

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 6, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Kendall Claassen

Shaped by the Story: For God So Loved the World
Grace Hill's Twelve Foundational Scriptures
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

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, from east and west, north and south!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: The Lord raises up the needy out of distress. The upright see it and are glad.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love for us, made us alive together in Christ

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: By grace we have been saved through faith. It is not our own doing. It is the gift of God.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 12** *Come, let us all unite to sing*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Story

Gospel Reading John 3: 16-17

Pastor Katherine

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

Scripture Sharing

Rita Patterson

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Responding to God's Story

* **Hymn of Response No. 521** *Come, thou fount*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Celebrating Holy Communion

Sent by God

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 44** *The love of God*

* **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 Nathan Koontz, who is being installed today as an Associate Pastor with a focus on pastoral care at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson.

Mennonite Mission Network: A series of Masters' level theology courses begins today in Ukraine. Pray for Mary Raber of MMN as she helps to coordinate this learning experience for the next 10 days. May she have time to relate to the students while continuing her other teaching and writing responsibilities.

Announcements

The Worship Council encourages you to provide feedback about worship services. This can be done several ways. You can write your comments on note paper provided in the hymn racks and place in the box located under the pictorial directory in foyer. You can also send your feedback to Worship Council via Kris Janzen @ rkjanzen@pixius.net. You may also personally visit with the Pastors or the Pastoral Relations Committees. For Pastor Peter: Kim Claassen, Joyce Stuart, Carol (Kendall) Claassen. For Pastor Katherine: Lisa Harms, James Regier, Kim Claassen.

The Harvey County Food Pantry is 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 Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Kathy Balzer

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$995.19

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

This afternoon The Youth Group will be leading the Wheat State Manor Vesper service this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Plan to meet at the church building at 4:30. We will then return to Pastor Katherine's home for a mystery meal. **Also this week at Wheat State Manor:** Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

This evening's Camp Mennoscah benefit, Pastor Love, has been cancelled. Please look for a reschedule date after the new year.

Tuesday 1:00-5:00 p.m. Inviting all quilters to come and quilt on the MCC quilt that will be sold at the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale next spring. Quilting hours are from 1 - 5 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon. Hope to see many of you.

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. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Next Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Grace Hill Night at the Movies. Showing: *Prince of Egypt* A DreamWorks animated feature portraying the events of Moses leading the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. Voices of Val Kilmer, Ralph Fiennes and Michelle Pfeiffer. 99 min. PG.

Monday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at the MCC Center in North Newton. Program: Work Day at MCC; Hostess & Devotions: Kaye Penner, Judy Janzen, Pauline Toews; Financial Project: Mennonite Central Committee.

Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 p.m. Women's Book Study: We will plan to meet on Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 p.m. at Pastor Katherine's house to discuss the introduction and first chapter of "A Year of Biblical Womanhood."

October 28, 29 and 30 (1/2 day) Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning in North Newton.

Et Cetera

You are invited to Palmyra Baptist Church for the American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual Guest Tea on October 9 at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Michael Schwanke of KWCH-TV Channel 12. We hope you will join us for this time of worship and fellowship.

It's An Annual Event We will be taking out the dam at Camp Mennoscah on October 13, somewhere around 2 p.m. There may be some preparation done earlier and it may be that we start a bit later, depending on all sorts of known and unknown things. Folks are welcome to watch or to help out. Wear river clothes and dress for the weather! Please let us know if you are planning to come so we can alert you to any last minute changes. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Humorist, Actor and Theologian Ted Swartz of Ted and Co. Theaterworks will present an all-new show! "A Peek into the Church's Journey with Sexuality" - Friday, October 25, 7 p.m. at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College, North Newton. Ted will share the stage with Keith Graber Miller, Professor of Bible, Religion and Philosophy at Goshen College, who will speak on the topic of "Toward an Ethic of Sexuality". Purchase tickets (\$10) at Bethel College ticket office, 316-283-2500. All seats reserved. This event is co-sponsored by the Western District Conference Human Sexuality Discernment Task Force and Bethel College Campus Ministries.

The Church and Homosexuality: A conversation that can hold us together is the theme of the upcoming Western District Conference Reference Council on Saturday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton. This is a gathering of WDC executive board, commissions, committees, staff and pastors. Others with a special interest in this topic are also encouraged to attend. Register online (www.mennowdc.org, Events) or call 316-283-6300 or email wdc@mennowdc.org by October 18. Keith Graber Miller, professor of Bible, Religion and Philosophy at Goshen College (IN), and David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Conference of Mennonite Church USA, will speak about the church's response to persons of same-sex orientation. This will be followed by several respondents and discussion on maintaining relationships in the midst of conflicting convictions over matters of sexuality. Lunch will be provided, with a free-will offering received. This event is sponsored by the WDC Human Sexuality Discernment Task Force.

Volunteers needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop! Morning, afternoon, or evening slots available. Volunteer with a friend, mentor/mentee, or family member, and have fun serving MCC and the local community together. If you can help, call 283-9461 or email newtonetc@sbcglobal.net.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension is hosting a Mental Health First Aid course on Thursday, November 7, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. and November 14, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church for eight hours of continuing education. Cost is \$50 and includes a light supper. Participants will learn to recognize the warning signs for a range of mental health problems including depression, anxiety/trauma, psychosis, eating disorders, substance use disorders and self-injury. Who should attend? youth pastors, college students and staff, youth sponsors, educational professions, greeters, ushers - everyone! Register by October 15 by sending \$50 (payable to "AMBS - GP" with "mental health" in memo line) to AMBS - Great Plains, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Call 316-283-709, ext. 206 or dorothyf@ambs.edu for information.

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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