

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 3, 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: Bonita Schroeder

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Shaped by the Story: The Good Samaritan  
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.*

## Worship Music

Valerie Klaassen  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Everson

## Call to Worship from Luke 10: 25-28

One: A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

All: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

One: And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 30** *Jesus Christ is waiting*

**Offering Our Gifts** Mennonite Church USA

## Hearing God's Story

**Scripture Story** Katie and Kyle Regier

**Gospel Reading** Luke 10: 25-37 Katrina Regehr

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

## Scripture Sharing

Diana Schunn

## Sermon

Pastor Katherine

## Responding to God's Story

\* **Song of Response No. 444** *Lord, I want to be a Christian* vs. 1, 2 & 4  
**No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant* vs. 1-4

## 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. 398** *I love to tell the story*

\* **Benediction** from Luke 10: 36-37

One: Which of these do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?

All: *The one who showed him mercy*

One: Go and do likewise.

## 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

**Western District Conference:** Praise God for the new pastors in WDC, eleven of whom participated in the New Pastor Orientation on Thursday. Pray that all our pastors will "preach the word...correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction (II Timothy 4:2).

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Thank God for Miriam Krantz's 50 years of ministry in Nepal with MMN. Miriam has worked as a nutritionist and invented super flour – a combination of nutritious local grains that has saved countless malnourished children. Pray for health as Miriam continues to serve others.

## Announcements

**College Care Packages:** The Youth Group will be assembling care packages for our college students on Wednesday, November 13. If you are interested in providing food, goodies, or other small items for the care packages, please let Pastor Katherine know ASAP. Thank you!

**The Worship Council** encourages you to provide feedback about worship services. This can be done several ways. You can write your comments on note paper provided in the hymn racks and place in the box located under the pictorial directory in foyer. You can also send your feedback to Worship Council via Kris Janzen @ [rkjanzen@pixius.net](mailto:rkjanzen@pixius.net). You may also personally visit with the Pastors or the Pastoral Relations Committees. For Pastor Peter: Kim Claassen, Joyce Stuart, Carol (Kendall) Claassen. For Pastor Katherine: Lisa Harms, James Regier, Kim Claassen.

**The Harvey County Food Pantry** is 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 Melinda Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$ 1,458.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Harvest Thanks

## Church Events

**Today at noon** There will be a College Age Lunch at Pastors Peter and Katherine's house today following worship and Sunday School. All college age are welcome!

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

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

**Next Sunday, November 10** Harvest Thanks Sunday

**9:30 a.m.** Worship: Message by Wes Bergen  
Grace Hill choir performs

**10:45 a.m.** Combined Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary:  
Input by Wes and Deb Bergen

**Noon** Fellowship meal provided by the Social Council

**6:00 p.m.** All church pizza, veggies and soda party in the fellowship hall; presentation by Wes and Deb Bergen.

A donation will be accepted for the pizza supper.

Wes Bergen is a Bible scholar who has been teaching in the religion department at Wichita State University for the past 17 years. He has also pastored in churches in the United States and Canada. Deb is a child psychiatrist who has worked at Prairie View in Newton and Comcare in Wichita. Wes will be teaching at the Good News Theological College and Seminary (gntcs.org) in Accra, Ghana. Deb will work with Mission Mobile Care Team to equip missionaries and cross-cultural workers to withstand the many stresses and traumas of life in full-time ministry.

**For the noon meal:** If you have not already done so, please check the sign-up sheet in the foyer for salads and pies. The Social Council appreciates your help with this.

**Monday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at church with Katie Funk Wiebe as guest speaker. Her topic is "How to Write your Memoirs". Everyone one is invited. Hostess & Devotions: Alma Schmidt, Rita Patterson; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA. Zion Mennonite Church has been invited to join us for this meeting.

## Et Cetera

**Today – Bethel College Men's Ensemble fall concert, 2 p.m.,** Administration Building chapel; **Bethel College Women's Chorus fall concert, 4 p.m.,** Bethel College Mennonite Church.

**Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director for Mennonite Church USA,** will be in the area to meet with constituents on November 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the Menno Hall Chapel at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton. He will give a brief presentation on positive developments he sees across the church, tell about some difficult conversations that we are having, and then respond to any questions or concerns from the audience. Ervin enjoys interacting with constituents and looks forward to this time with people in his home state.

**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](http://www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts) or contact Mary Regier at 316-284-5250 weekdays during regular business hours.

**You are invited to attend** the Region 3 Mennonite Disaster Service Annual Meeting which will be held at the Memorial Road Mennonite Brethren Church in Edmond, Oklahoma November 22-23. See the bulletin board for more information.

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

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