise

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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: Grace and peace to you this day from God the father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Many: Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

One: Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless before him in love.

**Many: According to God's great pleasure,
we are adopted as God's children,
redeemed according to God's good pleasure.**

One: In Christ, we are redeemed through Christ's faithfulness and follow him, according to the riches of his grace.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*** Invocation**

*** Gathering Hymn No. 366** *God of grace and God of glory*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:1-11 Merrill Harms

Offering Hymn No. 384 *We give thee but thine own*

Offering Western District Conference

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

Proclaiming

*** Gospel Reading** Luke 4:14-22 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Words of Grace* Pastor Peter

Responding

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

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*** Hymn of Response No. 145** *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

*** Sending Hymn No. 150** *Wonderful grace of Jesus*

*** 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

In the hospital: Doug Claassen - Wesley Medical Center
Ray Schmidt - Kansas Medical Center, Andover

A grateful thank you to Pastor Goerzen and to each of you for the loving support and help you have been to us during the passing and services for our mother. We also appreciate the lovely lunch which was served! God is good!
The family of Leona Unruh

Western District Conference: Pray for Ruth Harder, associate pastor of Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, as she is ordained today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp and their children live and work at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of the Japanese Mennonite churches that seeks to care for the land, promote just farming practices and grow healthy food. Pray that through their ministry people may grow to understand better the abundant life that Jesus offers.

New Addresses:

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Elective Sunday School Class: Pastor Katherine will be leading an elective Sunday School Bible Study provided by Mennonite Church USA entitled "Following Jesus in a World that is not." It will focus on three questions: What has shaped our identity in the past? What is shaping our identities now? and What will shape our identities in the future? All are welcome and invited to attend. It will continue through October 4.

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. All church carry-in meal. All are welcome to stay!

Today at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual business meeting.

This afternoon The CROP walk will be this afternoon. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker, please contact Pastor Peter.

Today at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – the youth group is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Today Youth Group Progressive Supper

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual 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 7.

Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. High School Youth: Bethel College football game.

Next Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. The Spiritual Council invites all church members and spouses ages 65 and over to Faspa in the Kidron Bethel Community Room.

November 8 Harvest Thanks Sunday – Mark and Mary Hurst will be our speakers.

Announcements

Note change of pastors' office hours – listed under church offices. Tuesday – Friday instead of Monday – Thursday. Times will be the same.

Grace Hill College Students: If you are interested in receiving *The Mennonite* please contact Debbie Claassen today.

In 2010 it's time to do a new church pictorial directory! The Administrative Council is looking for one more person who is willing to help coordinate the project. Please talk to Diana Schunn if interested.

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: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Biblical Seminary \$931.00

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

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

You are invited to join in celebrating the ordination of Ruth R. Harder to Christian ministry tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, where Ruth serves as associate pastor. Members of the wider church and community are all welcome to the ordination service, which will be followed by a reception.

The Bethel College Women's Association Market on the Green Committee is asking for donations of ethnic foods – poppy seed rolls and zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, other baked goods and home grown produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3. Please prepare your items and bring them to the large tent on the green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Check the poster on the bulletin board for suggested items to bring. Thank you!

Choral Concert at Hutchinson Correctional Facility You are invited to attend a choral performance at the Central Unit of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. The choir, under the direction of Lyle Stutzman, will present a varied program of sacred music, folk songs and spirituals on October 11 at 7:30 p.m. The chorus is comprised of HCF inmates and volunteer singers from the surrounding area. This concert is one of several educational and artistic components comprising the Prison Arts Project of Offender/Victim Ministries. Please come and show your support for the Prison Arts Project. You must contact the OVM office (316-283-2038 or email - ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) to submit your name, driver's license number and date of birth for admission purposes by October 7. Children under 18 are not permitted in the facility. Call us if you need further information.

Beginning October 2, 2009 and through March 26, 2010 the Mennonite Central Committee center in North Newton will close at 3 p.m. on Fridays. Monday through Thursday MCC will be open from 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Material donations may be dropped off at MCC during office hours or left in the marked After Hours Donation Drop Off location at any time. The reduced hours are due to budget cuts and salary reductions. We are grateful for the strong support to MCC in the Central States region. However, our budget shares the burden of the recession that has been more challenging in other regions of MCC. We encourage your continued support of MCC through these difficult economic times. If you have questions please call our office at 316-283-2720.

Whitewater churches are sponsoring children's activities for the Whitewater Fall Festival this Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please let Pastor Peter know if you would be able to help.

OH, what a treat! Thank you to everyone who celebrated with Camp Mennoscah at camp or at home in honor of our 60th anniversary and the purchase of 80 acres adjoining our east boundary. We had such a great time sharing stories and memories with you. We'll see you on your next visit to Camp Mennoscah!

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

In the silence of these moments, we pause to confront ourselves and name to you the matters that prevent us from fully realizing your grace
(Silent Prayer)

We name things that prevent us from accepting ourselves,
that keep us from accepting one another,
that block us from reaching out to humankind and creation
(Silent Prayer)

We abandon ourselves to you in trust;
hear us, love us, and forgive us.
Merciful one, hear our prayer
(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace:

One: We give thanks to you, God our Father,
for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits our returning,
and for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

**Many: We praise you that in Christ Jesus
you meet us with grace, embrace us in acceptance,
and affirm us as citizens of a forgiven universe.**

One: We give thanks to you that by your Holy Spirit
you move us to change direction, receive your love,
and become what we most truly are.

**Many: In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,
help us then, O God, to accept your forgiveness,
to believe your love, and to trust your purpose.**

One: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.