

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 12, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

GRATEFUL REMEMBERING: Covenanting, We Will Serve the Lord

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Again, I say rejoice!

**May our gentleness be evident to all,
for the Lord is near.**

Do not be anxious about anything.

In everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God

**And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Whatever is true; whatever is noble; whatever is right;

whatever is pure; whatever is lovely; whatever is admirable –
if anything is excellent or praiseworthy –
think on these things.

And the God of peace will be with you.

*Praise Hymn

Hymnal 288

Rejoice, the Lord is King

*Prayer

Praise the Name of the Lord (Ivanov)

Choir

Matthew Graber, director; Tara Harms-Becker, accompanist

Affirming Our Faith

He leadeth me

Hymnal 599

Psalm 23

Hymnal 814

My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal 589

Offering

Children's Story

Kaye Penner

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

Scripture Lesson

Insert

Joshua 24: 1-25

Sermon

Randy Smith

The Myth of the Self-Made Man

Be Thou my Vision (Wagner)

Choir

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Hymn

Sing the Journey 49

Rain down

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church Missions.

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 class will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

You are invited to a time of sharing with Jana Harms about her
experiences in Mexico next Sunday, October 19, at Grace Hill
from 1:30-3:30 p.m., come and go. Time of sharing about Mexico
at 1:30, displays and refreshments to follow. Hosted by the
Marvin Harms Family.

Thanks for all of the prayers, cards and food that we have
received after the passing of Terry's mother. It was greatly
appreciated.

Terry & Cheryl Klassen and family

Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on Philip
Schmidt who will be ordained to pastoral ministry at Tabor
Mennonite Church, Goessel.

Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud teaches in
several universities in Côte d'Ivoire through Mennonite Mission
Network. Praise God that classes have begun despite a break-in
at one of the institutions in which thieves stole all the computers

and enrollment money. Pray also for renewed health for Martine as she recovers from typhoid fever.

This Sunday we conclude the first section of the Discovery Process, *Reciting Our History* and the worship series, *Grateful Remembering*. For the wrap-up, we will reflect on the Grace Hill story and list those things we want to take forward into the next chapter and those things we wish to leave behind. This will happen in a brief session today following a meal after the regular Sunday school hour.

Next Sunday we will begin the second section of the interim Discovery Process called, *Claiming Our Identity*. The worship series title, *Remember Whose You Are* will focus on the priority of worship. We will also schedule two sessions for congregational conversation reflecting on some key values that form the identity and personality of Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

Church Family News

. . . **Joyce Stuart** is home regaining her strength following surgery
. . . **Dean** and **Rita Patterson** are great-grandparents again following the birth of **Ryan James** on Wednesday to **Deanna** and **A J Lanier** . . . **Wilma Harms** moved to Kansas Christian Home this past week . . . **Cory Hiebert** and **Kait Gilmartin** were married on October 3 . . . **Daniel Klaassen** and **Megan Lutz** were married yesterday at Emma Creek Barn, near Hesston . . . **Renata Goossen** and **Jacob Hilgenfeld** are running cross country this fall . . .

Got Something for Church Family News? Please let Debbie or Randy know. We can't print what we don't have.

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. we will have a meal together. The Social Council is providing the food – all are welcome to stay!

Following the meal – wrap-up session of the Discovery Process, *Reciting Our History* and the worship series, *Grateful Remembering*.

Homemade Ice Cream for you! Randy and Ann invite you to their house for ice cream and fellowship in October starting **this evening**. Sign up in the foyer for one of three Sunday evenings.

Monday at 7:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: “Child Abuse” presented by Diana Schunn; Hostess & Devotions: Pauline Toews and Kaye Penner; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission. **Men are invited.**

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
We are having meals every Wednesday through November 19.
Menu this week: Baked Potato Soup and Cinnamon Rolls
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

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. Bible Study with Pastor Randy

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

October 29 – 31 Mennonite Relief Canning in North Newton.

Announcements

The Worship Council has placed a survey in your mailbox to find what gifts you have to share with the congregation during worship. Please fill this out and place it in the basket in the foyer.

An inter-generational Sunday School class led by Carl & Kris Goossen will meet in the corner of the fellowship hall by the big screen TV. We will be studying the subject “Who is God”. It is a video series by Dr. David Platt from one of his Secret Church gatherings at Brook Hills Church in Birmingham, Alabama. We will explore the names and attributes of God as well as the Trinity and sovereign will of God.

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 Savannah Frohlich
Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Emma Hilgenfeld
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,714.70
Offering Next Sunday: Wheat State Manor

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor’s Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith
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Et Cetera

Blaine Harden, human rights advocate and author of New York Times bestseller *Escape from Camp 14* will speak at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The book tells the story of Shin Dong-hyuk's experience in and escape from a North Korean prison camp. The free event is part of the Hesston College First-year Experience theme, "Power of Choice: Changing Cultures of Oppression." A book signing and reception sponsored by The Lincoln Perk and Hesston Public Library will follow the presentation. Go to www.hesston.edu for details.

