

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 24, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Gathering in God's Presence

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.

Gathering Scripture Reading Zechariah 4:1-7

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 26** *Holy Spirit, come with power*

Offering our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Word

Choral Anthem *Keep your lamps* arr. Andre Thomas
Adult Choir

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

Old Testament Reading Daniel 11:3-4, 11-12, 15, 21-24, 28-35
Gladys Reimer

Gospel Reading John 10:22-39 Pastor Peter

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 366** *God of grace and God of glory*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Song No. 349** *Spirit of the living God*

* **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 Marlene Bogard and the thirteen students in her Youth Ministry Class from Bethel College. Pray for a growing clarity of God's call on their lives.

Mennonite Mission Network: Joint Christian Services in Mongolia continues to call for personnel to work with projects from agriculture (helping people grow their own food and improve their diet) to training new church leaders. Pray that those whom God calls will say, "Yes!"

Announcements

The offering next Sunday will be for the Scholarship Fund. Please keep in mind - Grace Hill currently has 9 of our youth attending Mennonite Colleges. We continue to assist these students financially through a matching grant with the institutions they attend. We send \$500 to the college to be applied to each student's account per semester and the college matches that contribution toward tuition. If we look briefly at those from our church who attended within the past 10 years or are currently attending a Mennonite college we find that 85% of them are actively involved in a Mennonite Church, three of them have served through the DOOR program, four have served in Voluntary Service assignments, three have participated in the Ministry Inquiry Program, and two have served on summer staff at our camp. This involvement in the wider Mennonite church is important as we grow leaders for the church in the future. Watch for information in next week's bulletin regarding studies that have been done about the value of a faith based education.

College-Age Meal: If anyone is interested in hosting a meal or providing food for a college-age meal on December 5, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

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: Catina Wiebe and Kristen Toews

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Offering on Oct. 10: Local Church \$6,207.00

Offering Last Sunday: Wheat State Manor \$1,071.00

Offering Next Sunday: Scholarship Fund

Church Events

Today Hymn Sing led by Dr. William Eash during the Sunday School hour.

Tuesday - Thursday Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning - A wonderful service opportunity to help fight world hunger will be available Oct. 26, 27, and 28 at the Newton Area MCC Meat Canning. Shift times are 5:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 5:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Contact Kendall Claassen or Gerald Wedel if you have any questions.

Wednesday at 6:40 p.m. Youth Group: We will be participating in MCC Meat Canning this Wednesday night. We will plan to leave from the church parking lot at 6:40 p.m. and to return around 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday **7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's Programming
 7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
 7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday, October 30 Work Day at church.

Monday, November 8 Mary Eilerts, well-known Newton quiltmaker, will present a quilt trunk showing and presentation, "What I Have Learned Along the Way," at the next Hands of Friendship meeting on November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Among the items she will talk about and display will be her quilt, "Dear Jane," which received the Grand Champion Award for top quilt at the Kansas State Fair in 2009. Women from area churches are also being invited - bring a friend!

Sunday, November 14 Harvest Thanks Sunday - Del Hershberger, director for Mennonite Mission Network's Christian Service department will speak – more information will be available next Sunday.

Et Cetera

Kidron Bethel's Annual Builders Banquet will take place 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 9 at Faith Mennonite Church. Richard Holmgren, comedian and entertainment superstar, will highlight the program. Tickets are \$125, available from Kaye Penner and Doreen Harms. Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the Health Care Benevolent Fund.

You are invited to an evening featuring MEDA-Paraguay sponsored by MEDA Kansas (Mennonite Economic Development Associates.) The event will start with dinner at the Waters Edge Restaurant, Hesston at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9. Arnold Epp, Executive Director for 8 years of MEDA-Paraguay, will share very interesting stories about the life changing projects MEDA has been involved with in Paraguay. Arnold grew up in the Chaco of Paraguay and has worked in church and development activities in Paraguay for the past 20 years. Make reservations by November 3 - call 620-896-7381 or email carlawedman@harperindustries.com - \$25/per person or \$5 for full time students.

Have a bit of spare time? Every week at Camp Mennoscah there's a bit of custodial work and a bit of office work that could be done by our trusty volunteers. Give us a call at 620-297-3290 or send an email to campmno@mennowdc.org and we'll match your bits of spare time to our bits of work.

We're dog-gone excited about our shingling days on October 29-30! It's another chance to adventure to rarely trod places at Camp Mennoscah—the roofs of cabins. We'll provide meals and lodging for volunteers—please call or email to let us know that you're coming. Grab some friends and join in the fun! Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

From Camp Mennoscah: Thank you, Grace Hill! Thank you, folks who took out the dam! We had a busy weekend with a group of roofers from Grace Hill and wonderful folks who helped us take out the dam. Two cabins were roofed—with new ventilation that will hopefully help some heat escape in the summer! Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with various tasks—fixing a gas leak, inventorying leftover pop, scouring sinks. Take a look on Facebook to see pictures of the roofing and taking out the dam.

New Books in the Library

Kingsbury, Karen, "Like dandelion dust" Families learn that the greatest love is letting go.

Donated books:

Brunstetter, Wanda, "On Her Own" Lonely people learn how to let go.

Lucado, Max, "Out Live Your Life" Main thought: You were made to make a difference.

Peterson, Tracie, "Twilight's Serenade" Britta's great love is her violin but is that enough?

Lewis, Beverly, "The Thorn" Book I of the Rose Trilogy

Cabot, Amanda, "Scattered Petals" Book II of the Texas Dreams. Tragedy breaks her spirit but can she overcome the trials.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

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