

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 27, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Brian Hilgenfeld

Shaped by the Story: Love One Another
Grace Hill's Twelve Foundational Scriptures
Gathering and Praising

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.

Call to Worship John 15: 9-17

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 363** *Renew your church* verses 1, 2 & 4

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Story

* **Song Sing the Journey No. 90** *Lord, we bring to you our children*

Child Dedication Hadynn Annalise Lanzrath

Gospel Reading John 13: 34-35 Pastor Peter

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

Scripture Sharing Marge and Ed Harms

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Story

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 87**

Put peace into each other's hands verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

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. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

* **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

Thank you to everyone who provided food for the 5th Quarter last Friday. Thank you to Josh Patterson and Dean and Rita for hosting the event. And thank you to everyone who has participated in this ministry within the community these past years.

Western District Conference: Pray for Moises Romero, pastor of Iglesia Camino de Santidad, Liberal, who was licensed towards ordination last Sunday. Pray for Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, as they dedicate their new meetinghouse this afternoon.

Mennonite Mission Network: *Bopaganang Basha* Youth Centre in Botswana has a troupe of actors who present dramas dealing with HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, and domestic violence. Although the group is much in demand for their productions, MMN's Melanie Quinn requests prayer for the participants' spiritual growth and life skills.

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 \$1,739.00

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

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Women's Book Study: We will plan to meet this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Pastor Katherine's house to discuss the introduction and first chapter of "A Year of Biblical Womanhood."

This evening 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!

Monday - Wednesday 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.

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

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council will meet at church.

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

Next Sunday There will be a College Age Lunch at Pastors Peter and Katherine's house on Sunday, November 3 following worship and Sunday School at Grace Hill. Invite your friends! All are welcome!

Sunday, November 10 Harvest Thanks Sunday – Wes and Deb Bergen will be our speakers. See the Harvest Thanks letter in your mailbox today for further details. **For the noon meal:** There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for salads and pies for the Harvest Thanks Day noon meal. Meat, potatoes, and bread will be provided by the Social Council.

Youth Group:

MCC Meat Canning: Youth should plan to meet at the church at *6 pm on Monday, October 28* (NOTE the time change). Plan to bring money for supper before we head to the MCC Center in North Newton.

Due Today: If youth plan to attend the WDC Event "Out of the Pew" on Saturday, November 16, your medical release forms and \$10 registration fee are due TODAY.

Et Cetera

Starting today, Sunday, October 27- Tuesday, October 29 – Bethel College's Menno Simons Lectures with Marlene Epp, professor at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario, speaking on the overall topic "The Semiotics of Zwieback, Sauerkraut and Spring Rolls: Mennonites and Foodways." Oct. 27 lecture, 3:30 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church ([note change in time and location](#)); Oct. 28 lectures at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; Oct. 29 lecture, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

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.

Saturday, November 16 – Bethel College's second Worship and the Arts Symposium, "Accompany Them with Singing," will explore how cultural realities influence Christian practices of marking life transitions. Plenary sessions with Thomas G. Long of Candler School of Theology and John Ferguson of St. Olaf College; workshops; hymnsing; artist presentation by Ann Resnick; 7:30 p.m. worship service featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir and area singers. Register online at www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts or contact Mary Regier at 316-284-5250 weekdays during regular business hours.

Save the Date - Benefit Dinner for Hispanic Leadership Education Help celebrate IBA's 25th anniversary (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and support MEA's Hispanic pastoral education programs. Friday, November 22, 6:30 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church of Newton fellowship hall. Featured guests are Marco Güete and Gilberto Flores former IBA directors, and Jaime Cazares. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. For reservations contact VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Weekly Chores at Camp Mennoscah--Okay, folks. No one has claimed any of the chores that have been described as fun and delightful, so we're trying a new tact. This week's horribly boring and tedious task is to clean the maintenance apartment. It's gross, disgusting, and you'll hate every minute--which will make your free time at camp all the better! Give us a call at 620-297-3290 if you'd like to take part in the cleaning shenanigans. It's a terrible task.

Critical MDS Need: Mennonite Disaster Service has been working in Minot, ND, for 28 months now, and many families are living in the homes we mucked out and/or rehabbed. We are planning to wind down our work here in Minot before the end of this calendar year. However, in order to complete our work, we need additional long-term volunteers to serve as construction crew leaders. We also need additional short-term volunteers to respond to the needs of our final two or three families. It has been a long 28 months for each of the families, please consider helping them to complete their journey home. To volunteer, call Chantel at 1-800-241-8111.

Western District, South Central, and Mountain States Mennonite Conferences invite you to attend the annual Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Be inspired by singing and worshipping with other youth, slide down the tube run (hopefully!), play a competitive game of broom hockey, explore beautiful scenery around camp, and more! For more information, visit www.rmmc.org. Hope to have you join us! 2014 Snow Camp Dates: Junior High – January 26-26, Senior High 1 – February 14-16, Senior High 2 – March 14-16.

Perhaps you've already heard about the new Let's Talk Peace speakers bureau, but in case you haven't please follow this link to find out more! <http://www.mcc.org/fearnot/speakers> Let's Talk Peace is available all across the United States, you can click on the words Central States and see who is available in our region! Follow the guidelines along the right side of the webpage and you'll be on your way to Talking Peace! Contact Tina Schrag tschrag@mcc.org or Karin Kaufman Wall (kkw@mcc.org) with questions.

Peace and Social Justice Center/Ed Fund Staff Position: The Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas, and its sister organization, the Peace and Social Justice Education fund, are seeking a half-time Staff Person to coordinate their efforts to seek justice and peace globally and locally. Responsibilities include financial operations, fund raising and office management. Must have good written and verbal skills and familiarity with Microsoft-based programs. This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Send letter of interest and resume to the Peace and Social Justice Center, 1407 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67214, or e-mail to director@wchitapeace.org.