

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 10, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

Musicians: Tara Harms-Becker, David Janzen, Samantha Claassen

Gathering in God's Presence

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 Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 14** *Come, we that love the Lord*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God's Word

Special Music *How firm a foundation* Samantha Claassen

Old Testament Reading Ezra 1:1-7 & 6:15-16, 19-22 Merrill Harms

* **Hymn No. 315** *This is a story full of love*

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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 Pastor Katherine

Sermon *Returning from Exile* Pastor Katherine

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 176** *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Song No. 584** *They that wait upon the Lord*

* **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

The congregation is invited to Clara Penner's 85th Birthday Party on Sunday, October 17 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Marlin & Monica Lichti. (3216 Mourning Dove Lane, Newton) It will be come-and-go, refreshments will be served, no program and casual dress!

Western District Conference: Pray for Dr. Perry White, who will be inaugurated as president of Bethel College today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Robin Gingerich and the faculty and staff of LCC International University in Lithuania as they share their faith through teaching and mentoring more than 650 students this academic year.

Announcements

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

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,401.00

Offering Next Sunday: Wheat State Manor

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Work project – tie comforts and cut quilt blocks; Hostess & Devotions: Agnes Harder and Gladys Reimer; Financial Projects: Western District Women in Mission.

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

October 13-19 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are willing to help with food or volunteer for the night.

Friday evening There will be a 5th Quarter this Friday at Doug and Katherine Claassen's. The sign-up sheet for food will be passed around during Sunday School. Thank you so much for your support!



Saturday - Sunday Grace Hill Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. *Make a Joyful Noise!* A retreat schedule is in your mailbox this morning. Please return registration forms to Merrill & Gladys Harms. See Brian & Michelle Hilgenfeld if you have any questions. If you are attending the retreat, please bring a copy of "Sing the Journey" and "Sing the Story" if you have these worship books. **There will be no service at the church next Sunday.**

Next Sunday at 7:30 p.m. College-age Bible study at Pastor Peter & Katherine's home.

October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Saturday, October 23 Youth Group Fundraiser: On Saturday, October 23, the Youth Group will be serving the meal at Alma and Olin Schmidt's auction. If anyone is interested in donating pies and/or cinnamon rolls for this event, please contact Pastor Katherine. Thanks!

October 24 Hymn Sing led by Dr. William Eash during the Sunday School hour.

October 26-28 Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning - A wonderful service opportunity to help fight world hunger will be available Oct. 26, 27, and 28 at the Newton Area MCC Meat Canning. Shift times are 5:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 5:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Contact Kendall Claassen or Gerald Wedel if you have any questions.

Et Cetera

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will premiere *Little Town of Bethlehem*, a new documentary by EthnoGraphic Media, Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton. A panel discussion will follow the film. *Little Town of Bethlehem* tells the personal stories of Sami Awad (a Palestinian Muslim), Ahmad Al'Azzeh (a Palestinian Christian), and Yonatan Shapira (an Israeli Jew) who each choose nonviolence to resolve conflict and work towards peace in their countries. For a preview of the film, go to <http://littletownofbethlehem.org>. The film is free and open to the public. Parental guidance is advised due to violent and disturbing images. For more information, contact KIPCOR at 316-284-5217, kipcor@bethelks.edu, or check <http://www.bethelks.edu/kipcor/lectures/pls.php>.

The Women's Ministries of Palmyra Baptist Church (999 NW Butler Road) invites you to join them for their Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 13 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. David Criffis, Chaplain at the Southern Care (Hospice) of Wichita will be the guest speaker.

Out again! The dam at Camp Mennoscah will be coming out on October 17th in the afternoon. Interested in helping out? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for details.

The Ten Thousand Villages Store in Newton has a need for volunteers to serve as store clerk and/or event planning. Flexible hours. Contact the manager at 316-283-0061 or email her at manager.newton@tenthousandvillages.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.