

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 2, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Musicians: Jordon Ortman, David Janzen, Pastor Peter

Healings and Miracles: Wedding at Cana

Worldwide Communion Sunday

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

Light print taken from Joel 2; Bold print taken from Psalm 36.

One: In response to his people the Lord said: I am sending you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied;

Many: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike.

One: Do not fear, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!

Many: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

One: Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

Many: Your people feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

One: O Children of God be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain.

Many: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

One: The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Many: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song STJ No. 49** *Rain down*

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Choral Anthem *Hearing God's Word*
Softly and Tenderly Adult Choir

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8 Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn No. 373** *Thou true Vine, that heals*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25: 6-10a Pastor Katherine

Children's Blessing Pastors Peter and Katherine

Bibles for First Graders Brady Deterding, Sara Enns, Taylor Frye

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

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Cana Wedding: A Very Good Year* Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

* **Hymn of Response No. 472** *I am the Bread of Life*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Hymn of Preparation No. 453 *Let us break bread together*

Celebrating Holy Communion

Choral Sending *Sending*
The Lord lift you up

* **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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for clarity of mission for congregations currently served by Transitional Pastors: West Zion Mennonite – Moundridge, First Mennonite – Moundridge, Zion Mennonite – Elbing, First Mennonite – Halstead, and Tabor Mennonite – Goessel.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for God's patience and faith for MMN's Radical Journey participants who prepared for a year in Bolivia, but will now learn and serve in Paraguay due to visa complications. Remember also Paraguayan families who have offered to host participants on short notice.

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!

Outreach Tip: *We cannot love God unless we love each other. And to love each other we must know each other. In the breaking of bread we are not alone anymore. Dorothy Day (1897-1980)*

Church Events

This evening Potluck and Hymn Sing - 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.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Choir
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

October 5 – October 11 Grace Hill's week for volunteering at the Homeless Shelter. 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.

Saturday Youth Group Bethel Football Game: On Saturday, October 8, the Youth Group will eat together at the Breadbasket (plan to meet there at 5:30) then go to the Bethel College football game, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor Katherine if you have any questions.

Next Sunday at 4 p.m., all Senior Citizens are invited to join the Spiritual Council for our annual Faspa. 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.

Monday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Pulpits & Potlucks: A Photographic History of the Churches of Harvey County from 1872 through 2007, by Linda Koppes of Harvey County Historical Museum. She will be highlighting the rich faith history of the county through the exploration of worship, fellowship, service, architecture and more. Hostess & Devotions: Kaye Penner & Judy Janzen; Financial Project: West. Dist. Women in Mission.

Saturday, October 15 Workday at church.

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

October 23 Mentor/Mentee Lunch: All Mentor and Mentee pairs are invited to a pizza lunch following Sunday School on October 23. Following lunch, you are welcome to bring table games to play together as a group. Hope to see you there!

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!

The elective Sunday School class with Pastor Peter will be studying the book of James on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (on the Sundays the Catechism class is not meeting).

Donated food items will go to the Whitewater Food Pantry this month. Suggested items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, canned meals, boxed meals, soups, crackers, and other nonperishable items. Cash donations are accepted. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson
Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Dodson
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$ 1,228.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

Life Chain Sunday is today. This is a silent prayerful witness against abortion, where participants stand on the sidewalk along a major city street holding signs that say "Abortion Kills Children" and "Jesus Heals and Forgives." In Newton, Life Chain will be held from 2:00 - 3:00; pick up signs at Main Street and 9th. You may bring lawn chairs.

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. *Valerie will pick up any baked goods at the church by 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning, October 8.*

Attention all quilters save the date - October 18, 7:00 p.m. Hesston Mennonite Church 309 S. Main, Hesston: The Quilters Corner and Quilt Committees of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invite women of all ages to an evening of information and entertainment featuring Dava Carrell of Winfield, KS. She will be speaking on "What To Do With Your Leftovers" and showing many quilts she has made. Dava bought 1 1/2" strips of Aunt Graces material last year at Quilters' Corner and will be showing us how she put a quilt together using the leftover strips. Dava is a long time quilter who has taught classes and lectured extensively in Kansas and surrounding states, as well as judging at the Kansas State Fair. Bring a friend and come prepared to get excited about making quilts, etc. for our MCC Sale. For more information contact: Pam Hostetler-620-327-2378, Ruth Vogt-620-327-4570.

Advent Planner - Thursday, October 20, 7-9 pm at Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Pastors and worship planners - join others in spending an evening together conversing and brainstorming about planning Advent 2011. Please RSVP directly to Marlene Bogard at mbogard@mennowdc.org, 316-283-6300. In order to shape the evening, tell me: 1. How many folks will come. 2. What will be most helpful: conversations about preaching? worship leading? visuals? children's features? more?

Women in Leadership: All interested women are invited to a Women's Gathering about Leadership and the Church on Thursday, October 27 at First Mennonite Church in Newton (429 E First St.), 7:00 – 8:30 pm, with light refreshments and tea. Join Joanna Sherk of Mennonite Church USA national staff and coordinator of the Women in Leadership project who is interested in hearing about the experiences of women leaders in this area—in pastoral roles, administrative roles or other leadership capacities. Joanna will facilitate discussion around a number of topics concerning women, leadership, and the church. Upon arrival at First Mennonite, please enter through the south (by the playground) or east (gravel parking lot) doors. The gathering will be held in the basement fellowship hall. Please contact Joann with questions or to RSVP: joannas@mennoniteusa.org or 574-226-7297.

Attn: WDC Pastors, WDC Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force members, WDC Staff, and WDC persons on MC USA agency boards - you are invited to attend Reference Council on Saturday, November 19 from 8:30 am - 12 noon (lunch included). Hear from Randy Smith (transitional pastor) about "Revitalizing our Churches". Hear testimonies from congregations experiencing transformation and new growth. Hear updates on what is happening across the Western District Conference. RSVP by Nov. 10 to Nancy Funk, wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

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.