

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 26, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

## REMEMBER WHOSE YOU ARE: Bringing Before the Lord

Gathering Music Ellen Mosiman  
Welcome and Announcements Randy Smith  
Prelude to Worship

\*Call to Worship Revelation 4:8-11

The living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks  
to the One seated on the throne and who lives forever and ever.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who is, who was, who is to come.**

The twenty-four elders fall before the One seated on the throne  
and who lives forever and ever.

They lay their crowns before the throne and say,

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

We are standing in the presence of God, and we worship.

\*Hymn Hymnal 120  
*Holy, holy, holy*

Prayer  
Children's Story Pauline Toews

Reflection  
*From Bowing to Bringing*

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

Confessing  
Luke 13: 22-28  
Reflection  
*Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*  
Luke 18: 9-14  
*Ah, holy Jesus* Hymnal 254  
Psalm 51 Hymnal 818  
Silence

Forgiveness  
Luke 23: 26-34  
Reflection  
*Honest to God*  
I John 1: 5 – 2: 2  
*Shepherd me, O God* Hymnal 519  
Tara Harms-Becker, soloist; Congregation sings refrain  
I Peter 2: 9-10

Affirming Our Faith  
Proclaiming Jesus, the Christ Hymnal 714  
I Peter 1: 3-9  
*My hope is built on nothing less* Hymnal 343

Offering  
Luke 21: 1-4  
Reflection  
*An Act of Worship*  
Offering and Offertory  
*\*God, whose giving* Hymnal 383

Sharing and Prayer  
  
\*Sending Hymn Sing the Journey 54  
*Longing for light*  
\*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

Scripture Reader: Carl Goossen

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

\*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 class will begin  
10 minutes after the service is over.  
Everyone is welcome!**

## Church Events

**Final ice cream social this afternoon at 4:00** at Randy and Ann's house.

**Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!  
We are having meals every Wednesday through November 19.  
**Menu this week:** Macaroni & Cheese: plain, beefy & ham  
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

### 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.** Business Council meets.

**Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.** Worship Council, accompanists, and song leaders meet at 7:45 Wednesday after choir to share ideas for strengthening congregational singing. Ken Rodgers of Hesston College will also be present.

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

**October 29, 30, 31 (1/2 day)** Mennonite Relief Canning in North Newton. If you have questions, see Kendall Claassen.

**November 9** 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.

## For Sharing and Prayer

I would like to thank my church family at Grace Hill for coming to my sharing time, and for the many ways of supporting and encouraging me during my recent trip to Mexico. I am truly blessed! Feel free to email me at [jxharms@gmail.com](mailto:jxharms@gmail.com) if you have further questions. Keep pressing on with Christ - Jana Harms

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the pastors of WDC who will be meeting for a Pastors Day Apart on Thursday, October 30 – “Cultivating an Incarnational Church.”

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who live and work in the Argentine Chaco through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for the outreach of the churches they serve as the movie *Jesus* has recently been dubbed in the Toba Qom language.

### Church Family News

. . . **Melinda Regehr** was chosen homecoming queen for Bethel College Fall Festival weekend . . . the fire ring patio is poured, and open for your viewing and walking thanks to **Doug Claassen, Kendall Claassen, Kim Claassen, Paul Goossen, Ed Harms, Tim Harms, John Klaassen, Rob Schunn, and Lynn Voth** . . . **Everyone** remember to fall back one hour Saturday night . . .

**Laurinda Voth's address:** Menorah Medical Center, Laurinda Voth Room 433, 5721 W. 119<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park, KS 66209

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

**We continue** with 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 the self-aware response that we bring to God after coming before God with praise. Two sessions for congregational conversation to claim some of the key values that form the identity and personality of Grace Hill Mennonite Church are scheduled during the Sunday school hour November 16 and 23.

## 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:** 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 \$1,340.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## 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**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

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Randy & Ann Smith: 115 W. 27<sup>th</sup> St., North Newton, KS 67117

## Et Cetera

**Starting today, October 26** – Bethel College’s Menno Simons Lectures with Walter Sawatsky, professor emeritus of church history and mission at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana; **today, 7 p.m.**, “Pluralities of Mennonite History – Why Russian Mennonites as Paradigm?”; **Mon., Oct. 27, 11 a.m.**, “Reconciling Free Churches to Two Millennia of Global Christianity”; **Mon., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**, “After 500 Years – Pressing Issues on Globalization of Mennonite Witness”; **Tues., Oct. 28, 7 p.m.**, “Full-Orbed Integration of Worship, Ethics, Nonviolence and Public Theology for 21st Century”; all sessions in *Krehbiel Auditorium*, with opportunity for discussion following.

