

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 4, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Worldwide Communion Sunday

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: What shall we render to God for all the benefits we have known?

All: We will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of our God.

One: We remember how Jesus said, "I do not call you servants any longer... but I have called you friends."

All: We assemble, then, as friends of Jesus, remembering his name and his life given for us.

One: We remember Paul's words: "You are the body of Christ."

All: We assemble as Christ's living body in the world to renew our understanding of that truth in symbol and commitment.

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 459** *I come with joy to meet my Lord* verses 1-4

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading Psalm 8

* **Hymn No. 112** *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name*

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

New Testament Reading Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1-9

Sermon *Hebrews I: Seeing and Hearing*

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 117** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *Let the hungry come to me*

Carl Goossen and Katherine Goerzen

Service of Communion

See back of bulletin for Responsive Reading

* **Sending Hymn No. 459** *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Verses 1 & 5 with the word "come" changed to "came" in verse 1

* **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

Thank you so much for all the cards, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. The tremendous support and love you showed me was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor's Peter and Katherine for the time spent visiting and praying with me. Doug Claassen

Western District Conference: Pray for Bethel College as it celebrates its annual Fall Festival – that relationships will be healed and new energy will be found for its future.

Mennonite Mission Network: Third Way Media's new documentary, Long Road Back: Ex-Offenders' Struggle for Acceptance, begins airing today on NBC-TV. Pray that viewers may find renewed hope for their lives.

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. The class will meet today and October 18.

Worldwide Communion Sunday Responsive Reading

One: At this common meeting place of the Lord's table,
we enter into a spirit of togetherness,
becoming one body in Christ,
all members one of another.

**Many: We are all followers of Christ
and share the bread and cup as an act of unity,
recognizing our joining with all believers
everywhere in all times.**

One: We remember the price paid for our redemption
so that we may have life in abundance.

**Many: We remember the presence of the risen Christ among us
and recommit ourselves to the way of the cross.**

One: Let us make ready our hearts and minds,
leaving judgment of others aside,
considering only our own relationship to God.

**Many: We come as penitent believers, asking forgiveness,
accepting God's transforming grace
and recommitting our lives totally to Christ as Lord.**

One: Let us keep the feast;
for the spiritual food is the gift of Christ to us.

**Many: Let us experience the mystery,
for here Christ gives himself to us again,
and we are renewed on our spiritual journey,
looking forward to the feast of the redeemed
in the age to come.**

Church Events

Today 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. The topic for sharing: “the first job you had.”

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Social Council meets at church.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children’s and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Choir
7:45 – 8:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Friday There will be a 5th Quarter at Doug and Katherine Claassen's after the football game on Friday, October 9. There will be a sign-up sheet for refreshments passed around during the Sunday School hour. Thank you for your support!

Monday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship at church. Program: Experiencing China with Shirley Goering, North Newton; Hostess & Devotions: Marge Harms and Alma Schmidt; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

October 21-27 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Grace Hill will need to provide meals and volunteers for Wednesday Oct. 21, Friday Oct. 23, Sunday Oct. 25 and Tuesday Oct. 27. The sign-up sheet to volunteer is on the bulletin board. Please see Donna Balzer if you have questions.

October 24 Junior Youth Event: Save the date for Saturday October 24. More details will be in your mailbox shortly!

Announcements

Grace Hill provides scholarships to members who are attending a Mennonite college. The applicants are asked to write an essay describing “What Grace Hill Mennonite Church means to me.” The essays from our first-year college students are posted on the bulletin board (east of the kitchen) for the congregation to read.

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: paper goods. 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

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Katherine

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,480.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors’ Office Hours:

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

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Et Cetera

Grace Hill is a sponsor of Community Playschool. Please help support it through the United Way benefit CHILI COOK-OFF on Saturday, October 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., downtown Newton, 6th and Main Streets. Five dollars for all the chili you want. Music, entertainment, food. Vote for Playschool at the \$ fishbowl at the booth.

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.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly “Prayers for Faith and Learning” can be accessed. You can also sign up for a free subscription to “Prayers.” E-mail info@MennoniteEducation.org and use “Subscription to Prayers” as the subject.

Wheat State Manor in commemoration of their 35th Anniversary published a recipe cookbook and is now available at the Manor or from Agnes Harder. Cost \$15.