

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 22, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Jana Harms

Worship Leader: Caleb Regehr

Thanksgiving Sunday

Thanking God for the gifts God has given to us

Gathering, Praise and Thanksgiving

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** Hymn No. 821 Psalm 100

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 94** *Come, ye thankful people, come!*

Offering Western District Conference

Special Music *Blessed be your name* Praise Team

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading Psalm 93 Melinda Regehr

* **Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 86** *Now thank we all our God*

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

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-27 Melinda Regehr

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 96** *We plow the fields and scatter*
Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 98** *Sing to the Lord of harvest*

* **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.

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

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to those who provided cakes and bar cookies for the MDS meals on November 13 and 14 here at the church. It was greatly appreciated.
The Social Council

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC conference minister search committee as they begin their ministry of calling a new leader for our area conference.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, participants are concluding the first Korean Mennonite leaders' consultation in Pasadena, California. May God guide these church leaders as they return to their congregations in the United States and in South Korea to share what they learned.

Today you received spiritual gifts discernment forms in your boxes. We invite you to prayerfully complete these forms and return them with the offering next Sunday, November 29. If you are unable to return them at this time, please return them to the pastors' box. We give thanks for the many gifts with which the Spirit has blessed our congregation!

Church Events

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Grace Hill Thanksgiving Service. This will be a Prayer and Praise service starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be a canned goods offering.

Next Sunday First Sunday of Advent and Communion

Next Sunday 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!

high school youth group

Angel Tree Shopping: On Wednesday, December 2, we will be shopping for this year's Angel Tree following the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal. Please bring \$10 a person.

Christmas Party: Following the Caroling with Spiritual Council on Sunday, December 6 (starting at 1:30), we will have our annual Christmas Party at Katherine and Peter's house from 6-9. Please bring a White Elephant Gift (\$5 or less) for a White Elephant Gift exchange.

Wheat State Manor is putting together their annual Community Thanksgiving Service. As an owner congregation, we are asked to provide a musical number. This can be vocal, instrumental, solo, or ensemble. If you have any ideas, please see Pastor Peter.

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. Thank you!

Poinsettias for the Youth Group Fundraiser can be picked up on Sunday, December 6 after the worship service. Thank you for your support!

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 Emily Toews
Nursery Next Sunday: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen
Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter
Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn
Special Music Next Sunday: Todd Shults

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,570.00
Offering Next Sunday: Harvey County Homeless Shelter

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

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@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 this afternoon 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 annual Wheat State Manor Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Wheat State Manor. This year's service will be coordinated by the Swiss Church and Pastor Dale Janzen.

Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market will be Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Menno Hall, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Residents will offer for sale their original arts and crafts creations and food gifts.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter presents the Fourth Annual Christmas Dinner Theatre on December 10, 11 and 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st, Newton. Individual tickets are \$15, \$250 per table sponsor or \$500 per event sponsor. For more information or reservations contact Darla or Christa at Regier Construction 316-283-3729 or event@hchs-ks.com. More information is on the bulletin board.

Seminary courses can fit your schedule – weekends, evenings, or online. In January: The Church's Witness in the World. February through May: Theology and Ethics of the Gospels, Family Systems and Pastoral Care; The Arts in Worship; Understanding the Church's Contexts. Check out these and other courses, for credit or audit, at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension, North Newton, KS, at www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains. Register for January classes by December 15; for spring semester classes by January 12. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS – Great Plains, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone 316-283-7098, email: lbarrett@ambs.edu.

Hymn Sing For Christmas - Mark your calendars now for a special musical evening on Saturday, December 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church led by Dr. William Eash. This is a fundraiser with proceeds divided 50% for Western District Conference Vision 2012 and 50% for Bethel College. Let's sing together!

The following books, two purchased and eight donated have been entered in the library. Enjoy these and many others in our library.

The Fugitive - Menno Simons by Myron Augsberger 2008. Historical novel of Menno Simons who moves from being a Catholic priest to being a husband, father, and a leader of the "Mennists" and always a fugitive.

Fields of Grace by Kim Vogel Sawyer 2009. A Mennonite family leaves Russia to settle in Kansas between Newton and McPherson. Depicts their sorrows, problems, and joys as they make this land theirs.

Daughters of Zion by Bodie & Broack Thoene 2006. After suffering horrors in a Nazi concentration camp, Rachel seeks to rebuild her life.

Why the River Runs Free by Bodie & Broak Thoene 1997. A village is in need of a miracle but will that be the answer?

Under the Northern Lights by Tracie Peterson 2006. A novel of the Alaskan Territory where the characters deal with betrayal, pain, trust, and forgiveness.

Doors to Lock and Doors to Open by Leland Harder 1993. He explains the process of discernment of the call to faith, of the church's ministry, and of Christian discipleship.

The Christmas Secret by Donna VanLiere 2009. Characters search for the true meaning of Christmas.

Sweet Boundless by Kristen Heitzmann 2001. This is #2 of the Diamond of the Rockies Series.

Honor's Reward by Kristen Heitzmann 2000. Another book of the Rocky Mountain Legacy series.

Cape Light by Thomas Kinkade/Katherine Spencer 2002. Lights play an important role in the book.