

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 25, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

The Spirit and Church in Acts

Gathering Music

Ellen Mosiman

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

Call to Worship

Sing the Journey 35

O Breath of Life

*Psalm of Praise

Psalms 34:1-3

I will extoll the Lord at all times.

Praise to God will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord,

Let those afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together.

*To God be the glory

Hymnal 102

Confession and Forgiveness

I sought the Lord and he answered me;

He delivered me from my fears

Those who look to God are radiant;

Their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor soul cried out and the Lord heard;

God saved me from trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who revere God,

And God saves them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are those who take refuge in God.

(Psalm 34:4-8)

Silent Confession

I sought the Lord

Hymnal 506

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

Penny Hiebert

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

Scripture

Doug Hiebert

Acts 16: 1-10

Sermon

Leading by Being Led

How clear is our vocation, Lord

Hymnal 541

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 599

He leadeth me

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Western District Conference.

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!

"Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality."

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for God's wisdom, joy and safety for all who travel and gather for WDC Assembly next weekend on the Bethel College campus.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the 27 Latin American women theologians who attended Mennonite World Conference and led in the formation of a global Anabaptist network of women theologians. Pray for many of them who partner with Mennonite Mission Network in their local contexts.

Church Family News

. . . **Wilma Harms** is back home following a period of physical therapy at Kansas Christian Home . . . **Pauline Balzer** moved from Newton Medical Center to Kidron-Bethel room 28N on Thursday. . . **Adrian Nethercot** begins a new job this week with Via Christi Health . . . **Elva Unruh** is accompanying singing for the Grace Hill led chapel service at Kidron-Bethel this afternoon . . . **Kaye Penner's** home was one of five homes featuring quilts by members of the Emma Creek Quilt Guild on Saturday...

Announcements

Don't forget to fall back one hour when you turn out the lights this Saturday.

“Koats 4 KC Kids” Melinda Regehr, currently working for the Mennonite Voluntary Service unit in Kansas City, is collecting new or gently used coats, sweaters, gloves, anything for winter weather. She especially needs children's coats. If you would like to donate, please leave the coats in the basket in the foyer marked “Koats 4 KC Kids”. Money donations are also appreciated, Melinda will then buy the coats. Please make checks out to JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) and write on the memo line “coat drive”.

Nursery This Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Wheat State Manor \$1,063.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. Pizza and salad lunch served by the Social Council. Donations will be accepted for the meal. Everyone is welcome to stay!

Today at 12:45 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited! We are having meals every Wednesday through November 18.

Menu this week: Cheeseburger Soup

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday Family Night continues with Bible stories from the gospel of John. This week Marge Harms and Vernon McLain will tell the story of the woman caught in adultery from John 8.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Friday-Saturday Western District Conference Annual Assembly at Bethel College. The Grace Hill delegates are Kendall Claassen, Marge Harms, Roberta Harms, Valerie Klaassen, Rita Patterson, Diana Schunn, Jeff Toews and Pauline Toews. A schedule and prayer prompts are available at www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/.

November 3-5 Mennonite Central Committee meat canning in North Newton.

November 8 Harvest Thanks Sunday – see insert. **For the noon meal:** There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for salads, pies and zwieback for the Harvest Thanks Day meal. Meat and potatoes will be provided by the Social Council.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Email: transitionpastor@gmail.com

Director of Youth Ministry: Joshua Janzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Harvest Thanks and Mission Festival November 8, 2015 Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Harvest Thanks Celebration

9:30 a.m. Extended Worship Service
Mission Stories by:
Jordan Miller
Randy and Lindy Wiens
Peter Wintermote

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal provided by the Social Council.

Jordan Miller, owner of Miller Construction and a member of First Mennonite Church, Newton, will share about the excitement of their building ministry.

Randy and Lindy Wiens, of Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, will share about their congregation's Summer Meals 4 Kids outreach offering meals to the children of the community.

Peter Wintermote, former Director of Community Outreach for First Mennonite Church, Halstead, will share about that congregation's tutoring program for children, in a school district without summer school.

Thank you Social Council for hosting our Harvest Thanks meal. We hope all will stay and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Harvest Thanks is a time to acknowledge God's goodness, our blessings, and our participation in God's work at home and abroad. May we be enriched by our time together on November 8! Please reserve this Sunday to celebrate together!

