

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 16, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

REMEMBER WHOSE YOU ARE: Becoming as Christ until He Returns

Gathering Music	Tara Harms-Becker
Welcome and Announcements	Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship	
*Call to Worship	Hymnal 6
<i>Here in this place</i>	
*Psalm 95: 1-7	
*Hymn	Hymnal 154
<i>This is my Father's world</i>	
Confession and Forgiveness	
I Corinthians 11:26-29	
Prayer	
Silence	
I Peter 2: 4-6	
Affirming Our Faith	Hymnal 411
<i>I bind my heart this tide</i>	
Offering	
Children's Story	
<i>Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care</i>	
Scripture Lesson	Rachelle Claassen
Philippians 2:1-11	
Sermon	
<i>Losing Your Mind</i>	
Coming to Communion	Hymnal 307
<i>Will you let me be your servant</i>	
Service of Communion	
Sharing and Prayer	
*Sending Hymn	Sing the Journey 54
<i>Longing for light</i>	
*Benediction	
Postlude	

Worship is a drama in which the people are the actors, the worship leaders are the prompters, and God is the audience. Soren Kierkegaard

This morning's offering is designated for Local Church Missions.

*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 class will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!

For Sharing and Prayer

I wish to say a grateful thank you to all of you, my church family and friends. The phone calls, cards and prayers were such a great encouragement and help to me. May God bless you all.

Gladys Reimer

Thanks to all the people that brought food for the Harvest Thanks dinner. The salads and pies were fabulous. A big thank you to the youth who helped serve tea and coffee and cleaned the plates. We don't want to forget to thank the ones that helped clean the fellowship hall and the dish washer. The dinner only happened because of all your help. A big Thank You to all of you. – Social Council

Also, a big THANK YOU to the Social Council for their work in preparing the meal – it was delicious!

Please join us in celebrating the marriage of Caleb and Berk-Leigh Regehr at an open house on Sunday November 30 from 2-5 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Curt and Tammy Regehr

Western District Conference: Pray for Dwight Regier, WDC Youth Ministry Network Leader, as he leads the Discipleship Now Retreat this weekend at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for two recent events that fostered dialogue and nurtured unity among Israeli Christian Arabs and Messianic Jews. Pray for the Mennonite Mission Network personnel who have ministered long-term in the Middle East breaking down barriers that divide people.

Church Family News

. . . **Jackie Moore** participated in the Gobbler Grind half-marathon in Overland Park this past weekend . . . **Ed Harms, John Klaassen,** and **Terry Klassen** spent time on the church roof last week making repairs. .
. **Valerie Klaassen** organized the worship service for Harvest Thanks Sunday . . .

Got something for Church Family News? Please let Debbie or Randy know. We can't print what we don't have.

Worship is our highest value and priority - the most important thing the church does. This Sunday as we conclude the worship series, *Remember Whose You Are*, we move from praising God, to bringing before God, to hearing God's word, to responding the God's word to become as Christ until he returns. This is the dramatic flow of worship.

Adult Sunday school for the next two Sundays will be for congregational conversation and sharing time as we name some of the key values other than worship that form the identity and personality of Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!

This will be our last meal for the fall.

Menu this week: Lasagna

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

Wednesday

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Randy

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Transition Team will meet Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., following the meal and program.

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

Next Sunday The annual "Hanging of the Greens" will take place Sunday, November 23 after a soup/ salad/ and dessert luncheon. The Education Council is encouraging your specific participation in this Advent preparation event after being invigorated by the delicious nourishment provided by the Grace Hill church family. The theme for us this year is "A Child of Hope and Joy". A special "Thank You" to Lisa Schmidt for coordinating this event for this special time of year.

There is a "Soups Du jour" signup sheet in the church lobby which may range from Bear/Barley to Minestrone or to your own unique preferences. You may also bring salads and desserts at will and we know you will.

November 30 - Worship Council is planning a Christmas carol sing-along during the Sunday school hour on November 30, the first Sunday in Advent. We'll intersperse singing with some vocal and instrumental solos and groups.

