

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 1, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Violin & Chorister: Carl Goossen

Worship Leader: Katie Regier

## All Saint's Day

### *Gathering Our Praise*

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcoming Guests 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 and Gathering Prayer**

One: It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God,  
for you are the source of light and life.

**Many: You made us in your image  
and called us to new life in Jesus Christ.**

One: In all times and places  
your people proclaim your glory in unending praise.

**Many: We praise you today for saints and martyrs,  
faithful people in every age  
who have followed your Son, Jesus Christ.**

One: As they witnessed to Christ's resurrection,  
may we be strengthened by their witness  
and supported by their fellowship,

***All: that we may run with perseverance  
the race that lies before us  
and with them, receive the unfading crown of glory.  
We praise you, almighty God,  
through Christ, your Son in the Holy Spirit, Amen.***

#### \* **Gathering Hymn No. 328** *O God, our help in ages past*

**Offering** Mennonite Church USA

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

### *Proclaiming and Responding*

**Children's Story**

Penny Hiebert

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

**New Testament Reading** from Hebrews 11:1 – 12:2 Katie Regier

**Sermon** *Hebrews IV: The Cord of Faith* Pastor Peter

\* **Hymn of Response No. 43** *Christ is our cornerstone*

**Reader's Theater** *What do these stones mean?* by Patricia Shelly  
Kris Goossen, Brett Harms, Roberta Harms, Jeff Toews  
text adapted from Joshua 4:1-7; Psalm 90:1, 17;  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11; 1 Peter 2:4-10

**Reflections on "Living Heritage... Living Stones... We Remember"**

Kris Goossen, Brett Harms, Roberta Harms, Jeff Toews

#### **Congregational Response:**

One: What do these stones mean?

What do these living stones mean?

**Many: The Lord has been our dwelling place in all  
generations. We rejoice in the living heritage that is ours!**

One: The foundation is already laid... Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Many: Living heritage! Living stones!  
Let us all take care how we build!**

### *Sending*

\* **Sending Hymn No. 311** *The church's one foundation*

\* **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**The Elective Sunday School Class** "Following Jesus in a world that is not" will meet for the final time this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. It will focus on "What will shape our identities in the future?"

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

**In the hospital:** Arlo Voth, Newton Medical Center

Thank you to those who took time out of a very busy week to help with the MCC canning project in North Newton. Thanks to the Youth and Sponsors who came on Wednesday evening. This was greatly appreciated and was a time of fellowship and service. One day the needy recipients of this meat will be so grateful.

Kendall Claassen and Dean Patterson

**Western District Conference:** Pray for First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge as they dedicate their remodeled sanctuary today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Neal Blough who will be traveling from the Paris Mennonite Center to the Theological Seminary Bienenberg in Switzerland to teach courses Thursday through Saturday of the coming week. Pray also for the French and Swiss pastors who are deepening their knowledge through this continuing education program.

## Announcements

If you are interested in having your name put on the nursery schedule, to help in the nursery during the worship service, please contact Kathy Balzer.

**Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month:** canned fruit. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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 Samantha Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Adult Choir

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,102.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Harvest Thanks

### **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](mailto:pastor@gracehillmc.org)

**Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Church Events

**Wednesday 6:10 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!  
**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Choir  
**7:45 – 8:15 p.m.** Adult Bible Study

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

**Next Sunday** Harvest Thanks and Mission Festival at Grace Hill – Our guest speakers are Mark and Mary Hurst.

◆ **9:30 a.m.** Worship: Sermon by Mark and Mary Hurst

◆ **10:45 a.m.** Combined Adult Sunday school in the sanctuary: Input by Mark and Mary.

◆ **12:00 Noon** Harvest Thanks Dinner prepared by the Social Council

◆ **6:00 p.m.** All church supper - pizza, veggies and soda in the fellowship hall, with stories by the Hursts.

This year's Harvest Thanks newsletter and offering envelope are available in the foyer. **For the noon meal:** Need a Reminder? There is a "pie and salad list" for the November 8 meal posted in the hall by the kitchen.

**High School Youth: November 8,** Bluffton University will be sponsoring an event at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. The event will begin at 6:30 and end at 8 pm. Parents are also encouraged to attend. The event will serve not only as an informative night, but also as a fun-filled evening. Everyone will have a chance to listen to a presentation about Bluffton and then participate in Bluffton Jeopardy and a Dutch Blitz tournament. Several prizes will be given away throughout the evening.

**Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Book Review by Glenna Schrag; Hostess & Devotions: Kaye Penner; Financial Projects: Mennonite Women USA.

## Et Cetera

**Last chance to purchase tickets for Kidron Bethel's annual Builders Banquet**, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church. Erin Bonitto, nationally acclaimed memory care educator and consultant will highlight the program. Tickets are \$125 (\$100 deductible) and available by contacting DeeAnn at Kidron Bethel Village, 316-284-2900 ext. 237 or e-mail [deeannah@kidronbethel.org](mailto:deeannah@kidronbethel.org).

**Upcoming training sessions for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter:** Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 12 at 10:00 a.m., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 18 at 10:00 a.m., Dec. 29 at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, contact Donna Balzer.

**Seminary courses can fit your schedule – weekends, evenings, or online.** In January: The Church's Witness in the World. February through May: Theology and Ethics of the Gospels, Family Systems and Pastoral Care; The Arts in Worship; Understanding the Church's Contexts. Check out these and other courses, for credit or audit, at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension, North Newton, KS, at [www.ams.edu/GreatPlains](http://www.ams.edu/GreatPlains). Register for January classes by December 15; for spring semester classes by January 12. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS – Great Plains, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone 316-283-7098, email: [lbarrett@ams.edu](mailto:lbarrett@ams.edu).

**WDC website survey** - got three minutes? Been to the WDC website lately? We want to hear from you what would improve our website. What is most valuable - Coming events? Resource Library catalog? Camp Mennoscah? We value your feedback! Go to: [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) and click on survey link. (If you have never been to our website - take a moment to click around and see what's available, then give us a piece of your mind!) And we thank you!

**Camp Mennoscah--Thankful dreaming!** We are ever so thankful for your generosity over these past months. Numerous tasks and preparations have been completed in early, early anticipation of the coming year and to make your time at Camp Mennoscah even more wonderful! Our newest wish list is now available at [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) or contact us at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**Mennonite Education Agency** has a website at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS) where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. You can also sign up for a free subscription to "Prayers." E-mail [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org) and use "Subscription to Prayers" as the subject.