

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 14, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Musician: Sara Unruh

Worship Leader: Kyle Regier

Body Building Gathering

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 1 Corinthians 12: 4-13

One: God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.

Many: God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.

One: God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all.

Many: Each person is given something to do that shows who God is, everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.

One: All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues. All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. The Spirit decides who gets what, and when. You can easily see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body.

Many: The body has many parts, but no matter how many parts we can name, it is still one body.

One: It is exactly the same with Christ

All: Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain – his Spirit – where we all come to drink.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 9** *Come, now is the time to worship*

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

Listening

* **Hymn No. 332** *Blessed assurance*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Grant Claassen

Reader's Theater "The Parable of the Body"

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

Sermon *Faith Fitness* Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 304** *There are many gifts*

Sharing Our Stories

Congregational Prayer

* **Sending Hymn No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

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 Caleb Regehr, whose licensing as a youth pastor will be celebrated at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman today. Pastor Caleb also serves the youth of Buhler Mennonite and Inman Mennonite churches.

Mennonite Mission Network: Marietta and Sheldon Sawatzky are completing their MMN assignment in Taiwan at the end of October. Pray that teachers could be found to continue Marietta's three English Bible classes, and that God would give the Sawatzkys energy to work out all the details of this transition.

Announcements

The Christmas Eve responsibilities are as follows: Mariners – Program; Seekers – Reception; Pursuers - Christmas sacks. Hanging of the Greens will be **November 21** and will include a soup supper, decorating the sanctuary tree, caroling and ornament making for the children.

If you weren't able to contribute your top twelve foundational Scriptures yet, it's not too late! Give your list to Pastor Peter or Pastor Katherine today.

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 \$2,441.00

Offering Next Sunday: Wheat State Manor

Church Events

Today at 5:00 p.m. The Casa Betania congregation from Newton will join us at Grace Hill for a special evening of exciting worship and food and fellowship. Casa Betania's worship band will be leading our singing, and the congregation will serve a supper of burritos and/or tostadas. We will have the opportunity to share in Casa Betania's ministry in the community through worship, prayer, and a free-will offering which will support the mission of Casa Betania. Worship will be at 5 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m. ***Please make checks payable to Casa Betania.***

Tuesday afternoon Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Tuesday 1:30-5:00 p.m. Creativity Workshop at church.

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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Business Council meets.

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.



Saturday and Sunday The Grace Hill Church Retreat is next weekend at Camp Mennoscah. Make sure you look at the schedule and registration form that was placed in your church mailbox. We will have a great weekend of fun, entertainment and worship, featuring a “Night at the Improv” on Saturday night. You won't want to miss this great weekend. Fill out the registration form and return it to Merrill and Gladys Harms' mailbox today. **There will not be any services at the church next Sunday.**

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Explorer's S.S. Class is in charge.

October 27, 29 & 30 Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning in North Newton. Volunteers are needed! Meat canning is a great activity to do as a family, Sunday School class or an individual. If you haven't volunteered to can meat before maybe this is the year for you to start! See Kendall Claassen or Gerald Wedel if you have questions.

October 28 Mentor/Mentee/Inter-generational Lunch: There will be a lunch for all mentoring pairs on Sunday, October 28 following worship and Sunday School. Yet even if you do not have a mentor or a mentee, you are invited to stay and join us for fellowship! Inter-generational relationships are an important part of building up the body of Christ and important way to get to know one another better. All are invited to attend!

October 29, 30 and November 2 “Jesus for President?” The first installment of “The Dusty Road,” a periodic in-depth current issues Bible Study is coming up October 29, 30, and November 2 at 7 p.m. right here at Grace Hill! Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit for a season of temptation. The promises of influence and power he faced and rejected remind us of the political promises today. Billions of dollars are being spent to capture our vote and our allegiance. We are tempted to place our hope for wholeness and well-being on particular candidates, parties, and ideologies. In this particular time, Scripture speaks pointedly to us: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save (Psalm 146:3). This is a time to deepen our allegiance to Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Come and ponder the guidance Scripture offers us in the role of worldly politics in faithful living for those who give their heart to a Ruler whose “kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36).

