

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 19, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

REMEMBER WHOSE YOU ARE: Bowling Before the Lord

Gathering Music

Ellen Mosiman

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, praise God's name-
proclaim God's salvation day after day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations;

God's marvelous deeds among all people

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations-
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

Bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

*Hymn

Sing the Journey 54

Longing for light

Revelation 4

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal 120

Holy God we praise thy name

Hymnal 121

Revelation 5:1-10

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 110

Revelation 5:11-14

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 116

Prayer

Prayer Response

Hymn 105

Christ we do all adore thee

Offering

Children's Story

Brian Hilgenfeld

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

Sermon

Randy Smith

Starting Right

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 118

Praise God from whom

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship is a drama in which the people are the actors, the worship leaders are the prompters, and God is the audience. Soren Kierkegaard

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

This morning's offering is designated for Wheat State Manor.

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

Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on Nathan Koontz who will be ordained to pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, DOOR's city directors and national staff are gathering in Chicago for a week of meetings and fellowship. Pray for them as they reflect on last year's programs and plan for 2015. Thank God for the DOOR program through which Mennonite Mission Network and Presbyterian Church USA's Young Adult Volunteers partner.

Church Family News

. . . **Edgar Harder** moved to Wheat State Manor for physical therapy following surgery last week and is looking forward to returning home . . .
. **Rob Schunn's** work "took him out to the ballgame" in Kansas City this past week **Jeannine McLain** and horses won three out of four championships at the Salina Charity Horse Show last week . . . **Merril Harms** and **Melvin Klaassen** were among the volunteers who helped set-up for Bethel College Fall Festival . . . long time member **Laurinda Voth** suffered a serious stroke and is hospitalized in Overland Park where she and husband **Kendall** currently live . . .

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

Good job GHMC for your work with the timeline and conversation on "what to take forward and what to leave behind." The Transition Team will summarize the conversation and report back next month. This information will help guide the pastor search process.

This 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. Worship is the most important thing the church does. All other ministries flow from the source of worship. This morning's worship theme emphasizes coming before God with praise. 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 Events

This afternoon - You are invited to a time of sharing with Jana Harms about her experiences in Mexico this afternoon, 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.

Homemade Ice Cream for you! Randy and Ann invite you to their house for ice cream and fellowship in October, **this evening at 6:00 p.m. or next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.** Sign up in the foyer for one of the two remaining Sundays.

<p>Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited! We are having meals every Wednesday through November 19. Menu this week: Sloppy Joes Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50</p>

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

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Administrative Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater.

October 29 – 31 Mennonite Relief Canning in North Newton.

November 9 Harvest Thanks Sunday

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.

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.

Et Cetera

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert this evening, October 19 at 7 p.m. at the church, 101 S. Washington Avenue in Moundridge. Featured performers include Janie Brokenicky, Soprano; Ken Rodgers, Organ; the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews; and Donna Stucky, Piano. There is no admission charged for the concert, but during the concert, a free-will offering will be received. After the concert there will be a time of fellowship, with refreshments served.

It's not too late to sign up for the MCC Learning Tour to Kenya. On February 7-17, 2015, you will discover, first-hand, Sand Dams at work and see other MCC supported programs in the areas of health, education and peace. The estimate cost for this learning tour is \$1100 per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. For more information contact Anna Yoder by Monday November 3, at annayoder@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

Next year's Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held October 30-31, 2015 at Bethel College in North Newton.

Be intentional. Be transformed! Serve for year with DOOR: Dwell in urban areas like Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, L.A., Miami, or San Antonio. Join other young adults (ages 19-30) from many Christian backgrounds! www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve

Nursery This Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Emma Hilgenfeld
Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen
Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,135.00
Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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

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Revelation 4: The Throne in Heaven

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ **"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being."**

Revelation 5: The Scroll and the Lamb

Part 1

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of

Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits^a of God sent out into all the earth.⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Part 2

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.