2014 Harvest Thanks Offering

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Total Mission of Mennonite Church USA	5,100.00
MC USA Executive Board	250.00
Mennonite Mission Network (Missions)	8,805.00
Mennonite World Conference	25.00
Mennonite Colleges & Seminaries	
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	1,550.00
Bethel College	200.00
Union Biblical Seminary, India	3,000.00
AIMM	5,000.00

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Total Mission of the WDC	5,425.00
Home Missions (WDC church plants)	1,925.00
Education (WDC)	200.00
Youth Ministry (WDC programs)	400.00

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Camp Mennoscah	2,500.00
Casa Betania	2,450.00
Harvey County Homeless Shelter	5,175.00
Mennonite Central Committee	9,850.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	200.00
Offender Victim Ministries	275.00
Wheat State Manor	550.00

LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT

Local Church Missions	65,439.19
Bible School/Education	93.81
Care Fund	1,390.00
Library	100.00
Local Food Bank	200.00
Mennonite Men	100.00
Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale	2,915.00
Mission Partners: Wes/Deb Bergen	1,560.00
Mission Partners: undesignated	200.00
Relief Canning	5,900.00
Mission and Service Inquiry Fund	15.00
Memorials: Marie Wiebe Scholarship	2,000.00
Music Fund	100.00
North-side Development	1,005.00
Scholarship Fund	3,800.00
South Cemetery Project	200.00
Rhonda Schmidt	500.00

TOTAL RECEIVED (and pledged) **\$ 138,398.00**

2013 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$127,247.39
2012 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$152,828.23
2011 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$119,786.04

Et Cetera

IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista) Benefit Dinner: The annual Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education (HPLÉ) program benefit dinner will be held Friday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Mennonite Church of Newton fellowship hall. Join us to enjoy a Smothered Pork Burrito dinner by Chef Carlos Lujano, to hear the testimonies of two IBA students and to learn more about the program. You will also have an opportunity to participate in a free will offering to support the program financially. For more information contact Violeta at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

The Newton Community Chorale will present its annual concert on Friday, November 21 at 7 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. Directed by Ron Garber, the concert's theme is an American Repertoire featuring sacred, folk music, and spirituals by a variety of American composers. Admission is free with an offering taken to help support the chorale concert.

Newton Et Cetera Shop has a job opening for a Saturday clothing sorter. Key qualifications: available 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday, good with people, detail-oriented, able to lift heavy items, dependable, values in line with Mennonite Central Committee. Additional hours may become available. To apply, call 283-9461 or find an application online at newtonetceterashop.com.

Throughout November and December the Salvation Army and the Newton Ministerial Alliance are working together to sponsor the annual **Harvest of Love Campaign** in Harvey County. Our purpose is to gather nonperishable food items and monetary donations to help respond to the growing needs of individuals and families in Harvey County. Food donations will be distributed through the Salvation Army social service office. Our goals for this year's campaign are to gather more than 30,000 pounds of nonperishable food and more than \$30,000, to be used as assistance funds for households in need. All food donations can be delivered to The Salvation Army office which is located at 208 W. 6th, Newton. Checks should be payable to Harvest of Love.

Consider giving a Scripture Doodle book to your friends and family for Christmas. This collection of 20 black and white patterns created for coloring, meditation, memorization was created by Joanna Pinkerton, for Year of the Bible. A wonderful companion for retreats, trips, devotions. Pair it with a brand new set of colored pencils! They are \$10 each or \$12 to ship and may be ordered from mbogard@mennowdc.org See samples at yearofthebiblenetwork.org.

Menno Snapshots blog. Did you know that Mennonite Church USA has a blog and video roll that features stories from across the church? Come be inspired, challenged and subscribe to join the conversation at www.MennoniteUSA.org.

Announcements

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: Theresa Toews and Sara Harms
Nursery Next Sunday: Catina Wiebe and Jane Washburn
Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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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