

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 30, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Jonah

Gathering Our Praise

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 taken from Psalm 62

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

Many: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

One: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Many: My deliverance and my honor rest on God, my mighty rock; my refuge is in God.

One: Trust in God at all times, O People; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

All: Power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn STJ No. 16** *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Acts 11:1-18

Kris Janzen

* **Hymn No. 517** *Open my eyes, that I may see*

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

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3

Pastor Peter

Sermon *Who am I that I should hinder God?*

Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

- * **Hymn of Response STJ No. 45** *In the morning when I rise*
Tara Harms-Becker will sing the verses.
The congregation is invited to join in on the refrain.

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Relief Sale and Relief Canning

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent to Proclaim the Good News

- * **Sending Hymn STF No. 99** *You walk along our shoreline*
- * **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

There will be no Sunday School classes today for the adults or the junior department. You are welcome to use this time for visiting.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Conference Minister and Staff, located in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, as they seek to sustain transformational pastors, resource healthy missional churches, and nurture Anabaptist church planting partnerships.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mark and Mary Hurst serve as resource people with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand, a MMN partner. One of their ministries is through peace film discussions in months with five Sundays. Pray that viewers of tonight's film will learn more about Jesus' love and how to share it.

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: Western District Conference \$ 1,504.00

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

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Church Events

Tuesday - Thursday Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning - A wonderful service opportunity to help fight world hunger will be available November 1-3 at the Newton Area MCC Meat Canning. Shift times are 5:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 5:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Contact Kendall Claassen or Gerald Wedel if you have any questions.

Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Youth Meat Canning: The Youth Group will be meat canning on Tuesday November 1. Please plan to meet at the church at **4:30** that evening. We will plan to go out to supper together in Newton afterwards. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Katherine. Thanks!

Wednesday Youth Group Canned Food Drive: As we are meat canning on Tuesday for people around the globe, we thought it would be appropriate to do a local canned food drive on Wednesday, November 2. Youth, please plan to bring non-perishable food items for our local area food pantries this Wednesday. Prizes will be awarded to the top three givers!

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Programming
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Explorers S.S. Class is in charge.

Sunday, November 13 Harvest Thanks Sunday. Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky will be our speakers. The Sawatzkys work with Bethany Bible School, an itinerant teaching ministry for leaders of African-Initiated Churches in Eastern Cape Province, South Africa. See the Harvest Thanks letter in your mailbox today for further details. **For the noon meal:** Social Council will furnish meat and potatoes for the Harvest Thanks meal. Please sign up to bring pie, salad, or zwiebach. The sign up sheet is in the foyer.

November 23 at 5:30 p.m. Soup Sampler Supper followed by Hanging of the Greens.

Et Cetera

Tomorrow, October 31, Levi Goossen will present the Evening Gospel Hour as heard on XERF, Del Rio, Texas, in 1952. He is the announcer, singer, and pitchman, presented as Bill Garrett, the announcer on that show in 1952. It will be presented in the style as in 1952, with Southern Gospel music as sung by the people of the Appalachian mountain region of Kentucky and Tennessee. This will be presented at the Wohlgemuth Music Building on the Tabor College Campus, beginning at 9:45 a.m. It is sponsored by the Tabor College Learning in Retirement Group. Non-members are welcome. There is an admission charge of \$4.00 per person to non-members.

Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I and the auditioned high school honors jazz group Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble will give a concert Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus; free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken. Jordon Ortman is a member of the Jazz Ensemble.

First Ever Reading and Coffee Cake Day at the Conference Resource Library. Thursday, November 10, 8 a.m. - ? Read, relax, meet friends, and share coffeecake at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to Marlene Bogard: crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

Annual Harvey County Habitat Fall Fundraiser Dinner will be held Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Live auction. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship! Dinner catered by Richard and Pat Denno. Entertainment will be provided by Men in Harmony Chorus. Questions or to RSVP contact Gary Hill at 284-1198. Donations and pledges will be greatly appreciated.

Kidron Bethel Village Builders' Banquet is Tuesday evening, November 15, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Guest speaker Emily Kimball, "The Aging Adventurer," is an 80-year-old author, hiker and cross-country cyclist whose energy and enthusiasm encourages others to construct their own rewarding lifestyles. Tickets are \$125, available from Kaye Penner. Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the renovation of health care bathing rooms.

James Wheeler, Mennonite Central Committee's Global Family Education Sponsorship Donor Relations Coordinator will be at the MCC Center in North Newton on November 15 at 7:00 p.m. We invite Sunday School leaders, pastors, youth pastors, small group leaders and other church representatives to participate. Come to learn about how you, your Sunday School class and/or your church can partner with the 103 Global Family education programs in over 40 countries around the world. We'll even have refreshments for you!

Think, Celebrate, Sing – A Worship and the Arts Symposium will take place on the Bethel College campus November 19. It will be centered on the Psalms and will have as resource people Thomas G. Long, professor of preaching at Emory University, and John Ferguson, professor of organ and church music at St. Olaf College. Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center, with most sessions taking place there. The Saturday symposium concludes with a hymn festival at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, featuring singers and instrumentalists from Bethel College, Bethel College Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church of Christian (Moundridge), First Mennonite Church of Newton, First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Grace Hill Mennonite Church and Trinity Heights United Methodist Church. There is also a presentation by Martha Yoder, pastor of West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa, on her artwork based on the book of Revelation, Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium, with an artist reception to follow in the FAC Gallery area. Registration fee is \$40 through Nov. 1 and \$50 after Nov. 1. To register online, and to see a complete Saturday schedule, go to www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts. **The Saturday evening hymn festival and Sunday afternoon art lecture are free and open to the public.**

ReUse It Center, the dream of First Mennonite Church, McPherson, a Christian non-profit ministry that receives donations of and sells surplus new and used building supplies and household goods, will open November 1 at 1060 W Kansas Ave, McPherson, KS. ReUse It Center is a recognized Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shop. Come shop and share the good news. For more info, call 620-242-7008.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe.