

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 7, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Musician: Jordan Ortman

Worship Leader: Brian Hilgenfeld

Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Seeking Shalom at the Lord's Table  
Worldwide Communion Sunday

## Gathering

### 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.*

**Psalm Reading** Psalm 34: 1-8

### Call to Worship

One: O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt in God's name together! Taste and see that the Lord is good! We are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

**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 Lord 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 and our own relationship with our neighbors.

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

One: Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf. In Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

**All: Therefore, let us make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 1** *What is this place*

**Offering Our Gifts** Mennonite Church USA

### Listening

**Child's Blessing**

Pastors Peter and Katherine

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

**New Testament Reading** Ephesians 2: 11-22 Tara Harms-Becker

**Sermon** *A Tale of Two Christians* Pastors Peter and Katherine

### Responding

\* **Hymn of Response Sing the Journey No. 87**

*Put peace into each other's hands*

### Prayer of Confession

**Assurance of Pardon** Ephesians 2: 13-14

**Worship Music**

Adult Choir

*Become to us the Living Bread* by Drury and Vulpius

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper Together

### Congregational Prayer

**Worship Music**

*Stayed on Jesus* arr. Youngblood

Adult Choir

### Blessing

\* **Sending Hymn No. 478** *Sent forth by God's blessing*

### 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**

The rose bud this morning is in honor of Landry Belle Westerfield, born September 28 to Sara and Tyler Westerfield. We celebrate this new life among us and pray God's strength and blessing for Landry, Sara, Tyler, and their family. Congratulations, Sara and Tyler, and welcome, Landry!

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the fellowship and synergy of Anglo, Hispanic, and Chin pastors in Texas. The pastors met yesterday for an all-day retreat, "Border and Bridges: Cultural Challenges for Mennonite Pastoral Leadership," led by Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Anna and Joe Sawatzky and their four young sons serve with MMN, ministering alongside people who live on the edge of survival in South Africa. Pray with them for grace to see God in each situation as they often face brokenness and uncertainty.

## Church Events

**Today at noon** The Administrative Council is having a vision, planning, and praying retreat today from noon-4 p.m. here at the church, and all members of councils are encouraged to participate. We will eat lunch at noon and follow with the meeting. Come join us as we seek God's leading for the coming year and beyond!

**Monday at 1:30 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Work day at church, tie comforts and cut quilt blocks; Hostess & Devotions: Agnes Harder and Elaine Patterson; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

**Tuesday afternoon** Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

**Tuesday 1:30-5:00 p.m.** Creativity Workshop at church.

**Wednesday**    **7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming  
                  **7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Youth Programming  
                  **7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir  
                  **7:00 p.m.** Adult Study with Pastor Peter  
                  -Philip Yancey's "The Jesus I Never Knew" DVD series

**Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** Worship and Supper with Casa Betania: On Sunday, October 14, the Casa Betania congregation from Newton will join us at Grace Hill for a special evening of exciting worship and food and fellowship. Casa Betania's worship band will be leading our singing, and the congregation will serve a supper of burritos and/or tostadas. We will have the opportunity to share in Casa Betania's ministry in the community through worship, prayer, and a free-will offering which will support the mission of Casa Betania. Worship will be at 5 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m.



**October 20-21** The Grace Hill Church Retreat is on October 20 and 21 at Camp Mennoscah. Make sure you look at the schedule and registration form that was placed in your church mailbox. We will have a great weekend of fun, entertainment and worship, featuring a "Night at the Improv" on Saturday night. You won't want to miss this great weekend. Fill out the registration form and return it to Merrill and Gladys Harms' mailbox by October 14.

## Announcements

**The Christmas Eve responsibilities** are as follows: Mariners – Program; Seekers – Reception; Pursuers - Christmas sacks. Hanging of the Greens will be November 21 and will include a soup supper, decorating the sanctuary tree, caroling and ornament making for the children.

**If you weren't able to contribute your top twelve foundational Scriptures** last Sunday, it's not too late! Give your list to Pastor Peter or Pastor Katherine by October 14.

**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:** Kathy Balzer and Rachelle Claassen  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

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

**Offering Last Sunday:**

Mennonite Central Committee health project \$926.00

Grace Hill Automated External Defibrillator \$926.00

**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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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

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## Et Cetera

**Life-Chain in Newton** will be this afternoon from 2-3 p.m. Please join in a peaceful, prayerfully quiet witness of unity and gratitude for Pro-Life supporters within our community. Life-Chain starts at the SW corner of N. Main and 9<sup>th</sup> St. Signs will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs and umbrella – come rain or shine!

**Hesston College will host Sonia Nazario**, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and author of the college's first-year common read, Enrique's Journey, for a discussion on immigration issues in the United States at 7 p.m., October 9 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Nazario has spent more than 20 years reporting and writing about social issues for major newspapers including The Los Angeles Times. She will also share her research for the book, which chronicles the true story of Enrique, a Honduran boy, and his journey and struggle to reunite with his mother in the United States. Following the presentation, Nazario will participate in a question and answer time and a book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

**The American Baptist Women's Ministries of Palmyra Baptist Church**, rural Benton, invites you to join them for their Annual Guest Tea on October 10 at 1:30 p.m. Bonnie Bing, (freelance writer & columnist) formerly the style columnist for the Wichita Eagle, will be the guest speaker.

**Join the Bethel College community for Fall Festival, October 10-14**, with most events taking place Saturday, October 13, on campus, many of them celebrating Bethel's 125th anniversary. One event not listed on the printed program: Bethel's Multicultural Student Union will give a mini-concert, 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, in the Entertainment Tent on the Green. Fall Festival schedules are available at Thresher Bookstore, Kauffman Museum, other campus locations and the Kidron-Bethel activities office or for download at [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/FF/](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/FF/) or call 284-5251.

**Enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village** from 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday, October 13, 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.

**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 13. Please bring your items to the large tent on the north side of the green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Proceeds go to Bethel College Women's Association.

**Volunteers are needed at the traditional German-Swiss noon meal at Bethel College Fall Festival, October 13, 11:15-1:30.** Volunteers will help with ushering, clearing and resetting tables, pouring beverages, or wiping trays. Consider volunteering for the entire time or split a shift with a friend. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**Kidron Bethel Village Builders' Banquet** is Tuesday evening, October 23, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. This is your invitation to discover "The 8 Wonders of Kansas" with guest speakers Marci Penner and WenDee LaPlant of the Kansas Sampler Foundation. Guitarist Thor Bonner will entertain during the dinner hour. Tickets are \$125, \$100 of which is a tax-deductible gift, and are available from Kaye Penner. Proceeds support Kidron Bethel's mission of quality resident care.

**The MCC Mobile Meat Canner is coming to North Newton October 25 thru November 2!** Volunteers are needed! Meat canning is a great activity to do as a family, Sunday School class or an individual. If you haven't volunteered to can meat before maybe this is the year for you to start! The Grace Hill dates are Oct. 27, 29 & 30. See Kendall Claassen or Gerald Wedel if you have questions.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** is seeking two energetic Disaster Response Coordinators. One to be based in the Central States and cover the western half of the US. The other to be based in and cover the eastern half of the US. The primary responsibility is to train, mentor and encourage the MDS units and regions to respond to disasters, from investigation, cleanup, and project setup through completion. Extensive travel required. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. See the full job description at <http://mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment>. Resumes may be sent to [jobs@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:jobs@mds.mennonite.net) or MDS, Attn: Human Resources, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543. Review of resumes begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the positions are filled.