

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 11, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Tara Harms-Becker

## Gathering Our Praise

### Prelude

### Welcoming Guests 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: Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,  
and Christ will give you rest.

**Many: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

One: The Lord is always before us.

Because God is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.

**Many: God shows us the path of life.**

**In God's presence there is fullness of joy;**

**in God's right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*All: Therefore our hearts are glad,*

*our souls rejoice; our bodies rest secure.*

### \* Prayer of Invocation

### \* Gathering Hymn No. 641 *O day of rest and gladness*

Offering Local Church

### Proclaiming

Old Testament Readings Genesis 2:1-3 and Exodus 20:8

Tara Harms-Becker

### Special Music

Adult Choir

*Soon and Very Soon* by Andrae Crouch

*Be Thou My Vision* arr. Alice Parker

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

**New Testament Reading** Hebrews 3:7-14, 4:1-13 Pastor Katherine

**Sermon** *Rest unto your souls* Pastor Katherine

### Responding

\* **Hymn of Response No. 557** *O God, in restless living*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Peter

### Sending

\* **Sending Hymn No. 656** *Savior, again to your dear name* vs. 1, 2 & 4

\* **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### For Sharing and Prayer

Pastors Katherine and Peter will be on vacation this week. They will be traveling to Winnipeg for a wedding later in the week, along with three youth who will be visiting Canadian Mennonite University. In case of emergency, please contact a member of Spiritual Council or email Peter and call his cell phone.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Elena Nussbaum as she is installed today as the Youth Pastor for Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** A former inmate and his wife, members of Drew and Mary Ellen Robinson's congregation in Mongolia, have begun helping in prison ministry. Pray that through the Robinsons and this couple, whose lives have been so dramatically transformed, many more prisoners may experience freedom in Jesus.

## **Announcements**

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner.

**Poinsettia Fundraiser:** The Youth Group will be selling poinsettias from Stone Creek Nursery again this year. There is information in your mailboxes if you are interested. Please return the forms to Pastor Katherine by Sunday, October 25. Thank you for your support!

**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 Brittany Claassen

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

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Cindy Vanover

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Sara Unruh

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Valerie Klaassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$2,222.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Wheat State Manor

## Church Events

**Monday at 2:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship at church. Program: Experiencing China with Shirley Goering, North Newton; Hostess & Devotions: Marge Harms and Alma Schmidt; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

**Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Choir

\*There will be no adult Bible study this Wednesday. We will resume next Wednesday.

**Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at Charlie's in Newton.

**Saturday at 4:00 p.m.** Baby shower for Mason Martin, son of Sara and Dustin. A light supper will be served. RSVP to Kathy Balzer or Valerie Klaassen.

**October 21-27** Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Grace Hill will need to provide meals and volunteers for Wednesday Oct. 21, Friday Oct. 23, Sunday Oct. 25 and Tuesday Oct. 27. The sign-up sheet to volunteer is on the bulletin board. Please see Donna Balzer if you have questions.

**October 24 Junior Youth Event:** Save the date for Saturday October 24. More details will be in your mailbox!

**October 27-29** Mennonite Central Committee meat canning dates for the Newton area group including Grace Hill are October 27-29. Tuesday and Wednesday are full days, with Thursday approximately a half day. Suggested work shifts are 5:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Come join the work and fellowship! Questions? See Kendall Claassen or Dean Patterson.

**November 8** Harvest Thanks Sunday – Mark and Mary Hurst will be our speakers.

## High School Youth Group

**Wednesday, October 21:** For our Wednesday night activity, will be assembling care packages for our College Students.

**Sunday, October 25:** Meal at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Food will need to be there by 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 28:** Meat Canning in North Newton. Please try to be at the church by 6:15 p.m. if possible. If you cannot make it by this time, please let Pastor Katherine or the sponsors know.

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

**Pastor: Peter Goerzen**

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**Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Ten Thousand Villages**, 625 N. Main, Newton, will be hosting our third annual *Unveiling of the Nativities* on Thursday, October 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (unveiling at 7:00 p.m.). Join us for an evening of celebration and be the first to view this year's hand crafted nativities and enjoy all our Fair Trade gift items from around the world.

**Mennonite Central Committee** is appealing for an initial \$100,000 to assist people in Asia whose homes and lives were devastated by recent earthquakes and flooding. Indonesia was struck by two earthquakes on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. In the Philippines and Vietnam, communities are dealing with the aftermath of Typhoon Ketsana. MCC is responding with immediate shelter, food and other emergency supplies to people in Indonesia and the Philippines; and longer-term recovery needs in Vietnam. Please donate to MCC's Asia Disasters appeal online at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) or by sending checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 (designate Asia Disasters in the memo line). Call 316-283-2720 with questions or visit [www.mcc.org/asiadisasters](http://www.mcc.org/asiadisasters) for more information.

**Wheat State Manor** in commemoration of their 35th Anniversary published a recipe cookbook and is now available at the Manor or from Agnes Harder. Cost \$15.

**Camp Mennoscah** says **Thank you, thank you, thank you!** The folks from Work & Play Camp did an amazing amount of work in the short time they were there. Cleaning and painting in the house on our new 80 acres, salvage work on the old director's house, landscaping at the new director's house, cleaning in the kitchen and dining hall areas, and work with lost and found items—you name it, they did it. We cannot thank our Work & Play folks, and all our volunteers and supporters, enough for what you do. **Have you heard?** Camp Mennoscah purchased the 80 acres adjacent to camp property on the east boundary! This property includes the house, machine shed, and barn that you drive past before you get to the camp driveway. We are so excited about the many possibilities this purchase has opened up for us. We ask for your prayers for our neighbor who moved to Kingman and for us as we begin to plan for the use of these 80 acres and buildings.

**Discipleship Now** is coming to Wichita November 6-8. This is a highly rated leadership training event for high school youth who will have a fun, powerful, intense, meaningful, inspiring, and UNFORGETTABLE TIME! Registration deadline is October 29. Contact Nancy Funk at Western District Conference, 316-283-6300, [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org). See information on line at [www.mennowdc.org/Youth.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Youth.html) and look under Events.