

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 9, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Kyle Regier

Musicians: Julia Dodson and Samantha Claassen

Healing and Miracles: The Raising of Lazarus

**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** from Psalm 116

**Gathering Prayer**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 606** *Oh, have you not heard*

**Offering our Gifts** Local Church Missions

**Hearing God's Word**

**Old Testament Reading** Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Carl Goossen

**Special Music** *Be thou my vision* Samantha Claassen

**Children's Story** Valerie Klaassen

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

**Gospel Reading** John 11 Pastor Peter

**Sermon** *Come and give your life away* Pastor Peter

**Responding to the Good News**

\* **Song of Response** *When Jesus the healer*

**Service of Healing and Anointing**

**Hymn of Assurance No. 627** *There is a balm in Gilead*

**Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer**

After the phrase "Lord Jesus Christ, Lover of all" is spoken, everyone is invited to respond in prayer by saying

***Bring healing, Bring peace.***

***Sending***

\* **Sending Hymn No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

\* **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 God's blessing for Pastor Jerry Acosta who is being installed as the church planter for Manos de Cristo (Hands of Christ) Iglesia Menonita, Wichita. The service will be at 7:00 p.m. at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Mennonite Church in Brazil and its mission agency, *Junta Menonita de Missoes Internacionais* (JMMI), as members share the good news of Jesus' love both within the country and internationally in Albania and Mozambique. MMN partners with the Brazilian Mennonites.

## Church Events

**This afternoon 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.).

**Monday 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.

**Wednesday**    **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

**Saturday at 8:00 a.m.** Workday at church.

**Next Sunday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.** Ordination service for Pastors Peter and Katherine. Patty Shelly will give the meditation and Clarence Rempel will officiate. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

**October 22 Junior High Event:** Saturday, October 22, the Junior Youth will do a local service project in the morning (details to come), we will eat together for lunch, and then go to the Corn Maze in the afternoon. Please plan to meet at the church around 9 am. If you have any questions, please speak with Kris and Carl Goossen, Travis Harms, or Pastor 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!

## Et Cetera

**Palmyra Baptist Church** (999 NW Butler Road, Benton) invites all women to their Annual Guest Tea on October 12 at 1:30 p.m. Roger Cornish, news anchor for KWCH-TV, Channel 12, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome to attend!

**Shirley Sprunger King will present a recital** at the Bethel College Mennonite Church on October 16 at 3:30 p.m. The recital is the fourth in a series celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its 22 rank Moeller pipe organ. King will perform works by Bach, Mendelssohn, and Preston, and feature hymn singing filled with organ introductions, interludes and harmonizations. Violinist Rebecca Schloneger will also perform. A free-will offering will be received to cover expenses and to ensure the future of the organ. A reception will follow.

**Advent Planner Confusion and Clarification:** Thursday, Oct. 20 (not the 27th) from 7 - 9 p.m. at Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro. NO CHARGE. Bring as many as you want, but please contact Marlene B. at [crib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crib@mennowdc.org) with an approx. number. Bring your copy of the FALL 2011 LEADER which includes the 2011 Advent Worship materials - there will be NO additional copies provided. It will be a time of sharing ideas and possibilities. Marlene Bogard, WDC Minister of Christian Nurture, will facilitate and Pastor Jeff Wintermote will host us.

**Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** will be held at Hesston College October 28-30. How do we talk to each other about talking to each other? Join us at Hesston College as we work together—participants choosing the discussion topics, in Open Spaces style, using different techniques such as Samoan Circle and Round Table, talking in ways that go beyond debating each other, but also—hopefully—moving beyond just agreeing to disagree. We're calling the conference *Getting Beyond Them and Us—to We*. We don't want to just get beyond. We want to be transformed. Register at [www.hesston.edu/AVDS](http://www.hesston.edu/AVDS).

**Jr. & Sr. High Snow Camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp,** Divide, CO - Time again for a winter retreat in the Colorado Rockies which includes worship, singing and snow activities. Jr. High Snow Camp is scheduled for Jan. 20-22, 2012. Senior High Snow Camps will be held Feb. 17-19, 2012 and March 16-18, 2012. Brochures and registration information are available in the foyer and also online at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org).

**Mennonite Education Agency** has a website at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS) where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe).

## Announcements

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

**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:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,596.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Wheat State Manor

## **CHURCH OFFICES**

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