

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 13, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Shaped by the Story: The Sermon on the Mount
Grace Hill's Twelve Foundational Scriptures
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 Matthew 5: 3-10

One: A blessing on you who are poor in spirit,

All: for yours is the kingdom of heaven.

One: A blessing on you who mourn,

All: for you will be comforted.

One: A blessing on you who are meek,

All: for you will inherit the earth.

One: A blessing on you who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

All: for you will be filled.

One: A blessing on you who are merciful,

All: for you will receive mercy.

One: A blessing on you who are pure in heart,

All: for you will see God.

One: A blessing on you who make peace,

All: for you will be called the children of God.

One: A blessing on you who are persecuted for the cause of right,

All: for yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 94** *Blest are they* verses 1-4

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God's Story

- * **Scripture Song No. 226** *You are salt for the earth* verses 1 & 2

Gospel Reading from Matthew 5-7

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

Scripture Sharing

Doreen Harms

- * **Song No. 401** *This little light of mine* verses 1 & 2

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Story

- * **Song of Response No. 324** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Responding to the Story

What was meaningful for you from this morning's worship service?

What questions have you pondered regarding this text?

How has God's Spirit spoken to you through this Scripture passage?

Sharing and Congregational Prayer The Lord's Prayer Hymn No. 731

Sent by God

- * **Sending Song No. 343** *My hope is built* verses 1, 3, 4 & 5

- * **Benediction** based on Matthew 7: 24-25

One: Everyone who hears these words of Jesus and acts on them will be like a wise person who built a house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on the house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

All: We will be hearers and doers of the Word.

We will go into the world and let our light so shine.

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 Richard Gehring, Moderator-Elect, Jaimie Cazares, pastor of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, and Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, as they represent WDC at the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA at Sturgis, Michigan, October 13-16.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God along with Ohio congregations as they celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Mongolia Mission Partnership. MMN board of directors and staff are joining supporters and area pastors at a banquet this coming Saturday in Walnut Creek, Ohio. Pray for renewed commitment to God's mission in Mongolia.

Church Events

This evening at 5:45 p.m. Grace Hill Night at the Movies. Showing: *Prince of Egypt* A DreamWorks animated feature portraying the events of Moses leading the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. Voices of Val Kilmer, Ralph Fiennes and Michelle Pfeiffer. 99 min. PG.

Monday at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at the MCC Center in North Newton. Program: Work Day at MCC; Hostess & Devotions: Kaye Penner, Judy Janzen, Pauline Toews; Financial Project: Mennonite Central Committee.

Tuesday afternoon Quilting on the MCC quilt from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday **6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming
 7:00 p.m. Youth Programming
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:30 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

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

Announcements

The Worship Council encourages you to provide feedback about worship services. This can be done several ways. You can write your comments on note paper provided in the hymn racks and place in the box located under the pictorial directory in foyer. You can also send your feedback to Worship Council via Kris Janzen @ rkjanzen@pixius.net. You may also personally visit with the Pastors or the Pastoral Relations Committees. For Pastor Peter: Kim Claassen, Joyce Stuart, Carol (Kendall) Claassen. For Pastor Katherine: Lisa Harms, James Regier, Kim Claassen.

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 Kathy Balzer
Nursery Next Sunday: Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$384.00
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

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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Et Cetera

Last Days of Canoeing! We're down to our last week of canoeing for this year at Camp Mennoscah. The dam will be taken on out this afternoon at approximately 2 p.m. and anyone trying to canoe after that point will be stranded on sandbars. Folks are invited to come out to watch or participate in this annual event. (Wear river clothes/shoes.) Most tasks are not suited for young children, but families are welcome to observe and help out as possible. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org to let us know you're coming so we can alert you to any last minute changes.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with an event on Sunday evening, October 20, at 7 p.m. Featured performers include Kenneth Rodgers, organ; the Sunflower Trio, comprised of Matthew Schloneger, tenor, Rebecca Schloneger, violin, and Kenneth Rodgers, keyboard; Open Road, a men's acapella vocal group from Bethel College; and Donna Stucky, piano. A free-will offering will be received during the concert and after the concert there will be a time of fellowship, with refreshments served. West Zion Mennonite Church is located at 101 S. Washington Avenue, Moundridge.

Don't miss "A Peek into the Church's Journey with Sexuality", with Ted Swartz of Ted and Co. Theaterworks on Friday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at Bethel College. Ted will be joined by Keith Graber Miller, Professor of Bible, Religion and Philosophy at Goshen College. Purchase tickets (\$10) at Bethel College ticket office, 316-283-2500, all seats reserved.

Register by October 18 for the WDC Reference Council - The Church and Homosexuality: A Conversation That Can Hold Us Together, to be held at Faith Mennonite Church on Saturday, October 26 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Register online mennowdc.org (Events), or call 316-283-6300, or email wdc@mennowdc.org.

The Mothering Mennonite Symposium, October 26 at Bethel College, will be a day of readings, presentations, conversations and panel discussions on what it means to "mother" in a Mennonite context, based on a new book of the same title co-edited by Rachel Epp Buller and Kerry Fast. Topics will include Old Colony mothers, gender roles and stereotypes, mothers in the mission field, infertility, sexuality, step-mothering and other-mothering. Confirmed speakers include Ellen Awe, Kendra Burkey, Kerry Fast, Hannah Heinzekehr, Mary Herr, Marissa King, Audrey Roth Kraybill, Stephanie Krehbiel, Karen LeVan, Bill Loewen, Jessica Penner and Kimberly Schmidt. Cost for the day is \$10, including lunch, with a **pre-registration deadline of October 15** to mennomother@gmail.com.

October 27 - October 29 – Bethel College's Menno Simons Lectures with Marlene Epp, professor at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario, speaking on the overall topic "The Semiotics of Zwieback, Sauerkraut and Spring Rolls: Mennonites and Foodways." Oct. 27 lecture, 3:30 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church ([note change in time and location](#)); Oct. 28 lectures at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; Oct. 29 lecture, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

November 16 – Bethel College's second Worship and the Arts Symposium, "Accompany Them with Singing," will explore how cultural realities influence Christian practices of marking life transitions. Plenary sessions with Thomas G. Long of Candler School of Theology and John Ferguson of St. Olaf College; workshops; hymn sing; artist presentation by Ann Resnick; 7:30 p.m. worship service featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir and area singers. Register online at www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts or contact Mary Regier at 316-284-5250 weekdays during regular business hours.

Save the Date - Benefit Dinner for Hispanic Leadership Education: Help celebrate IBA's 25th anniversary (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and support MEA's Hispanic pastoral education programs. Friday, November 22, 6:30 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church of Newton fellowship hall. Featured guests are Marco Güete and Gilberto Flores former IBA directors. For reservation information contact VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org Watch for more details.

Weekly Chores at Camp Mennoscah - We know that folks are looking for the slightest excuse to come out to camp. So...we're offering you the chance to help us out with our weekly chores. We'll have a chore every week that families or college students or any small group of folks can do for us. Spend part of your day doing this chore and the rest of the day frolicking at camp. It's a great way to do service and have fun. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to grab this chore before someone else does! This week's chore: scouring our grimy-looking sinks.

Volunteers needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop! Morning, afternoon, or evening slots available. Volunteer with a friend, mentor/mentee, or family member, and have fun serving MCC and the local community together. If you can help, call 283-9461 or email newtonetc@sbcglobal.net.

Weekly updates on Year of the Bible - found on Facebook. Join the group: Year of the Bible Network to see photos, ideas, and more.