

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 2, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

REMEMBER WHOSE YOU ARE:

Hearing the Word of God

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

Sung Call to Worship

Curt Regehr, soloist

Of the Father's love begotten

Spoken Call to Worship

John 1: 1-14

*Hymn

Hymnal 318

Joy to the world

*Prayer

The Love of God

Choir

Affirmation of Faith

1 John 4:7-12

Let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

**Whoever does not love does not know God,
because God is love.**

This is how God showed his love among us:

He sent his one and only Son into the world that we
might live through him.

**This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Dear friends, since God so loved us,

we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another,

God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

The Firmament of Power (Davis)

Choir

Offering

Children's Story

Rob Schunn

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

Scripture Lesson

Marge Harms

John 14: 1-10

Sermon

From Bowing, to Bringing, to Hearing the Word

*Hymn

Hymnal 311

The church's one foundation

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

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Church USA.

*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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the search for an Associate
Conference Minister for Texas with assignment as the Director of
Church Planting.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Beyler, who has served in Japan
for four decades with Mennonite Mission Network, requests prayer for
Obihiro Mennonite Church's charity concert during Advent. Proceeds
will subsidize vacations for children living in Fukushima, so they can
play outdoors without the risk of radiation exposure.

Church Family News

. . . **Carl Goossen** presented about new interactive technology at a
business convention last week in Kansas City . . . **Donna Balzer**
attended the International Quilt Show in Houston last week . . . **Wilma
Harms** has returned home after a period of physical therapy at Kansas
Christian Home . . . **Renata Goossen** and the Berean cross country team
competed in the state meet this weekend. . . **Randy Smith** will be
visiting his parents in South Carolina this week from Monday through
Saturday . . .

New address: Justina Smith, 543 Country Acres, Senior Resident, Wichita, KS 67212.

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

Worship is the most important thing the church does. This Sunday as we continue through the worship series, *Remember Whose You Are*, we move from praising God, to bringing before God, to hearing God's word to us through worship. In addition, 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

During your year-end giving, please consider the following funds. The MCC Relief Canning Fund was \$700 short of what the church had pledged. The Scholarship Fund needs about \$9,000 a year to be self-sustaining. The Care Fund could use some bolstering as well.

The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries are in need of items throughout the year. 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: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,001.00

Offering Next Sunday: Harvest Thanks

Church Events

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
We are having meals every Wednesday through November 19.
Menu this week: Barbecue Meatballs & Potato Casserole
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

Next Sunday, November 9 Harvest Thanks Sunday

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

See the insert in last Sunday's bulletin for information about the speakers. Extra inserts and Harvest Thanks offering envelopes are available on the table in the foyer.

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.

Next Monday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Stacey Klaassen, presenter from Whitewater/Potwin Food Bank; Hostess & Devotions: Alma Schmidt and Elaine Patterson; Financial Projects: Adopt a Family through Salvations Army and Harvest of Love.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Et Cetera

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.

Dunns Plus One (Kathy Neufeld Dunn-vocals, Ann Dunn-violin, Michael Dunn-bass, Faith Wenger-piano) "From Bluegrass Gospel to Broadway" fundraising concert will be held Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 1161 E Ave A, McPherson. Funds raised will support some tech updates at First Mennonite Church.

The Annual Harvey County Habitat Fall Fundraiser Dinner will be November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Live Auction!! Come enjoy great food and fellowship! Dinner catered by Richard and Pat Denno, famous for their pork chops and served with all the fixings. Entertainment will be provided. Any questions and to RSVP, please call Gary Hill at 284-1198. Donations and pledges will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Know Jesus 2015, is a weekend retreat for Jr. High (6th-8th grade) students to worship together and learn more about their Anabaptist roots. Organized by Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee, it will be hosted by Hesston College January 31-February 1, 2015. Visit: www.mennowdc.org/know-jesus-2015. Register and pay online. (Early bird registration by January 8 saves \$10 per person; absolute deadline is January 22.) Need more info? Contact Isaac Landis at isaac@whitestonemc.com, 620-951-4035.

Brochures are available in the foyer for Snow Camp 2015 and Men's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening for a Saturday clothing sorter. Key qualifications: available 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday, good with people, detail-oriented, able to lift heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Additional hours may become available. To apply, call 283-9461 or find an application online at newtonetceterashop.com.