

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 16, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Musicians: Pastor Katherine, Tim Schmidt, Eli Schmidt

Jonah

**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 taken from Psalm 139: 1-12

One: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**Many: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.**

One: Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

**Many: Where can I go from your Spirit?**

**Where can I flee from your presence?**

One: If I go up to the heavens; you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**Many: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

*All: There's not a place where we can flee, but God is present there.*

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 46** *I sing the mighty power of God*

**Offering our Gifts** Wheat State Manor

## **Hearing God's Word**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 28:16-20

Tara Harms-Becker

\* **Hymn No. 541** *How clear is our vocation, Lord*

**Special Music** *Wade in the Water*

Carine Claassen and Pastor Katherine

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

**Old Testament Reading** Jonah 1

Pastor Peter

**Sermon** *Runaway Missionary*

Pastor Peter

## **Responding to the Good News**

\* **Hymn of Response STJ No. 42** *Listen, God is calling*  
Leader part sung by Curt Regehr

## **Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer**

## **Sent to Proclaim the Good News**

\* **Sending Song STJ No. 71** *Alleluia, the Great Storm is over*

\* **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 Pastors Katherine and Peter Goerzen, who will be ordained today at 7:00 p.m. at the Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Tomorrow, Mary Raber of MMN and post-graduate students from Ukraine and Czech Republic plan to begin a week-long course that combines ministry and study. Pray that the program will bring glory to God and strengthen the students spiritually.

## **Announcements**

**The elective Sunday School class** with Pastor Peter will be studying the book of James on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays (on the Sundays the Catechism class is not meeting).

**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:** Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Catina Wiebe and Rachelle Claassen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$ 9,711.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Church Events

**This evening at 7:00 p.m.** Ordination service for Pastors Peter and Katherine. A prelude hymn sing will begin at 6:40 p.m. Patty Shelly will give the meditation and Clarence Rempel will officiate. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

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

**Wednesday at 7:20 p.m.** Business Council meets.

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

**Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** Worship Council meets.  
**at 7:30 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter** at Katherine and Doug's: Grace Hill will be sponsoring a 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter on Friday evening October 21. There will be a sign-up sheet available for those of you who are interested in providing food for this. Thanks so much for participating in this outreach!

**Saturday Junior Youth Outing** October 22: Plan to meet at the church at 9 am on Saturday morning. We will assemble school kits and health kits at the MCC office in North Newton; eat lunch together; and then we will head out to the Corn Maze in the afternoon. Please bring money for lunch and the corn maze (which is \$8/person). If you have any questions, please speak with sponsors Carl and Kris Goossen, Travis Harms or Pastor Katherine. Thanks!

**Next Sunday Mentor/Mentee Lunch:** All Mentor and Mentee pairs are invited to a pizza lunch following Sunday School on October 23. Following lunch, you are welcome to bring table games to play together as a group. Hope to see you there!

**November 13 Harvest Thanks Sunday.** Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky will be our speakers.

## Et Cetera

**Shirley Sprunger King will present a recital** at the Bethel College Mennonite Church this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The recital is the fourth in a series celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its 22 rank Moeller pipe organ. King will perform works by Bach, Mendelssohn, and Preston, and feature hymn singing filled with organ introductions, interludes and harmonizations. Violinist Rebecca Schloneger will also perform. A free-will offering will be received to cover expenses and to ensure the future of the organ. A reception will follow.

**Attention all quilters** October 18, 7:00 p.m. Hesston Mennonite Church 309 S. Main, Hesston: The Quilters Corner and Quilt Committees of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invite women of all ages to an evening of information and entertainment featuring Dava Carrell of Winfield, KS. She will be speaking on "What To Do With Your Leftovers" and showing many quilts she has made. Dava bought 1 1/2" strips of Aunt Graces material last year at Quilters' Corner and will be showing us how she put a quilt together using the leftover strips. Dava is a long time quilter who has taught classes and lectured extensively in Kansas and surrounding states, as well as judging at the Kansas State Fair. Bring a friend and come prepared to get excited about making quilts, etc. for our MCC Sale. For more information contact: Pam Hostetler-620-327-2378, Ruth Vogt-620-327-4570.

**Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church's** annual Mission Supper is from 5-7 p.m. on October 22. Proceeds will benefit Guia de Paz, an addiction and mental health facility for the Bolivian Low German Mennonites being built near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Willmar Harder together with his wife Hannah Neufeld, both Inman area residents and members of Hoffnungsaue, currently serve with MCC Bolivia working with the Bolivian Low German Mennonites. For a free will donation, dinners served include baked sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, applesauce, rolls and homemade pie. All are invited and bring a friend. Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church is located at 43 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, or 5 miles east and 3.5 miles south of Inman or 14 miles west 2.5 miles north of Hesston. For more information contact the church office at 620-585-6733 or [www.viewofhope.org](http://www.viewofhope.org).

**Alan Kreider**, retired professor of church history and mission at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., and long-time mission worker in England, will give the Bible Lectures at Bethel College Sunday, Oct. 23, and Monday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. and 11 a.m., respectively, both in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center, on "Learning from the Early Church." Both lectures are free and open to the public.

**Women in Leadership:** All interested women are invited to a Women's Gathering about Leadership and the Church on Thursday, October 27 at First Mennonite Church in Newton (429 E First St.), 7:00 – 8:30 pm, with light refreshments and tea. Join Joanna Shenk of Mennonite Church USA national staff and coordinator of the Women in Leadership project who is interested in hearing about the experiences of women leaders in this area—in pastoral roles, administrative roles or other leadership capacities. Joanna will facilitate discussion around a number of topics concerning women, leadership, and the church. Upon arrival at First Mennonite, please enter through the south (by the playground) or east (gravel parking lot) doors. The gathering will be held in the basement fellowship hall. Please contact Joann with questions or to RSVP: [joannas@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:joannas@mennoniteusa.org) or 574-226-7297.

**Sharing Fund Grants:** Everence Financial partners with its member congregations to help people and organizations integrate their faith and finances through the Sharing Fund matching grant program. For 2011, Grace Hill submitted applications and has received the following grants as part of this program: Newton Homeless Shelter \$1,500, Newton Ministerial Alliance (basic needs assistance program) \$500, Remington Backpack Food Program \$325, Community Playschool \$250. Please contact Tim Harms (Grace Hill's Everence Church Advocate) if you would like more information on how Everence can integrate your faith and finances.

## CHURCH OFFICES

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