

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 25, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Jana Harms

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Gathering and Praising

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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 based upon Psalms 47:1-2, 93:1-2 & Hebrews 4:14, 16

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Many: The Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth!**

One: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

**Many: God has established the world,
it shall not be moved.**

One: Since, then, we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.

**Many: Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.**

* Prayer of Invocation

* Gathering Hymn No. 288 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 96

Offering Western District Conference

Special Music *Knowing You* Praise Team

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

Proclaiming

New Testament Reading Hebrews 4:14 - 5:14 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Hebrews III: Jesus the High Priest* Pastor Peter

Responding

Song of Preparation *Create in me a clean heart* led by the Praise Team

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Dedication of Caleb James Enns, son of David and Ashley Enns
Special Music *Chosen* by Alysha Claassen, aunt of Caleb

Sending

* **Hymn of Assurance No. 343** *My hope is built on nothing less* vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
led by the Praise Team

* 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits and concerns as I
recover from open heart surgery. A special thank you to Pastors Peter
and Katherine for visits and praying with me and my family.

Raymond Schmidt

Western District Conference: Pray for the various WDC search
committees seeking pastoral leadership (Hope/Wichita, Bethel/Hydro,
Turpin/OK, First/Newton, First/Hutchinson) that God will inspire and
give wisdom and tend to the call in potential pastoral candidates.

Mennonite Mission Network: Approximately one-fourth of MMN
overseas personnel serve in countries where they cannot openly share the
good news of Jesus. Pray that they may find ways to express God's
love, forgiveness and acceptance through their lives.

Announcements

The Elective Sunday School class will NOT meet this Sunday due to Catechism, but will resume on November 1 for our final session together.

Last Sunday to order Poinsettias: If you have not ordered your poinsettias from the Youth Group Fundraiser yet, today is the last day to do so. If you have lost your order form, please see Pastor Katherine and she will take your order. 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: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Wheat State Manor \$1,603.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

Youth Group - Today: Meal at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Food will need to be there by 5 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday Mennonite Central Committee meat canning dates for the Newton area group including Grace Hill are October 27-29. Tuesday and Wednesday are full days, with Thursday approximately a half day. Suggested work shifts are 5:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Come join the work and fellowship! Questions? See Kendall Claassen or Dean Patterson.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Youth Group - Wednesday: Meat Canning in North Newton. Please try to be at the church by 6:10 p.m. if possible. If you cannot make it by this time, please let Pastor Katherine or the sponsors know.

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

November 8 Harvest Thanks and Mission Festival Sunday – Mark and Mary Hurst will be our guest speakers. The Harvest Thanks newsletter and offering envelope are in your mailboxes today. **For the Harvest Thanks Day meal:** Salads and pies are still needed for the Harvest Thanks meal. If you didn't have an opportunity last Sunday to sign up, please see Rita Patterson. The list will be posted next Sunday if you need a reminder.

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service is hosting the MDS Region III annual meeting November 13 and 14 at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Friday evening will be a banquet and program with Kevin King, MDS Executive Director as featured speaker. Saturday will be a business meeting with time for sharing MDS stories. The meeting will conclude with a noon meal. Cost is \$10 for each day. Registrations are due October 30. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details and the registration form or talk to K. John Klaassen.

♦ If anyone is willing to host overnight guests attending the MDS Region III meeting on Nov. 13 talk to K. John Klaassen.

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, October 25 3:30 p.m., "Poe's The Fall of the House of Usher: How to Think about Tearing Down the House of Disregard for Mental Health." Bethel College senior Aimee Siebert from Topeka will present a program in celebration of the bicentennial of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe. The program is part of the Wichita Big Read and is co-sponsored by Bethel College and Newton Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

Discipleship Now is coming to Wichita November 6-8. This is a highly rated leadership training event for high school youth who will have a fun, powerful, intense, meaningful, inspiring, and UNFORGETTABLE TIME! Registration deadline is October 29. Contact Nancy Funk at Western District Conference, 316-283-6300, wdc@mennowdc.org. See information on line at www.mennowdc.org/Youth.html and look under Events.

Kidron Bethel's annual Builders Banquet will take place at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, at Faith Mennonite Church. Erin Bonitto, a nationally acclaimed memory care educator and consultant, will be the keynote speaker of the program. Tickets are \$125 (\$100 tax deductible) and are available from Kaye Penner or Doreen Harms. Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the new Village Centre and Health Care Expansion project.

Mennonite Central Committee Increases Asia Disasters Appeal In response to the needs of flooding and earthquake survivors in Asia, MCC is increasing its appeal for donations to \$250,000. The additional contributions will allow MCC and its partners to respond to extensive flooding damage in southern India and Cambodia and to provide permanent housing for people in Indonesia, where earthquakes devastated entire villages. Please donate by sending checks designated Asia Disasters to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117 or online at www.donate.mcc.org.

Relief Kits MCC's priority kit right now are Relief kits. These kits provide valuable supplies to families traumatized by war and natural disasters. In recent years, kits have been sent to Iraq, Gaza, Bosnia, Serbia, Nepal, Mozambique, Indonesia and Honduras. For a full list of Relief Kit contents visit <http://mcc.org/kits/relief>.