

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 21, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Dodson

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Gathering in God's Presence

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** taken from Psalm 22

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 315** *This is a story full of love*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God's Word

* **Hymn No. 411** *I bind my heart this tide*

Reader's Theater

Donna Balzer, Lon Hiebert, David Janzen

Special Music *How shallow former shadows seem* Quartet

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

Gospel Reading Mark 15:21-41 Rachelle Claassen

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 259** *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Hymn No. 105** *Christ we do all adore thee*

* **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

Western District Conference: Pray for Pastors John and Marcia Yoder Schrock as they bid farewell to West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for safety, perseverance and wisdom for many MMN personnel serving in areas of the world where being a Christian is illegal or cause for persecution.

This January, Pastors Peter and Katherine will be traveling to Jerusalem with a group from Tabor College and Bethel College (led by Doug Miller and Patricia Shelly) as part of their seminary education. They will be gone from January 3 until January 23. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you!

Next Sunday we will celebrate Communion together. Communion is a way of giving thanks to God for all of the wonderful ways that God has provided for us. Communion is a remembrance of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Communion is a way to build up the body of Christ, the church. You are invited to prepare yourselves and to see to it that you are in right relationship with your neighbor before we partake of this feast of love next Sunday.

Announcements

Church Pictorial Directory!!! We are about to begin photography for our new church directory, and we need YOU to make it complete. There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after photography. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Sign-up dates will be Nov. 21, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. A price sheet will be available at the time of sign-up. Picture dates are December 7, 17 & 18. We look forward to seeing you in the directory!

College Care Packages: On Wednesday, December 8, the Youth Group will be assembling care packages for our college students. If you would be interested in providing goodies for this, please see Pastor Katherine. 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: Theresa Toews and Ashley Toews
Nursery Next Sunday: Barbara Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter
Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms
Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

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

Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor – Explorer’s Sunday School class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

This evening at 7:30 p.m. College-age Bible Study at the home of Pastors Peter and Katherine.

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

Wednesday, November 24 No Wednesday night programming.

Next Sunday, November 28 at 4:00 p.m. Grace Hill will host a Community Christmas Sing Along featuring “Five Times Harder”. Tom and Lois Harder and their daughters will lead the Advent Hymn Sing. A chili supper and fellowship hour will follow the program. Free will offering for the chili supper. You are encouraged to invite friends and family to this event! You are also invited to come join us in making peppernuts in the church kitchen during the Sunday afternoon before the event.

College-Age Meal: On December 5, we will be hosting a meal for all college-age young adults. If you would be interested in providing food for this, please speak with Marianne Eichelberger. Thank you!

For all college-age young adults, you are all warmly invited and encouraged to invite friends as well! Please let Pastor Katherine know if you are planning to attend and whether you will be bringing others so that we have enough food. Thank you!

2010 Harvest Thanks Offering

Mennonite Church USA

Total Mission of Mennonite Church USA	\$5,475.00
Mennonite Mission Network	13,400.00
Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)	50.00
Mennonite Publishing Network	125.00
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary	1,225.00
Bethel College	100.00
Hesston College	210.00

Western District Conference

Total Mission of the WDC	4,275.00
Home Missions (WDC church plants)	550.00
Youth Ministry (WDC programs)	50.00
Retreat Commission - Camp Mennoscah	1,500.00

Other Institutions

Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre	535.00
Mennonite Central Committee	9,300.00
MCC (Haiti)	300.00
Offender Victim Ministries	950.00
Wheat State Manor	2,535.00
Ronda Schmidt Mission	100.00

Local Church Support

Local Church Missions (undesignated)	56,270.09
Care Fund	870.00
Mid-Kansas Relief Sale	425.00
Relief Canning	3,335.00
Scholarship Fund	3,500.00
Mission and Service Inquiry Fund	10.00
North-side Development	2,910.00
Support for Comunidad de Esperanza (Dallas, TX)	1,080.00
Harvey County Homeless Shelter	1,000.00
Kansas Food Bank	500.00
Cemetery Upkeep	100.00
Memorials: Marie Wiebe Scholarship Endowment	3,000.00

Grand Total **\$113,680.09**

2009 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$107,875.09
2008 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$81,693.37
2007 Harvest Thank Offering	81,542.53

Et Cetera

Palmyra Baptist Church is celebrating 135 years on November 21 at 2:00 p.m. Special program followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The annual community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the owner churches will be held on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Wheat State Manor. Emmaus Mennonite Church will be in charge of the service. Let us come together as a community to express our thankfulness and enjoy the time together.

Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market will be held Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Menno Hall, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Residents and employees will offer for sale their handmade arts and crafts creations and food gifts.

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary—Great Plains students, faculty, and other interested people are invited to a forum on family systems theory on Monday, December 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Great Plains classroom, 2505 Main Street, North Newton. Keith Harder, core adjunct faculty in church and ministry, will present the application of Bowen Family Systems Theory to self, family, church, and society. A discussion time will follow. A short worship service, led by students from the Anabaptist History and Theology class will precede the family systems presentation.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter, Inc. extends to you an invitation to attend our most prestigious event of the year. Our 5th Annual Christmas Dinner Theatre promises to be as great a success as it has been in the years past. A festive atmosphere and the company of friends and family adds to the delight of the unspeakably scrumptious meal provided by a team of local culinary artists. The expertise of the Newton Community Theatre caps off the evening with “The Quilt Maker’s Gift,” a musical of whimsical and thought provoking entertainment. Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10 – doors open at 6:00 p.m., meal served at 6:30 p.m., theatrical performance to follow at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 South Main, Hesston. Cost per seat \$20, cost per table sponsor \$300 (includes table for eight and company recognition at the event), cost per event sponsor \$500 (includes table for eight and company recognition in all publications). For more information or to make a reservation contact Darla or Christa at Regier Construction 316-283-3729 or event@hchs-ks.com.

New donation hours at Newton Et Cetera Shop We are temporarily shifting our donation receiving hours to better accommodate the community's increased giving this season. Temporary donation hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We think we can continue to process donations quickly and not turn anyone away with this new schedule. Donors wishing to drop items off during business hours on Mondays or Tuesdays should call the store to see if special arrangements are possible. As always, a big thanks to all our donors! You make our mission in the community and our giving to Mennonite Central Committee possible.

Deepen your faith – learn new skills with seminary classes in central Kansas this winter. In January: *Christian Formation in the Congregation*. February through May: *Epistle to the Romans, Thinking Ethically, Foundations of Worship and Preaching*. Check out these and other courses, for credit or audit, at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension, North Newton, at www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains. Register for January classes by Dec. 13; for spring semester classes by Jan. 4. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plains, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone 316-283-7098; email: lbarrett@ambs.edu.

For Christmas giving: A new Mennonite Hour Men’s Quartet CD, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God.” This new collection traces the musical journey of Mennonite Hour men’s quartets from 1950-1967 with intriguing liner notes and vintage photos. \$12.95. Three or more CDs at discounted prices. Produced by Third Way Media (formerly Mennonite Media). To order call 800-999-3534 or see complete selection online at www.Store.ThirdWayMedia.org.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors’ Office Hours:

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

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