

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 5, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

## World Wide Communion Sunday

### **GRATEFUL REMEMBERING: Detoured, God Will Find a Way**

Gathering Music Ellen Mosiman

Welcome and Announcements Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

\*Call to Worship Hymnal 154  
*This is my Father's world*

\*Prayer  
Praise Hymn Sing the Journey 49  
*Rain down*

Call to Confession Psalm 80  
Congregational response:  
**Restore us, Lord God.  
Make your face shine upon us  
that we may be saved.**

Silence  
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal 731  
*Our Father which art in heaven* Sing the Journey 48  
Tara Harms-Becker, soloist

Affirmation of Faith Philippians 3:10-14

***I want to know Christ –***

***To know the power of his resurrection;***

***To know even his suffering;***

***Becoming like him in his death so somehow  
to attain the resurrection from death.***

***I press on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold for me.***

***I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it,***

***But forgetting what is behind***

***and straining toward what is ahead,***

***I press on toward the goal to win the prize***

***for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.***

Offering

Children's Story

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

Scripture Lesson Ken Wiebe

Genesis 45:1-18, 25- 46:4

Sermon Randy Smith

*Seeing the Big Picture*

Sharing and Prayer

Call to Communion Sing the Journey 87

*Put peace into each other's hands*

Service of Communion

\*Sending Hymn Hymnal 363

*Renew your church*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Church USA.  
Communion music: Roberta Harms

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!**

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for our WDC representatives – Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, Richard Gehring, WDC Moderator, and Byron Pellecer, Church Planter – meeting with the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA in Chicago, October 6-8. Discernment regarding the future shape of Mennonite Church USA and potential decisions for Kansas City 2015 will be the focus of this gathering.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** David and Rebekka Stutzman, who work with the Bammmental Mennonite Church and the South German Mennonite Conference in Germany, are anticipating the arrival of their third child next month. Pray for them as they adjust ministry roles to welcome the new baby. The Stutzmans serve through MMN and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

## **Announcements**

**The Worship Council** has placed a survey in your mailbox to find what gifts you have to share with the congregation during worship. Please fill this out and we will collect them in the foyer over the next couple of weeks.

**An inter-generational Sunday School** class led by Carl & Kris Goossen will meet in the corner of the fellowship hall by the big screen TV beginning today. We will be studying the subject "Who is God". It is a video series by Dr. David Platt from one of his Secret Church gatherings at Brook Hills Church in Birmingham, Alabama. We will explore the names and attributes of God as well as the Trinity and sovereign will of God. "For millions of believers around the world, faith in Christ and belief in the teachings of the Bible are not only discouraged, but actually dangerous. Periodically, Secret Church gatherings are held to engage in an intense six-hour Bible study as we identify with and pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters across the globe. The objective of Secret Church is for you to pass along what you learn in these gatherings to others, so that you can make disciples of Christ in all nations for God's glory."

**The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries** are in need of items throughout the year. 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:** Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Savannah Frohlich

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,085.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## Church Events

**Today 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 this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Come prepared to have an enjoyable time and to share some of your "Mischievous Experiences from Your Childhood."

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

We are having meals every Wednesday through November 19.

**Menu this week:** Hamburgers

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

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater.

**Next Sunday** Carry-in meal – all are welcome to stay!

**Next Sunday** we will conclude the first section of the Discovery Process, *Reciting Our History* and the worship series, *Grateful Remembering*. For the wrap-up, we will reflect on the Grace Hill story and list those things we want to take forward into the next chapter and those things we wish to leave behind. This will happen in a brief session following a meal after the regular Sunday school hour.

**Homemade Ice Cream** for you! Randy and Ann invite you to their house for ice cream and fellowship in October. Sign up in the foyer for one of three Sunday evenings.

**Monday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: "Child Abuse" presented by Diana Schunn; Hostess & Devotions: Pauline Toews and Kaye Penner; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission. **Men are invited.**

## Et Cetera

**Boards Out! Camp Mennoscah** will be removing the dam from the Ninnescah River this afternoon at approximately 2 p.m. Spectators and volunteers welcome!

**Palmyra Baptist Church Women's Ministries** invites you to their Annual Guest Tea on October 8 at 1:30 p.m. Ross Janssen, Meteorologist for KWCH-TV, Channel 12, will be our guest speaker. We do hope you will be with us for this time of worship and fellowship together. Palmyra is located at 999 NW Butler Road, Benton.

**Start your day at Bethel College Fall Fest** on Saturday, October 18, with a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee will be served from 7 to 9 a.m.

**Bethel College Fall Festival begins October 16**, with Taste of Newton downtown. Most events take place on October 18 but there are several on October 17, including: special social work symposium honoring the program's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church basement; 8th annual STEM Symposium, honoring psychology, 1 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; and opening night for *Man of La Mancha*, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium (ticket purchase required). See [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest).

**The Bethel College Women's Association Market on the Green Committee** is asking for donations of ethnic foods, poppy seed rolls, zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, and other baked goods and home grown produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 18. Please bring your items to the large tent on the north side of the Green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Also, NEW this year will be a large canvas tote with the Bethel logo embroidered on it, and a NEW jewelry item of a Bethel College icon. The *A BC ABC Book*, (a limerick book of Bethel life and lore), anniversary picnic baskets and anniversary T-shirts, stadium seats, cookbooks, Lithuanian candle house replicas of Goerz House and the CD "Nights of Wonder", which features music selections from previous BC Christmas Fests will also be available for sale. Come check out the delicious food items and start your Christmas shopping early with the many gift items!

**The Western District Reference Council** will meet on Saturday, November 15, at Eden Mennonite Church. The WDC Discernment Task Force will report the results of the recent WDC Survey regarding authority, polity and sexuality. Further discernment will focus on polity – the relationships of congregational, conference, and denominational authority. This Reference Council is open to members and participants of WDC congregations in addition to WDC commissions and committees and pastors. Register online at <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council/> or call 316-283-6300.

### **Youth Group Announcements:**

**Join us for a Kansas youth rally like none other! *On the Way*** featuring Jeremy Kempf and Glen Guyton. Your journey to the 2015 Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City starts here! Saturday, November 1, 1-7:30 p.m.; Jeremy Kempf Concert at 8:00 p.m.; Hesston College. This event is FREE! Please register in advance. **Youth:** You should have a postcard in your mailbox and poster in youth room.

**Step out of life in the fast lane and see what's coming in the other direction! Discipleship Now** - a retreat for high school students who want to grow as followers of Jesus. Service, Bible Study, Community, Prayer, Silence. Save the date - November 14-16 in Wichita, KS. Sponsored by South Central/Western District Conference Youth Ministry. More info at: <http://mennowdc.org/discipleship-now/>

## **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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