

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 4, 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: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

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.

Unison Call to Worship

I pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ, and to God's kingdom for which he died – One Spirit-led people the world over, indivisible, with love and justice for all.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 9** *Come, now is the time to worship*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Listening

Gospel Reading Luke 10: 1-11

Cole Claassen

* **Hymn No. 319** *Jesus shall reign*

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

Gospel Reading Luke 4: 16-21; 42-44

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 411** *I bind my heart this tide*

Litany of Response

An Alternative Pledge of Allegiance by Claiborne and Haw

Following each line, you are invited to respond with "We pledge allegiance".

We will all end together by saying "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain".

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

* **Sending Song No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

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

Pastors Peter and Katherine will be in Winnipeg this week (until Saturday). If you need pastoral care, please contact a member of Spiritual Council.

Western District Conference: Pray for our Conference Ministers, Gilberto Flores and Clarence Rempel, meeting with pastors and churches in Houston, Texas, on their MCC Sale weekend.

Mennonite Mission Network: Amanda Falla of MMN ministers with her husband, Gamaliel, in Colombia. Last week, Amanda received a bone marrow transplant in Chicago. She may also need a kidney transplant. Pray that God would restore health to Amanda's body and that Amanda will continue to use every circumstance to share her faith in God's love for all people.

Announcements

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: 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 \$1,259.00

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

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Today at noon College-age Lunch: Lisa and Tim Harms will be hosting a lunch for all college-age young adults today at their home. All college-age young adults are invited and encouraged to bring friends!

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

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

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. 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 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Next Sunday, November 11 Harvest Thanks Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship: Message by Jaime Cazares
Grace Hill choir performs
10:45 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary:
Input by Judy Reimer
Noon Harvest Thanks Dinner prepared by the Social Council
6:00 p.m. All church pizza, veggies and soda party in the fellowship hall; visit mission booths and enter for a prize; presentation by Lois Barrett. (A donation will be accepted for the pizza supper.)
Jaime Cazares is pastor of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania in Newton. Judy Reimer recently participated in a Mennonite Central Committee learning tour to Honduras in April. Lois Barrett is currently Professor of Theology and Anabaptist Studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is the director of the AMBS-Great Plains extension in North Newton.

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

Monday, November 12 at 11:30 a.m. Hands of Friendship will meet for lunch at Karen's Kitchen in Newton; **at 1:00 p.m.** – Work Day at EtCetera Shop. Hostess & Devotions: Elva Unruh and Joyce Wedel; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA.

Et Cetera

An afternoon and evening of music at Bethel College, today:

2 p.m., Men's Ensemble, Administration Building chapel

4 p.m., Women's Chorus, Bethel College Mennonite Church

7 p.m., Wind Ensemble, Krehbiel Auditorium; featuring works by Paul Basler, Frank Ticheli, Leonard Bernstein, John Mackey and Vincent Persichetti

Celebrating Election Day with . . . a Communion Service On November 6, as the country awaits the results of a bitterly contested presidential campaign, thousands of Christians will gather across the nation to reaffirm unity and shared commitment to Christ in the midst of political divisions. An Election Day Communion service will take place **Tuesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Bethel College Administration Building**, 300 E. 27th Street, North Newton. The ecumenical service is planned cooperatively by several Newton-area pastors, and members of the wider community are invited. *The Newton-area service* joins over 627 congregations, schools and groups from all 50 states and over 20 denominations who are participating in Election Day Communion. Election Day Communion is a grassroots, multi-denominational campaign inviting churches to express their unity in the face of increasing polarization. It was started by several pastors including Mark Schloneger, pastor at North Goshen (Ind.) Mennonite Church who hosted a communion service at his congregation on election day four years ago, sparking the idea of organizing a nationwide event for this year's election. "Election Day Communion is an opportunity for Christians from all political backgrounds to reaffirm their first allegiance to Christ," said Schloneger. "During the day on November 6, we'll make different choices for different reasons," said Schloneger. "But that night, thousands of us will make the same choice together. We'll gather as one body to remember that our chief passion belongs not to any party or candidate but to God." To learn more about Election Day Communion, visit <http://ElectionDayCommunion.org>.

Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 10 at 2906A Ivy Drive, North Newton. Two-bedroom, 1-bath, brick townhome with single-car garage on the Kidron Bethel Village campus. New den, flooring and paint. For details, call Marilyn King, 316-836-4832.

The Hesston College Theatre Department will tell stories of generations of immigrant experiences in the fall drama, "Green Card." The show will be at 7:30 p.m. November 9, 10, 16 and 17, and at 3 p.m. Nov 18 in the Hesston College Northlawn Studio Theatre. A talk back session led by the Mennonite Church Immigration Task Force will follow each performance and give audience members an opportunity to discuss the play's theme of immigration in the U.S. "Green Card" is rated PG due to difficult themes and descriptions and harsh language. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens (65+). Tickets can be purchased in person at the Hesston College Bookstore, online at books.hesston.edu or by phone at 620-327-8105.

Two new Mennonite Hour CDs for Christmas giving or anytime Christmas gift idea that gives many times over: MennoMedia has released two new CD collections, "A Cappella Christmas—2nd Edition" with seven NEW songs including the perennial favorite, "The Star and the Wiseman." Also on CD for the first time is a second album, "18 Most Loved Hymns." Song titles include many classic favorites such as "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Rugged Cross" and many more. CDs are \$12.95 each. For a complete list of CDs (17 total in the "Mennonite Hour" classics collection) and the songs available on each, go to www.MennoMedia.org/MennoniteHour or call 800-245-7894.