

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 6, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Julia Dodson

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Roberta Harms

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 145

One: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Many: Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

**Many: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

One: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**Many: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**All: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he
has made.**

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn STJ No. 44** *The love of God*

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Word

Gospel Reading Matthew 20: 1-16

Roberta Harms

* **Hymn No. 145** *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

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

Old Testament Reading Jonah 4

Pastor Katherine

Sermon *Angry enough to die*

Pastor Peter

Responding to the Good News

* **Hymn of Responding to God No. 395** *Here I am, Lord*
Melinda Regehr will sing the verses.
The congregation is invited to sing on the refrain.

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Ending with Sing the Journey No. 142.

Sent to Proclaim the Good News

* **Sending Hymn No. 150** *Wonderful grace of Jesus*

* **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

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Texas pastors and lay leaders as they receive training in creating a safe environment for children and youth in their congregations in an upcoming seminar provided by Marlene Bogard, Minister of Christian Formation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, young adults serving with MMN in Miami are completing a three-day silent retreat. Pray that these participants in Dwell, a yearlong DOOR program, would be strengthened to live out God's purposes revealed in the time they spent reflecting and praying together.

Announcements

Josh Toevs is going to East Asia this Christmas break to share with Chinese college students the meaning of the holiday they are celebrating. If you are willing to be a prayer partner or financially support him please email him at Blitzer1@hotmail.com or call at 316-435-2289.

The cans at the front of the sanctuary are being donated to the local food pantries by the Youth Group. Food pantries are especially low on food during this economic downturn. The youth group also invites you to participate in donating non-perishable food items this holiday season (see the basket by the front doors). This "altar" sculpted out of the canned goods serves as a reminder of God's generosity and faithfulness to God's people, as well as a reminder of our own calling to be generous and mindful of those in need (Matthew 25:31-40).

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: Mennonite Relief Canning \$1,502.00
Mennonite Relief Sale \$1,527.00

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 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Explorers S.S. Class is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Relations Committees meet to begin pastors' review process.

Wednesday 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

Friday Grace Hill will host "Encore" following the local school plays on Friday, November 11 at Countryside. There will be a sign-up sheet available during the Sunday School hour. Thank you!

Next Sunday, November 13 Harvest Thanks Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship: Message by Joe and Anna Liechty Sawatzky
Grace Hill choir performs
10:45 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary:
Input by Joe and Anna
Noon Harvest Thanks Dinner prepared by the Social Council
6:00 p.m. All church pizza, veggies and soda party in the fellowship hall, with input by James Wheeler.
(Joe and Anna are unable to be with us in the evening)
James Wheeler works with Mennonite Central Committee's Global Family Education Sponsorship program. Most recently, he worked as MCC Co-Representative in Egypt from 2003-2009. James' Sunday evening presentation will be "Global Family Education: Stories of Changed Lives."
For the noon meal: If you have not already done so, please check the sign up sheet in the foyer for pies and salads for the Harvest Thanks noon meal. We still need several more. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

Monday, November 14 Hands of Friendship will meet at Karen's Kitchen in Newton for lunch at noon. At 1:30 p.m. – work day at the Etcetera Shop. Hostess & devotions: Marge Harms & Joyce Wedel; Financial project: Mennonite Women USA.

Wednesday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens – the evening will begin with a soup sampler supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by decorating the church and ending with Christmas caroling around the Christmas tree. Ornament making is being planned for the children.

The following are Leona Unruh memorial books:

Francine Rivers *Her Mother's Hope* Bk I Marta leaves Switzerland and struggles against dusty streets, windswept Canadian plains, and California vineyards. Based on stories of Francine's family history.

Francine Rivers *Her Daughter's Dream* BK II Marta's granddaughter Carolyn also struggles to travel a tense family life.

Irene Hannon *Fatal Judgment* BK I dealing with "Guardians of Justice".

Irene Hannon *Deadly Pursuit* BK II "Guardians of Justice".

Andrew Klavan *The Final Hour* BK IV of the Homelander Series
Many have waited for this one!

Bethany Hamilton *Soul Surfer* Her true story of her fight against a shark attack when she lost her arm to be on the boards again.

Lysa Terkeurst *Made to Crave* Satisfying your deepest desire with God, not food.

Tracie Dupree *a can of peas* BK I A series of a family who fights to save the family farm in Minnesota.

dandelions in a jelly jar BK II

aprons on a clothesline BK III

The following were also donated:

Donna VanLiere *The Christmas Shoes* A young boy buys a pair of red shoes for his dying mother.

Yvonne Lehman, Loree Lough, Tracie Peterson, Debra White Smith *Seasons of Love* Four novellas celebrating Christmas.

Et Cetera

Sunday evening November 6 at 7:00 p.m. the Wissmann Family Singers will be performing in concert at the Emmaus Mennonite Church. Hailing from Milford, Nebraska, the Wissmann family has spent the past 8 years traveling in 35 states, Mexico, and Canada; sharing the message of hope and promise found through Jesus Christ. With 13 children (ages 29–5) playing an array of 12 musical instruments, each concert is filled with toe-tappin' bluegrass gospel music, tight harmonies, and candid family moments. You won't want to miss this memorable evening!

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.

Last Chance! Purchase your tickets now for the Kidron Bethel Village Builders' Banquet on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Faith Mennonite Church. 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.

Western District Conference Reference Council - November 19, 8:30 - 12 (lunch included) at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. Topic: Revitalizing our Churches, with Pastor Randy Smith and four testimonies from revitalizing congregations. Reference Council is a gathering of WDC commissions, committees, task forces and pastors. Lay leaders intrigued by the topic are welcome. Please RSVP by November 10 to wdc@mennowdc.org or call 316-283-6300.

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. 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.**

Coming January 7, 2012 - an exciting opportunity for your high school youth! The Western District/South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee is organizing **Out of the Pew**, a day for youth to connect with one another, serve together, and hear about many inspiring Mennonite service opportunities available to youth. More information at: <http://mennowdc.org/conference-life/youth/>

Calling everyone ages 14-22: Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve for a few weeks this summer? Youth Venture locations for 2012 include Bolivia, Botswana, France, Honduras, Alaska, California, Florida and Texas! Learn more at Service.mennonitemission.net or contact Jill Schmidt at JillS@mennonitemission.net.