

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 28, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

## **GRATEFUL REMEMBERING: Restored, God Will Bring Healing**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

\*Call to Worship

*Morning has broken*

Hymnal 648

Psalms of Praise

from Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
In you I put my trust.

**Show me your ways O Lord.**

**Teach me your paths.**

**Guide me in your truth and teach me,**

**For you are God, my Savior.**

My hope is in you all day long.

Remember, O Lord, your great love and mercy.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;**

**In you I put my trust.**

Praise Hymn

*Rain down*

Sing the Journey 49

Prayer

Silence

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Hymnal 855

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 32:3-28

*Come, O thou Traveler unknown*

Hymnal 503

Curt Regehr, soloist; Tim Schmidt, guitar

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 33:1-11

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

Sermon

*This Could Go Either Way*

Randy Smith

Hymn of Response

*O healing river*

Hymnal 372

Sharing and Prayer

\*Sending Hymn

*Help us to help each other*

Hymnal 362

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

**This morning's offering** is designated for Western District Conference.

**Scripture readers:** Kendall Claassen, Rob Schunn, Tara Harms-Becker

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** 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.

**Next Sunday** we will begin meeting in our regular Sunday School classes. Carl and Kristine Goossen will lead an intergenerational elective class studying "The Secret Church".

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Worldwide Communion Sunday** is next week when we anticipate celebrating our unity in Christ with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world our unity through communion.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Willmar Harder, who will be installed today as pastor of Buhler Mennonite Church.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** David Shenk, serving through MMN, is representing Quito Mennonite Church's ministry among refugees at a forum that includes not-for-profit organizations and government officials who are working on a city ordinance about the social inclusion of migrant groups. Pray that David and his colleagues will be able to promote justice in Ecuador through this process.

## Church Events

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

**Today following the meal** (approximately 12:45 p.m.) Semi-annual Church Business Meeting.

**Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!

**Menu this week:** Taco plate, apple slices with caramel, vanilla ice cream and brownies

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Wednesday**

**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming

**7:00 p.m.** Youth Programming

**7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir

**7:00 p.m.** Bible Study with Pastor Randy

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Transition Team will meet.

**Next Sunday 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."

**Sunday, October 12** We will have a carry-in meal and a wrap-up for Reciting Our History.

## Et Cetera

**Fall Cleaning! It's time to clean up the river at Camp Mennoscah.** We'll be taking out the dam on October 5 at approx. 2 p.m. to help clear out all that silt and mud that has built up behind the dam. Come dabble in the not-so-precise art of dam removal or enjoy watching!

**The Newton Life Chain 2014** will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 5. Signs will be available at 9th and Main Street, Newton at 1:45 p.m. Families are welcome! The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 5. For more information please see [www.LifeChain.net](http://www.LifeChain.net).

**Bethel College Fall Festival is coming soon!** Most events are Saturday, October 18, on campus, including a 2-mile fun run sponsored by the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts (registration fee required); the biennial Schweitzer dialect program; and, in the Entertainment Tent, the Flannelbacks (Bethel student bluegrass band), the Newton Community Children's Choir and Bethel and local high school jazz ensembles. See [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest).

**Register now for the Fall Scrapbooking Retreats!** Camp Mennoscah has two scrapbooking retreats this fall, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 and Nov. 14-16. Traditional and digital scrapbookers of all skill levels are welcome. Join us for a weekend of cropping, talking, snacking, sessions, and fun! Registration forms can be found at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) in Retreats or by calling 620-297-3290.

**MCC Central States invites you** to join us in collecting personal hygiene items for young girls (ages range from 10-17) at the Secure Unit at Youthville in Newton, KS. Youthville is a nonprofit faith-based agency committed to developing innovative programs that inspire change in at-risk youth and families. All items need to be collected by Oct. 31 at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117). Items that are needed: lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tampons, socks (crew or no-show), slippers, deodorant, hairspray, mousse, pony tail holders, combs and brushes. Join us as we answer the call to help! Questions? Call 316-283-2720.

**Mustard Yellow and Gaudy Flowers Are Okay--Camp Mennoscah** is in need of good condition sofas, loveseats, and comfy chairs or recliners, whatever color or design they may be. Our Buffalo Room furniture is falling apart and grimy after any number of staff meetings and naps. We have picture proof that some of the furniture has been at Camp Mennoscah for over 13 years. If you would like a reason to replace your living room furniture, contact us and we'll take your beautiful-to-us couch off your hands. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org)!

**Gifts for Camp Mennoscah-** Have you been a camper at Camp Mennoscah? Summer staff member? Know children that have gone to Camp Mennoscah? Want a worthwhile project for a family, Sunday School class, a women's group, men's group or a youth groups? Then this project is for you. Camp Mennoscah has opened a Registry at Bed Bath and Beyond; go to [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com) and search on Olivia Bartel. You can also shop at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Office Max and Walmart. Pick up a flier on the table in the foyer for more information. This project is sponsored by the Mennonite Women of the South Central and Western District Conference.

## 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:** Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Anabaptist Menn. Biblical Seminary \$1,106.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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