Start your day at Bethel College Fall Fest on Saturday, October 18, with a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee will be served from 7 to 9 a.m.

Bethel College Fall Festival - October 18 – Events on campus for Bethel College Fall Festival include re-dedication of the renovated Fine Arts Center and celebration of newly named areas in the FAC; the biennial Schweitzer dialect program; and a presentation on climate change at Kauffman Museum. Many young local musicians and artists will perform. New (outdoor) Prairie Sky Stage: student poetry reading; a cappella music from Woven (women), Open Road (men) and the duo of Leland Brown and James Goerzen; Entertainment Tent: The Flannelbacks (bluegrass), the Newton Community Children's Choir and jazz groups from Newton and Hesston High Schools and Bethel College; Memorial Hall: Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts, "Shape and Sound" – dance, visual art and music. See www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

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 18. Please bring your items to the large tent on the north side of the Green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Also, NEW this year will be a large canvas tote with the Bethel logo embroidered on it, and a NEW jewelry item of a Bethel College icon. The *A BC ABC Book*, (a limerick book of Bethel life and lore), anniversary picnic baskets and anniversary T-shirts, stadium seats, cookbooks, Lithuanian candle house replicas of Goerz House and the CD "Nights of Wonder", which features music selections from previous BC

Christmas Fests will also be available for sale. Come check out the delicious food items and start your Christmas shopping early with the many gift items!

The Fall Scrapbooking Retreats at Camp Mennoscah on Oct. 31-Nov. 2 and Nov. 14-16 are very nearly full. If you would like to join us for this amazing weekend of cropping and fellowship, grab that registration form and start scribbling quickly! The form can be found online at www.campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290. We'll see you soon!

Gifts for Camp Mennoscah - Have you been a camper at Camp Mennoscah? Summer staff member? Know children that have gone to Camp Mennoscah? Want a worthwhile project for a family, Sunday School class, a women's group, men's group or a youth groups? Then this project is for you. Camp Mennoscah has opened a Registry at Bed Bath and Beyond; go to www.bedbathandbeyond.com and search on Olivia Bartel. You can also shop at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Office Max and Walmart. Pick up a flier on the table in the foyer for more information. This project is sponsored by the Mennonite Women of the South Central and Western District Conference.

MCC Central States invites you to join us in collecting personal hygiene items for young girls (ages range from 10-17) at the Secure Unit at Youthville in Newton, KS. Youthville is a nonprofit faith-based agency committed to developing innovative programs that inspire change in at-risk youth and families. All items need to be collected by Oct. 31 at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117). Items that are needed: lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tampons, socks (crew or no-show), slippers, deodorant, hairspray, mousse, pony tail holders, combs and brushes. Join us as we answer the call to help! Questions? Call 316-283-2720.

The following books have been donated by a few church members. We hope you will enjoy these books and the many more that are in our library.

Richard Paul Evans, Book 2 "Miles to Go" Book 3 "The Road to Grace" Book 4 "A Step of Faith" Book 5 "Walking on Water" We have Book 1 "The Walk" in our library. These describe a man's walk from the state of Washington to Key West, Florida, after his wife died and his betrayal by his business partner.

Jan Karon "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good" For those who have read her books, this is the closure of the Mitford Series. We have most of them in the library.

Ruta Sepetsy, "between shades of gray" Story of a family-- father, mother, son, and daughter--(June 1941)in Lithuania who were forced to leave their home within 20 minutes, taken by vehicle to the train into cattle cars and began their journey to Siberia. The emotions felt by each: the hunger, cold, sickness, labor, death etc, and the fight for survival are depicted of the many years spent in this slavery.

JOSHUA 24: 1-25

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says:

Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt.

Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. When I brought your people out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued you with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea. But you cried to the Lord for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians.

Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time. I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land. When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you. But I would not listen to Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand.

Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove

them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow.

So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant. Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

**Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!
It was the Lord himself who brought us out of Egypt,
the land of slavery
It was the Lord who performed those great signs
before our eyes
It was the Lord who protected us on our entire journey
and through all the nations we traveled.
The Lord drove out the nations before us, including the
Amorites,
who lived in the land.
We too will serve the Lord, because the Lord is our God."**

You are not able to serve the Lord
He is a holy God. He is a jealous God.
He will not forgive your rebellion and overlook your sins.
If you forsake the Lord and serve other gods,
he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of
you, after he has been good to you."

No! We will serve the Lord.

You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen
to serve the Lord."

Yes, we are witnesses.

Then throw away the other gods among you and yield your hearts
to the Lord."

We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people.