

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 20, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Matthew Graber

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Shaped by the Story: The Lord is My Shepherd
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.

Choral Call to Worship *My Shepherd will supply my need* Adult Choir

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our Shepherd;

Many: we shall not want.

One: Come to green pastures

Many: where God restores our souls.

One: Come, everyone who suffers, all who fear death,

Many: God will comfort us.

One: See, the table is set, even in the midst of our enemies.

Many: God is our host and anoints us with oil.

Our cup overflows.

One: Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us every day,

Many: and God will welcome and provide for us forever.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 352** *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

Offering Our Gifts Wheat State Manor

Hearing God's Story

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23

Kyle Regier

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

Scripture Sharing

Ken Wiebe

Worship Music

Adult Choir

Savior like a Shepherd lead us by Bradbury arr. Tipton

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Story

* **Song of Response No. 170** *The King of love my shepherd is*

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

Sent by God

* **Sending Song No. 553** *I am weak and I need thy strength*

* **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 the spiritual vigor and leadership vision of our WDC ministry staff: Marlene Bogard, Minister of Christian Formation; Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister; Dwight Regier, Youth Ministry Network Team Leader; and Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for smooth adjustments and joy as MMN's Service Adventure unit leaders and participants settle into their new communities in Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, CO; Raleigh, NC; Albuquerque, NM; Albany, OR; and Johnstown, PA.

Announcements

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: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,727.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

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

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. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

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

Next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Women's Book Study: We will plan to meet on Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 p.m. at Pastor Katherine's house to discuss the introduction and first chapter of "A Year of Biblical Womanhood."

Next Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Bible Game Nite and Bible Character Dress-up – Come dressed as a Bible character (or dressed as yourself) for this special Bible games night, including Bible Apples to Apples, Would You Rather, Bible Names and more!

October 28, 29 and 30 (1/2 day) Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning for Newton area churches at the MCC Warehouse in North Newton. Shifts begin at 5:30 a.m. and go through 8:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and through noon on Wednesday. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. See Gerald Wedel if you have questions.

November 10 Harvest Thanks Sunday – Our guest speakers will be Wes and Deb Bergen.

Et Cetera

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with an event this evening 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.

Have you purchased your tickets to "A Peek into the Church's Journey with Sexuality"? This show, featuring Ted Swartz of Ted & Co. Theaterworks together with Keith Graber Miller, will be presented on Friday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium. Tickets are \$10, all seats reserved.

Ruth Yoder Wenger will present "Bridging the gap: Stories of peace and hope in a broken world" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 29, at Hesston Mennonite Church. A seasoned educator, director of training for National Disaster Interfaiths Network and pastor of the North Bronx Mennonite Church, Yoder Wenger will share stories from her experiences in a variety of settings including 9/11. Hesston College invites congregation members to attend.

Room for You - and a friend! Both of Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbooking Retreats still have room for you and a friend to attend. The dates are November 1-3 and November 15-17. We'll have workshops, fellowship, worship, and hours of scrapbooking - all in the midst of our beautiful prairie. You can't get that just anywhere else! Find more information at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats or call us at 620-297-3290.

Now is the time to register (online) for Interterm courses at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension. Options: *Spiritual Practices Seminar: Scripture* with Kathryn Damiano, one credit or audit hour; January 10, 6:30 - 9:15 p.m., Jan. 11, 8:30 - 3:45 p.m.; Jan. 18, 8:30 - 3:45 p.m. Also two, three-hour HYBRID courses *Isaiah* and *Cultural Hermeneutics* which begin Dec. 16 and end March 1 with one week on Elkhart campus (Jan. 13-18). Early registration deadline is November 15. See

www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains for information or contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dnfriesen@ambs.edu, 316-283-7098, etc. 206.