

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 18, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Katie Regier

Musicians: Sara Unruh, David Janzen, Pastor Peter

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

One: Let all who are hungry come

Many: Let us eat of the Bread of Life.

One: Let all who are weary come

Many: Let us find rest in the God of our Salvation.

One: Let all who are laden with pain, sorrow, and heavy burdens come

Many: Let us lay down our burdens before the One whose yoke is easy and burden is light.

One: Come! Let us seek rest at the abundant table of the Lord who provides for us!

Many: We will come; we will taste and see that the Lord is good!

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 4

You've got a place verses 1, 3 & 4

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

Listening

Worship Music *I'll Fly Away*

Carine Claassen, Tara Harms-Becker, Pastor Katherine

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

Gospel Reading John 6: 35-40

Kyle Regier

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 19: 1-16

Pastor Peter

Sermon *Get up and eat*

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 493** *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Get up and Eat: Receive the Bread of life

All are invited to come forward and receive a piece of bread symbolizing God's presence with us amidst even our anxieties, busyness, sorrow and heavy burdens.

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

* **Sending Song No. 472** *I am the Bread of life* verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

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

A special thanks to all who brought salads and pies for the Harvest Thanks meal last Sunday, to those who helped with cleanup, and to all who assisted the Social Council in any way. It was so appreciated.

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

Pastors Peter and Katherine will be in Indiana this week celebrating Thanksgiving with family. If you need pastoral care, please contact a member of Spiritual Council. In the event of an emergency, pastors may be reached by cell phone. Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving!

Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for many fruitful mid-week outreach ministries in our WDC churches.

Mennonite Mission Network: Ray Epp, a MMN associate, wrote *The Politics of Food* dealing with care for the land and providing healthy food. Pray that those who hunger for truth may be given new hope through Ray's thesis and through his ministry with his wife, Akiko Aratani, at Menno Village in Japan.

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 Kristen Toews

Nursery Next Sunday: Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Church Events

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

Wednesday No Wednesday programming.

Next Sunday 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.

Wednesday, November 28 College Care Packages: On Wednesday, November 28, the Youth Group will be assembling care packages for our college students. If you would like to contribute food or goodies for these care packages, please speak with Pastor Katherine. Thank you!

December 2: On the 1st Sunday of Advent, the Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College will be providing worship music for us and a HC Pastoral Ministries student will be providing the message. Everyone is invited to stay for the carry-in meal on this Sunday to welcome those from Hesston College who will be worshipping with us.

December 2 at 11:30 a.m. All church carry-in meal.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Nov. 25: Commitment forms for the MCUSA Convention are due NEXT SUNDAY

Nov. 28: Assembling College Care Packages

Dec. 5: Angel Tree Shopping

Dec. 9: Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dec. 12: Caroling at Kidron Bethel

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen Office

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum at Kauffman Museum (3:30 p.m., museum auditorium) in connection with the current special exhibit, "Threshing Stone: Mennonite Artifact and Icon": November 25 – David Vail, Kansas State University: "Of Fire and Steel: A Historical Sketch of 19th-Century Kansas Agriculture".

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.

Nativities Around the World – Saturday, December 1, Fine Arts Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., sponsored by the Bethel College Women's Association as part of "5 Places of Christmas." BCWA will display 50 or more nativities, antique to modern, from all over the world. Admission is free. "5 Places of Christmas" also include Kauffman Museum on campus and in Newton, Warkentin House (211 East First Street), Carriage Factory Gallery (128 East Sixth Street) and the Harvey County Historical Museum (203 North Main Street).

An organ recital honoring the late Alice Loewen Kreider – Saturday, December 1, 4 p.m., with Rosanne Penner Kaufman, organist, starting in the Administration Building chapel and moving to the Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen organ in the Kauffman Museum auditorium.

Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide, a documentary produced by Mennonite Media (now MennoMedia), is being rebroadcast on ABC-TV from November 18 to January 20, 2013 at the discretion of local stations. The program includes families talking about the devastating impact of suicide on a family, experts on mental illness, and various theological perspectives about suicide. A number of Mennonites are included throughout the documentary and it is hosted by folk singer Judy Collins. More information on the DVD and book is at www.FierceGoodbye.com. A list of stations airing the program and a video trailer can be found at www.interfaithbroadcasting.com.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is looking to fill a full-time general manager position. Available immediately with some evening and weekend responsibilities. Qualifications include, but are not limited to: general administration management, promotion of the store, and ability to manage a large volunteer team. Good knowledge of retail business is helpful. Application deadline: December 10, 2012. For job description and application contact marleneb@hesston.edu.

The following books have been added/donated to the Grace Hill Library:

Amish Fiction Novels:

"The Bridesmaid" by Beverly Lewis
 "The Search" and "Found" (Secrets of Crittenden County Series Books 2 & 3) by Shelley Shepard Gray
 "The Disappearance" (Sadie's Montana Series Book 3) by Linda Byler

"The Discovery" by Dan Walsh: A suspenseful love story with family secrets, spies, and sabotage

Christmas Story Collections:

"Christmas Homecoming"
 "A Quaker Christmas"
 "Lone Star Christmas"
 "A Christmas Snow"

Non-Fiction:

"The Purpose Driven Life" and "The Purpose Driven Church" by Rick Warren

Junior Fiction:

"Big Bad Beans" by Beverly Lewis

Biographies:

"Alaska Bush Pilot Doctor: The Story of Elmer Gaede, M.D." by Naomi Gaede-Penner. Humorous and exciting stories about the rigors of life as a bush pilot doctor.

"From Emporia: The Story of William Allen White" by Beverley Olson Buller (Newton author)

"A Prairie Peter Pan: The Story of Mary White" by Beverley Olson Buller

Two notebooks: Genealogical History of Members and Current Attendees of Grace Hill Mennonite Church compiled by Doreen Harms. There is also a flash drive for electronic access to this information. These are reference books and are not to be removed from the library.

2012 Harvest Thanks Offering

(as of 11-15-12)

Mennonite Church USA

Total Mission of Mennonite Church USA	\$7,600.00
Mennonite Mission Network	4,450.00
Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)	400.00
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	900.00
Bethel College	250.00

Western District Conference

Total Mission of the WDC	8,850.00
Home Missions (WDC church plants)	200.00
Youth Ministry (WDC programs)	5.00

Other Institutions

AIMM	6,000.00
Camp Mennoscah	1,955.00
Casa Betania	2,000.00
Harvey County Health Ministries	1,000.00
Harvey County Homeless Shelter	3,360.00
Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre	110.00
Mennonite Central Committee	11,000.00
Offender Victim Ministries	405.00
Wheat State Manor	2,475.00

Local Church Support

Local Church Missions (undesignated)	77,368.23
Care Fund	1,450.00
Library	200.00
Mid-Kansas Relief Sale	2,450.00
Relief Canning	6,300.00
Scholarship Fund	4,655.00
Mission and Service Inquiry Fund	570.00
North-side Development	475.00
Other: AED-Defibrillator	200.00

Other

Ronda Schmidt Mission	600.00
Union Biblical Seminary, India	7,600.00

Grand Total **\$152,828.23**

2011 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$119,786.04
2010 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$113,680.09
2009 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$107,875.09