

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 11, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Musician: Jordan Ortman

Worship Leaders: Pastor Peter & Pastor Katherine

Harvest Thanks

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.

Call to Worship based on Psalm 104

Gathering Prayer

Choral Call to Worship *Come ye thankful people come* Adult Choir
Congregation joins in on verse 4 – Hymn No. 94

* **Gathering Song Hymn No. 87** *Great is the Lord*

Listening

Children's Story Kendra Neufeld, Mennonite Mission Network

Worship Music Adult Choir
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot arr. by Parker and Shaw

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 126

Sermon Jaime Cazares

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

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.

Hymn No. 387 *Lord, thou dost love the cheerful giver*

Benediction

* **Sending Song No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

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.

Combined Sunday School for youth and adults following the worship service in the sanctuary with Judy Reimer.

Today following S.S. Harvest Thanks Dinner prepared by the Social Council – all are welcome to stay.

This evening at 6:00 p.m. All church supper - 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 Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC Staff – Clarence Rempel, Marlene Bogard, Gilberto Flores, Phyllis Regier and Nancy Funk – gathering for their annual retreat on November 12-13.

Mennonite Mission Network: SOOP, an affiliate program of MMN, provides flexible service opportunities. Pray for those whom God is calling to minister in Alaska this winter and for the Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Anchorage offering lodging in their guest house to volunteers.

Announcements

The flowers this Sunday are provided by Hands of Friendship.

Mittens/Gloves - Hands of Friendship will again have a mitten tree in the Fellowship Hall this Christmas season. Keep this in mind while shopping.

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: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Theresa Toews and Kristen Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen
Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,092.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church Missions

Church Events

Monday 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. **Note change of date** - The December Hands of Friendship that was scheduled for the first Monday in December, has been changed to the second Monday, December 10. Check program guide for details.

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

Tuesday 1:30-5:00 p.m. Creativity Workshop at church.

Wednesday 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 with Pastor Peter

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Wednesday, November 21 No Wednesday programming.

Sunday, November 25 at 11:45 a.m. Hanging of the Greens – the afternoon will begin with a soup sampler lunch at 11:45 a.m. followed by decorating the church and ending with Christmas caroling around the Christmas tree. Ornament making is being planned for the children.

Sunday, January 20, 2013 at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting

Et Cetera

The Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Network is sponsoring an event that will address issues related to registering for the draft and conscientious objection. This event is for both males and females who are currently in 11th or 12th grade. The goal is to help youth think critically and faithfully about this decision. It will take place today from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (2515 College Ave, North Newton). RSVP to Nancy Funk at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300. Questions? Contact Youth Ministry Network Event Leader, Jesse Blasdel at 620-960-0188 or Ruth R. Harder at 316-283-3667.

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 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.

Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market – Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Menno Hall at 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Residents and employees offer for sale their handmade arts and crafts plus homemade baked goods. Information: Susan Garofalo, 316-836-4837.

CHURCH OFFICES

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