

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 28, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Musician: Sara Unruh

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Body Building Gathering

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 based on Romans 12: 1-8

One: Lord, you have formed us to be a people – the body of Christ, at work in your world.

Many: We celebrate the gifts you have given us to carry out the work of your kingdom.

One: You have given your people many gifts:

You have called some to teach, some to administer,
some to offer hospitality, some to share the Good News,
some to heal.

All: You have given each of us gifts to use to build up your body and work for your good pleasure. In this hour of worship and in our daily living, we offer ourselves – our gifts, our time, our energy, our resources, our passions – to you. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Songs No. 304** *There are many gifts*

No. 516 *Just as I am* verses 1, 5 & 6

Listening

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3: 5-14

Katrina Regehr

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

New Testament Reading Philippians 2: 5-13

Pastor Peter

Sermon *Passionate for Christ*

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 389** *Take my life*

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

During the offering, each person is invited to write down their gifts on the piece of paper provided and to drop it in the offering plate as a way of offering ourselves – our gifts, our time, our energy, our resources, our passions – to God. May we use these gifts for building up God's kingdom and working for God's good pleasure!

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

* **Sending Hymn No. 395** *Here I am, Lord*

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 this past Thursday! Thank you for supporting this outreach in the community!

Thank you to Doug Claassen and Merril and Gladys Harms for all their work organizing the retreat last weekend. It was a beautiful weekend to be at camp and all their time was much appreciated!

Western District Conference: Pray for Manhattan (KS) Mennonite Church as they launch a capital campaign for a new church meeting place on Poyntz Avenue. Projected cost is \$1.75 million.

Mennonite Mission Network: Connie Byler of MMN carries Jesus' light to hurting people despite her own chronic pain. In Spain, she visits people in hospitals and provides spiritual companionship to those living with AIDS, in addition to a women's ministry. Pray that God would bring healing to Connie as she serves others.

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 \$189.00

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

Today Mentor/Mentee/Inter-generational Lunch: There will be a lunch for all mentoring pairs following worship and Sunday School. Yet even if you do not have a mentor or a mentee, you are invited to stay and join us for fellowship! Inter-generational relationships are an important part of building up the body of Christ and important way to get to know one another better. All are invited to attend!

Monday & Tuesday Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning in North Newton. Volunteers are needed! Meat canning is a great activity to do as a family, Sunday School class or an individual. If you haven't volunteered to can meat before maybe this is the year for you to start! See Kendall Claassen or Gerald Wedel if you have questions.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:00 p.m. "Jesus for President?" The first installment of "The Dusty Road," a periodic in-depth current issues Bible Study is coming up October 29, 31, and November 2 at 7 p.m. right here at Grace Hill! Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit for a season of temptation. The promises of influence and power he faced and rejected remind us of the political promises today. Billions of dollars are being spent to capture our vote and our allegiance. We are tempted to place our hope for wholeness and well-being on particular candidates, parties, and ideologies. In this particular time, Scripture speaks pointedly to us: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save (Psalm 146:3). This is a time to deepen our allegiance to Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Come and ponder the guidance Scripture offers us in the role of worldly politics in faithful living for those who give their heart to a Ruler whose "kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36).

Tuesday afternoon Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday There will not be any children's or youth programming.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday College-age Lunch: Lisa and Tim Harms will be hosting a lunch for all college-age young adults on Sunday, November 4 at noon. If you are interested in helping with this meal, please speak with Lisa or Tim. All college-age young adults are invited and encouraged to bring friends!

November 10 Junior Youth Mystery Meal: All Junior Youth (6-8th grade) are invited to Pastors Peter and Katherine's house for a Mystery meal on Saturday, November 10 at 5 pm. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, November 11 Harvest Thanks Sunday. Jaime Cazares, Judy Reimer and Lois Barrett 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.

Et Cetera

This evening through Tuesday, October 30 – Menno Simons Lectures by Keith Sprunger, based on the new Bethel history book, *Bethel College of Kansas, 1887-2012*, that Sprunger wrote; all sessions in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center, Sun.-Tues., 7:30 p.m., Mon., 11 a.m.; free

One short week! There's one short week until the Fall Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp Mennoscah begins. We still have a couple of places for those of you who weren't sure you could fit this weekend of cropping fun into your schedule. Give us a holler if your schedule cleared up. It's a weekend for projects, fellowship, and all sorts of Make-n-Takes! The brochure with the schedule and registration form can be found at www.campmennoscah.org in the Retreats section--or give us a call at 620-297-3290. Bring your pictures and join us at the banquet!

The Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Network is sponsoring an event that will address issues related to registering for the draft and conscientious objection. This event is for both males and females who are currently in 11th or 12th grade. The goal is to help youth think critically and faithfully about this decision. It will take place on Sunday, November 11, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (2515 College Ave, North Newton). RSVP to Nancy Funk at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300. Questions? Contact Youth Ministry Network Event Leader, Jesse Blasdel at 620-960-0188 or Ruth R. Harder at 316-283-3667.

High school seniors and recent grads! Now is the time to start applying for Service Adventure, a Mennonite Mission Network program that gives you the opportunity to take a gap year after high school to serve and learn in a community of faith. Get more information at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Youth Group

Josh Patterson will be serving as youth sponsor this year and we welcome the gifts and sincere faith that he brings to this! We recognize that it is important to continue to build relationships between our youth and other members of the congregation, and so we will also be letting you as a congregation know about upcoming youth events. If you are interested in attending or helping with any of these events throughout the year, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you for taking an interest in the lives of the wonderful young people of our congregation!

Tuesday, October 30: MCC Meat Canning in North Newton

Wednesday, November 28: Assembling College Care Packages

Wednesday, December 5: Angel Tree Shopping

Wednesday, December 12: Caroling

I joyfully offer these spiritual gifts that have been entrusted to me by the Holy Spirit for the building up of the Body of Christ, and for God's Kingdom:

My Name:
