

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 8, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

HARVEST THANKS

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Sung Call to Worship

Sing the Journey 19

I will call upon the Lord

*Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

May God make his face shine on us,

**so that ways of God may be known on earth,
God's salvation known among all nations.**

May the peoples praise you, God;

may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

You rule the peoples with justice,
and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God;

may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;

God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still,

**so that all the ends of the earth
will revere the Lord.**

*Sing to the Lord of harvest

Hymnal 98

Affirmation of Faith (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Leader:

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken hearted;

Sent me to proclaim freedom for the captives;

Sent me to release from darkness the prisoners;

Sent me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor;

Sent me to proclaim the day of God's judgment;

Sent me to comfort all who mourn;

Sent me to provide for those who grieve;

Sent me to bestow a crown of beauty instead of ashes;

Sent me to bestow oil of joy instead of mourning;

*Sent me to bestow a garment of praise instead of
a spirit of despair;*

Leader:

They will be called mighty oaks;
a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Prayer

Harvest Thanks Offering

Children's story

Penny Hiebert

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

Prayer of Blessing

Hygiene Kits

Nothing is lost on the breath of God

Trio

Penny Hiebert, Valerie Klaassen, Curt Regehr

Reflection

Randy Smith

God's Mission has a Church: Jeremiah 29:4-7

The Word of Jesus

Matthew 25:31-40

Whatever you do (verse 1)

Trio

God's mission through . . .

Randy and Lindy Wiens

Trinity Mennonite, Hillsboro, Summer Meals 4Kids

Prayer of Blessing

Let the hungry come to me

Tara Harms-Becker, soloist

The Word of Jesus

Matthew 7:24-27

Whatever you do (verse 2)

Trio

God's Mission through. . .

Jordan Miller

First Mennonite, Newton, Building Ministry

Prayer of Blessing

Christ is our cornerstone

Hymnal 43

The Word of Jesus

Mark 10:13-16

Whatever you do (verse 4)

Trio

God's Mission through . . .

Peter Wintermote

First Mennonite, Halstead, Jump Start summer tutoring

Prayer of Blessing

You are salt for the earth

Hymnal 226

Sharing and prayer

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal 396

The work is thine, O Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

On this Harvest Thanks Sunday, we receive a special offering for the work of God's kingdom. It is an opportunity to give a special gift to the ministries supported by the congregation. Rejoice in what God enables you to give for the transforming of lives for God's kingdom. Harvest Thanks offering envelopes are available from an usher.

Due to the extended Harvest Thanks worship service today, no Sunday School classes will be held.

For Sharing and Prayer

Many thanks to all who said a prayer, sent a card, or visited me in Newton Medical Center or Kansas Christian Home. Your caring is very much appreciated.
Wilma Harms

Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance for the Church Planting Commission, Stewardship Commission, and Executive Board as they each meet this week to plan for the work of WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Israel College of the Bible, "the first Hebrew-language Bible college since the days of the disciples," says a Mennonite Mission Network professor. Pray that the Arab Christian and Messianic Jewish students who study together will also be peace-builders in the Middle East.

Church Family News

. . . Nine Grace Hill women gathered for **Hands of Friendship** this past week to assemble 80 hygiene kits to be used for refuges, school children, and orphanages around the world . . . Grace Hill was well represented at meat canning this past week at the Mennonite Central Committee warehouse recruited by **Kendall Claassen** . . . **Mildred Buller** has moved to 500 A Lance Dr, Kansas Christian Home . . . welcome **Gunner** and **Lauren Graves**, and daughters **Pearl** and **Olive** to the Grace Hill family . . .

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal provided by the Social Council. Everyone is welcome to stay!

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited! We are having meals every Wednesday through November 18.

Menu this week: Lasagna

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

Telling stories from the Gospel of John this week for Wednesday Family Night will be Lily Hilgenfeld and Roberta Harms.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Gifts Discernment Team meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket in Newton. The Senior Breakfasts will resume in January 2016.

Nursery This Sunday: Lisa Harms and Bethany Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Theresa Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,110.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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

Annual Harvey County Habitat Fall Fundraiser Dinner will be November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Live Auction!! Come enjoy great good 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 Brad Schmidt at 316-215-2746. Donations and pledges will be greatly appreciated.

Ceasefire! - a gathering to support sensible gun laws in Kansas - Saturday, November 14 at College Hill United Methodist Church, 2930 E 1st St N., Wichita. Refreshments at 9:30 am, Conference 10:00 am - noon. Speakers: Oletha Faust-Goudeau (Kansas State Senator), Loren Stanton (Brady Bill Representative). Sponsored by Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence. (wichitacoalitionagainstgunviolence.org)

Readers theater presentation, *I Have Not Forsaken the Word of God*, November 15 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Carrie and Gerald Mast of Bluffton University wrote the piece on commission from the Mirror of the Martyrs Trust, based on the confession of Jacques d'Auchy and celebrating the recent purchase of the Jan Luyken etching plate that depicted d'Auchy's confession in the Martyrs Mirror.

The Newton Chorale will present its annual concert on Sunday, November 15 at 7 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. Under the direction of Renae Schmidt Peters, the program is entitled, "Psalm Settings: Gratitude for abundant life & yearning for the Divine Mystery." Admission is free, an offering will be taken to help support the concert expenses. Join us for an evening of inspirational music.

International Mission Workers in Newton area to share about their work You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton) hear from Mennonite Mission Network workers Wayne & Jeannie Larson on November 17 from 9-10 a.m. We will have coffee, and hear a presentation from the Larsons about their work. They are long time international workers, serving the last eight years in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Wayne and some previous associates established the Creative Arts Community for teenagers in the Arabian Peninsula (CACTap). The goal of CACTap is to create constant connections with local Arab youth and build relationships for ongoing influence. Please join us. - Mennonite Mission Network Newton Staff

The Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College concludes with a hymn festival worship service open to all; November 21 at 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall. Non-perishable food items and monetary gifts accepted for Harvest of Love. (To register for the day-long symposium, visit bethelks.edu/worshiparts, or call Denise Krase at 316-284-5239.)