**Everyone is invited to attend the Jeremy Kempf Concert** on Saturday, November 1 at 8:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S. Main St, Hesston). Kempf is the director of music at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona. He has composed many widely-used worship songs and is well-known and loved for his music leading at MCUSA youth conventions. This free concert is for people of all ages, and sponsored by MCUSA Convention Planning, Bethel College, and Hesston College.

**KIPCOR 2014-15 film series continues with *How to Start a Revolution***, on November 2 at 3 p.m., Bethel College, *Krehbiel Auditorium*; free with donations accepted to support the work of KIPCOR. The film profiles Gene Sharp, the world’s leading expert on nonviolent revolution, author of *From Dictatorship to Democracy*. Talkback session with Duane Friesen follows the film.

**The Western District Reference Council** will meet on Saturday, November 15, at Eden Mennonite Church. The WDC Discernment Task Force will report the results of the recent WDC Survey regarding authority, polity and sexuality. Further discernment will focus on polity – the relationships and sphere of authority of congregation, conference, and denomination. This Reference Council is open to members and participants of WDC congregations in addition to WDC commissions and committees and pastors. Congregations are encouraged to appoint delegates for Kansas City 2015, June 30-July 5, and WDC Assembly 2015, October 30-31, and have these delegates attend. Register online at <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-reference-council/> or call 316-283-6300.

**Now is the Time!** It's the best time to schedule your family or group retreat at Camp Mennoscah for 2015. The holidays haven't eaten everyone up yet and people may still have enough energy to look ahead to next year. Try a relaxing retreat in January and February with hot chocolate and a book or board games! A limited number of summer weekends are available. Contact us at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**The International Guest House in Washington, D.C.** <http://igh-dc.com/> needs hosts beginning July 2015 for a one year term. This ministry of Christian hospitality is operated by Allegheny Mennonite Conference to provide a "home away from home" for DC visitors. Other volunteers (one month or longer) are also needed. Volunteers receive room and board; full year volunteers receive stipend and health insurance. Responsibilities: welcoming guests, serving breakfast & tea, baking, cleaning, laundry, maintenance. Enjoy sightseeing during free time. Contact: International Guest House [igh-dc@juno.com](mailto:igh-dc@juno.com) (202)726-5808.

**Mennonite Mission Network** seeks a fulltime Recruitment Coordinator to plan and implement, in a team environment, recruitment of applicants for Christian Service. This person will collaborate with Marketing, Communication staff and program directors to develop recruitment tools, and resource Mennonite Church USA conferences, congregations, and schools with promotion, advertising and recruitment aids for involving the church in Christian Service. In addition to having administrative skills, our ideal candidate will be able to travel independently, communicate comfortably in person, by telephone and email. This strong leader must be passionate about mission and service and able to forge trusting and productive relationships. For more information and to view other openings, see Staff Opportunities at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) or call Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator, at 574-523-3009.

Harvest Thanks and Mission Festival  
November 9, 2014  
Grace Hill Mennonite Church

**Harvest Thanks Celebration**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship: Message by Miriam Regier  
**10:45 a.m.** Combined Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary:  
Input by John Good and Clint Litsey  
**11:45 a.m.** Meal provided by the Social Council.  
**Following the meal** Sharing by Del Hershberger

Miriam Regier grew up east of Newton and graduated from Bethel College. She served through MCC's SALT (Serving and Learning Together) in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina with Bread of Saint Anthony where her work included cooking in the soup kitchen, housekeeping and teaching English. For the last half of her assignment, she worked with agriculture in a therapeutic community for recovering addicts in a village three hours north of Sarajevo. Miriam will share about her experiences during our worship hour.

John Good and Clint Litsey from First Mennonite Church in Newton will share during our Sunday School hour. They participated in a learning tour in Honduras last spring.

After dinner, Del Hershberger from Mennonite Mission Network, will give an overview of MMN through intersecting stories of their work in various parts of the globe that include long-term workers, short-term teams and partnerships.

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 9! 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.***