A Harvest Thanks offering form and envelope are in your mailbox today. You may designate how you wish to give your offerings. On the back of the form is an explanation of each of the areas where you may wish to give as well as some information regarding the distribution of these funds. Please complete the form, and enclose it along with your offering in the envelope and place it in the offering plate on Harvest Thanks Day as your special offering. If you are contributing funds through Mennonite Foundation or similar sources, please complete the offering form and place it in the offering on Harvest Thanks Day even if funds are not immediately available. Your offering will then be included in the offering summary.

Et Cetera

Bethel College Bible Lectures with Tom Yoder Neufeld (Conrad Grebel University College). **October 25, 7:30 p.m.**, “Anabaptists, the Bible and Violence”; **October 26, 11 a.m.**, “Romans 12: Paul’s Sermon on the Mount.” Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Staley Lectures at Bethel College with Safwat Marzouk (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary). **October 29, 7 p.m.**, “The Nations Marching to the Mount of Zion: A Postcolonial Reading Beyond Imperialism and Universalism”; **October 30, 11 a.m.**, “Thinking Theologically about the Character of the Monsters in the Bible.” Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Scrappy Happy! If you’re a scrappy happy (or maybe croppy hoppy?) type of person, Camp Mennoscah still has a few spots open at the Fall Scrapbooking Retreats. We think you ought to come out with all your pictures and spend some time with some nifty folks and do some nifty things. Crafters are also welcome; contact us about space requirements. Retreats are Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290.

Bethel College Choral Extravaganza, featuring all Bethel choral groups, November 1 at 3 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church. Groups performing are the Concert Choir, Women’s Chorus, Men’s Ensemble, Open Road and Woven.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert at the church on November 1 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 101 S. Washington, Moundridge. Featured performers include Rosewood Winds, a woodwind trio comprised of Amanda Friesen, Kristin Kliever & Valerie Klaassen; Kenneth Rodgers, organ; Donna Stucky, piano; Sunflower Trio, which includes Matthew Schloneger, Rebecca Schloneger & Kenneth Rodgers; The Flannelbacks a vocal/acoustic band whose members are Chase Stucky, Matt Graber, Tim Regier & Braden Unruh. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be received during the concert. After the concert there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments being served. Some of the performing groups will have CDs available for purchase during the fellowship time.

Bethel College’s annual Menno Simons Lectures by Jeff Gundy, Bluffton University, with the overall theme “Wrestling with Mennonite/s Writing.” **November 1, 7 p.m.**: “Imagining Mennonite/s Writing: Wrestlers Rebels and Assorted Others.” **November 2, 11 a.m.**: “Hearing Mennonite/s Writing: Somewhere Near Defiance” (reading from Gundy’s two most recent books of poetry). **November 2, 7 p.m.**, “Looking for Mennonite/s Writing: The Village, the City and the So-Called Real World.” All lectures are in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center and are free and open to the public.

Join Everence for an informative seminar on long-term care on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Water’s Edge Restaurant, Schowalter Villa, 703 S. Main St., Hesston. Sponsored by Bluestem Communities. Presenter: Scott Luty, Everence Financial Advisor.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter is having a volunteer recognition dinner **November 14** (corrected date) at 6 p.m. If you have helped this past year with preparing meals and/or staffing for the evening and overnight shifts, please come and have dinner. Reservations are needed so call Donna Balzer to let her know you are coming by October 26.

Western District Conference announces openings and seeks applicants for the positions listed below. Full job descriptions are at mennowdc.org. Send cover letter and application materials to Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117, or heidirk@mennowdc.org. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

- **Full-time Associate Conference Minister based in Texas**, to direct church-planting partnerships and support pastors and congregations in relevance to cultural/ethnic context. Ministerial credential and experience, cross-cultural and urban ministry competency and Spanish proficiency required.
- **3/4 time Associate Conference Minister based in Kansas**, to resource congregations in a variety of ministry areas and assist in supporting pastors and congregations in relevance to cultural/ethnic context. Ministerial credential and experience required.
- **1/4 time Resource Library Director** to manage and promote WDC library. Library science degree or experience required.