Wednesday, October 31 There will not be any children's or youth programming on this evening.

November 4 College-age Lunch: Lisa and Tim Harms will be hosting a lunch for all college-age young adults on Sunday, November 4 at noon. If you are interested in helping with this meal, please speak with Lisa or Tim. All college-age young adults are invited and encouraged to bring friends!

Youth Group

Josh Patterson will be serving as youth sponsor this year and we welcome the gifts and sincere faith that he brings to this! We recognize that it is important to continue to build relationships between our youth and other members of the congregation, and so we will also be letting you as a congregation know about upcoming youth events. If you are interested in attending or helping with any of these events throughout the year, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you for taking an interest in the lives of the wonderful young people of our congregation!

Thursday, October 25: 5th Quarter at Doug and Katherine's

Tuesday, October 30: MCC Meat Canning in North Newton

Wednesday, November 28: Assembling College Care Packages

Wednesday, December 5: Angel Tree Shopping

Wednesday, December 12: Caroling

Body Building

Over the next three weeks, we will be focusing on Body Building. No, the church isn't getting a weight room – we're talking about building up the Body of Christ! Through the Holy Spirit, the church receives spiritual gifts for building up the Body of Christ. Today, we invite everyone of Junior High age and older to fill out the "My Experience with Spiritual Gifts" handout that is in your mailboxes. Bring them to Camp Mennoscah next week, and be ready to offer them during worship on Oct. 28.

The visual for this series symbolizes the Spirit equipping the church with many different gifts. Red is the color traditionally used on Pentecost Sunday, which is the day that we remember the Spirit descending upon the church. The draping cloth is used to depict the Spirit's wide open arms or the breath of the Spirit descending to give each of us different spiritual gifts for the building up of the church.

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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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

Numana Meal-Packaging Event at Hesston College- The Hesston College community will participate in a meal-packaging event through Numana on Saturday, October 20 in the Campus Activity Center. About 400 volunteers will package the meals from 9:30-11:00, 11:30-1:00 and 1:00-2:30. The meals (made up of rice, beans, soy protein and vitamins and minerals) will be sent to the horn of Africa to feed starving people. If you would like to volunteer for one of the shifts or would like to make a donation, contact Russ Gaeddert at 620-327-8294 or russg@hesston.edu.

Sunday, October 21 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Glen Ediger, guest curator of the current special exhibition at Kauffman Museum, "Threshing Stone: Mennonite Artifact and Icon"; program given twice, at 1:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; free.

Last Chance! Purchase your tickets now for the Kidron Bethel Village Builders' Banquet on Tuesday, October 23, at Faith Mennonite Church. Discover "The 8 Wonders of Kansas" with guest speakers Marci Penner and WenDee LaPlant of the Kansas Sampler Foundation. Guitarist Thor Bonner will entertain during the dinner hour. Tickets are \$125, \$100 of which is a tax-deductible gift, and are available from Kaye Penner. Proceeds support Kidron Bethel's mission of quality resident care.

Sunday, Oct. 28-Tuesday, Oct. 30 – Menno Simons Lectures by Keith Sprunger, based on the new Bethel history book, *Bethel College of Kansas, 1887-2012*, that Sprunger wrote; all sessions in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center, Sun.-Tues., 7:30 p.m., Mon., 11 a.m.; free

Feast of Scrapbooking! We've got all sorts of Make-n-Takes and sessions for you to feast upon at our Fall Scrapbooking Retreat, November 2-4, at Camp Mennoscah. It's a time of fellowship, fun, and the chance to finish any number of pages or projects. Spaces are filling up quickly, but we still have some room for you! Find the brochure and registration at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats or contact us at 620-297-3290. Come join the banquet!