

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 15, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

## *Gathering Our Praise*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcoming Guests 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**

### \* **Prayer of Invocation** (17th c. praise hymn written by Leenaerdt Clock taken from *the Ausbund*)

One: O God, our Father, we offer you our praise.

**Many: We celebrate your gracious blessings, showered upon us anew.**

One: You have led us together to teach us your word.

**Many: Speak to us today, and give us your grace.**

One: Lord, touch our lips and grant us wisdom, that we may speak your words of truth.

**Many: Let our lives be a witness that will bring honor to you.**

One: Feed and nourish our hungry souls;

**Many: yes, give us your food today.**

One: Grant us, Lord, understanding hearts. May your light of truth burst upon the earth,

**Many: so all will know your holy Word and live righteous and godly lives.**

One: Let the radiant light of your truth drive out all darkness and deceit.

**Many: Lead us then, in your everlasting way.**

One: O Lord, the kingdom is yours alone,

**Many: and the power is also yours.**

One: Hear this people's praise.

**Many: We laud your name so holy;**

One: Bless us with your presence throughout this hour of worship

**All: Through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### \* **Gathering Hymn No. 40** *Jesus Christ, God's only Son*

**Offering** Local Church

### *Proclaiming and Responding*

**Gospel Reading** John 10:2-4, 14-16

Lisa Harms

**Hymn to prepare our hearts for prayer No. 355**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

### **Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

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

**Epistle Reading** Hebrews 12:22 - 13:6, 15, 20-21

Lisa Harms

**Sermon** *Hebrews V*

Pastor Katherine

### \* **Hymn of Response No. 309** *Built on the rock*

### *Sending*

### \* **Sending Hymn No. 319** *Jesus shall reign*

### \* **Benediction** Hebrews 13:20-21

### **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Diana Schunn was in the hospital this week. Continue to pray for the Schunns as they await the results of further testing and consultation.

Thank you to all who provided salads and pies for the Harvest Thanks meal last Sunday, to the Youth who served and helped with cleanup, and to all who helped in any way. It was all greatly appreciated.

The Social Council

Also a big THANK YOU to the Social Council for the delicious meal last Sunday and for all your work!

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Houston (TX) Mennonite Church as they host the annual MCC sale this weekend.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The people of the Argentine Chaco are used to getting along with little water, but this year the drought is severe. Pray for rain and for the health of people who are obliged to use unclean water for their daily needs.

## Church Events

**Monday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Business Council meets at church.

**Wednesday 6:10 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!  
**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children’s and Youth Programming  
**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Choir  
**7:45 – 8:15 p.m.** Adult Bible Study  
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** Mens’ Breakfast at Red Barn Café, Potwin

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**Saturday** Catechism retreat: Faith exploration class, please meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, November 21, for our fall retreat at Stutzman cabin. Plan to return around 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday at 2:00 p.m.** Baby Shower for Lindsey Harms at church.

**Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.** Grace Hill Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Christmas Carol Hymn Sing!  
Come sing in the Christmas season with a Christmas Carol Hymn Sing here at Grace Hill on Sunday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. Invite family and friends!

## Announcements

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks today in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner.

**It is time to update *The Mennonite* subscription list.** The Business Council would like for anyone who wants to continue receiving a subscription through the church’s group plan to sign your name on the list in the foyer. If you do not sign the list, your subscription will be dropped. This is an attempt to use our resources better and to save the cost of unread subscriptions. The list will be in the foyer through November 22. A copy of *The Mennonite* will also be available in the church library or online at [www.TheMennonite.org](http://www.TheMennonite.org). Thank you!

**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 Emily Toews  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Peter  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Jana Harms  
**Special Music Next Sunday:** Praise Team

**Offering Last Sunday:** see insert  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## **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](mailto:pastor@gracehillmc.org)

**Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen**

*E-mail:* [youthpastor@gracehillmc.org](mailto:youthpastor@gracehillmc.org)

**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

*Secretary’s E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Hesston College and Ten Thousand Villages Newton** invite you to a presentation entitled "Inviting Artisans to our Banquet" by Doug Dirks of Akron, PA. Doug will be sharing artisan stories on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. A reception will follow the presentation. Please come learn more about the work of Ten Thousand Villages in the lives of artisans around the world.

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale House Against Hunger** is nearing completion. The public is invited to an Open House at 604 Church Drive, Inman from 1 - 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 (Weather permitting). Proceeds from the 14<sup>th</sup> House Against Hunger to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. What is a House Against Hunger? The Hunger House is a home constructed using donated and discounted materials and services. The house is sold with the profits donated to Mennonite Central Committee via the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. For more information, please contact Richard Ediger, Committee Chairperson at 620-543-2787; Verbie and Bruce Thiessen at 620-585-2282; or Gail Wiens at 620-585-2433.

**Support Community Playschool** with your purchases at Ten Thousand Villages on December 3 from 5.30 until closing - a percentage goes to Playschool. That is the Newton Parade of Lights night! Our church is a sponsor of the Playschool.

**Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner:** Remington High school is hosting their annual Senior Citizen Christmas dinner this year on December 4 at 12:45 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board next to the pastor's study for more information.

**Western District Conference**, with offices in North Newton, KS, invites applications for the full-time position of **Conference Minister**. As primary administrative officer and head of staff, this person will provide leadership to the conference's mission, ministry and well-being. Experience in pastoral ministry and a Master of Divinity degree (or its equivalent) are required. More information is available on the WDC web site. Position begins June 15, 2010. Apply with letter of application and completed MLI to Tom Harder, search committee chair, at [tom.harder@lorraineavenue.org](mailto:tom.harder@lorraineavenue.org), no later than December 31, 2009.

## 2009 Harvest Thanks Offering

### Mennonite Church USA

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| Total Mission of Mennonite Church USA  | \$8,750.00 |
| Mennonite Mission Network (Missions)   | 7,650.00   |
| Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)       | 100.00     |
| Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary | 1,625.00   |

### Western District Conference

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| Total Mission of the WDC                | 3,755.00 |
| Camp MennoScah                          | 625.00   |
| Leadership Commission – Church planting | 525.00   |
| Peace & Social Concerns                 | 670.00   |
| Youth Ministry (WDC programs)           | 250.00   |

### Other Institutions

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| African Inter-Mennonite Mission    | 5,000.00 |
| Bethel College                     | 270.00   |
| Harvey County Homeless Shelter     | 500.00   |
| Hopi Mission School                | 100.00   |
| Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre   | 280.00   |
| Mennonite Central Committee        | 7,580.00 |
| MCC Asia Disaster (flood/refugees) | 200.00   |
| Offender Victim Ministries         | 1,805.00 |
| Prairie View                       | 5.00     |
| Wheat State Manor                  | 1,025.00 |

### Local Church Support

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| Local Church Missions (undesignated) | 59,480.09 |
| Care Fund                            | 590.00    |
| Cemetery Upkeep                      | 100.00    |
| Mid-Kansas Relief Sale               | 870.00    |
| Mission and Service Inquiry Fund     | 100.00    |
| Music                                | 200.00    |
| Relief Canning                       | 2,470.00  |
| Ronda Schmidt Mission                | 600.00    |
| Scholarship Fund                     | 2,750.00  |

### Grand Total

**\$107,875.09**

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| 2008 Harvest Thanks Offering | \$81,693.37 |
| 2007 Harvest Thank Offering  | 81,542.53   |
| 2006 Harvest Thanks Offering | 62,420.69   |