

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 23, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

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!**

## THANKFULNESS

Gathering Music	Ellen Mosiman
Welcome and Announcements	Randy Smith
Prelude to Worship	
*Call to Worship	Hymnal 94
<i>Come, ye thankful people</i>	
*Psalm 100	
*Hymn	Hymnal 89
<i>For the beauty of the earth</i>	
Prayer	
(Paul's prayer for the church from Ephesians 1:15-21)	
Affirming Our Faith	Hymnal 96
<i>We plow the fields and scatter</i>	
Worship Music	Carine Claassen and Tara Harms-Becker
<i>Thankful</i>	
Offering	
Children's Story	Rob Schunn
<i>Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care</i>	
Scripture Lesson	Samantha Claassen
Philippians 4:4-9	
Sermon	
<i>Cultivating Thankfulness</i>	
<i>God, whose giving</i>	Hymnal 383
Sharing and Prayer	
*Sending Hymn	Hymnal 327
<i>Great is thy faithfulness</i>	
*Benediction	
Postlude	

This morning's offering is designated for Western District Conference.

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks to God for God's good provisions and for the strong financial giving for WDC ministries of pastoral support, congregational resourcing, and church planting.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Benin Bible Institute, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in West Africa, celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month. Praise God for the more than 1,000 church leaders BBI has trained for ministry, and pray for the resources necessary the school's continuation.

## Church Family News

. . . **Diana Schunn, Valerie Klaassen, Roberta Harms, and Virgil Penner** attended the meeting of the Western District Conference Reference Council last Saturday . . . **Homer Harms'** memorial service was Friday at Faith Mennonite Church, with the family gathering for an interment service in the Grace Hill cemetery tomorrow . . . **Doug and Janene Patterson** of Patterson Family Farms were honored on Wednesday as Sedgwick County Farm Family of the Year by Kiwanis Club of Wichita . . . **Valerie Klaassen** is in Chicago this weekend attending the Fabulous, Fierce, and Sacred Conference . . .

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

**Adult Sunday school this morning** will conclude our congregational conversation and sharing time for naming some of the key values other than worship that form the identity and personality of Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Come and be part of designing our "coats of arms."

## Church Events

**Today following Sunday School** The annual “Hanging of the Greens” will take place 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.

**Next Sunday during the Sunday School hour** Worship Council is planning a Christmas carol sing-a-long for the first Sunday in Advent. We’ll intersperse singing with some vocal and instrumental solos and groups.

**Next Sunday** Care packages for college students will be boxed following the Christmas carol sing-a-long. Please bring a non-perishable treat, gift card, or words of inspiration for our 23 college students. Please divide your treats into individual servings. Parents and grandparents, please bring your student’s address. We will need help putting these together and money for postage. Thanks for helping to bring smiles to tired faces during finals week!

**Next Sunday from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** 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

**Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service - Mariners S.S. class is in charge.

**December 5, 7 & 9** Grace Hill week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

## Et Cetera

**Ten Thousand Villages** will have a Festival Sale in the back of the Prairie Harvest store in Newton, with proceeds going to: Mennonite Central Committee. Dates of sale are: Friday, Nov. 28 (9 am - 6 pm); Saturday, Nov. 29 (9 am - 5 pm); Thursday, Dec. 4 (9 am - 8 pm); Friday, Dec. 5 (9 am - 6 pm); Saturday, Dec. 6 (9 am- 5 pm); Sunday, Dec. 7 (1 - 4 pm).

**Christmas Events at Bethel College - December 3** – Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, 11 a.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, with Bethel College soloists, conductors and instrumentalists; scores provided, and all are welcome. **December 5** – Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*. **December 6** – 5 Places of Christmas, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., *Luyken Fine Arts Center and Kauffman Museum* on the Bethel College campus. FAC: Bethel College Women's Association presents a variety of Christmas collections (Santas, angels, stars, books, villages, trees and other symbols of the season) from 25 local contributors. A candy and bake sale as well as a gift shop of BCWA memorabilia will be available. KM: indoor scavenger hunt with a chance to win an entire crèche; museum director Annette LeZotte speaking on "Nuns and Nativity Cradles" at 11 a.m. Free admission to all "5 Places." **December 7** – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria.

**The Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner** hosted by Remington High School will be Friday, December 5 at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Reservations are due by December 1 – please include name, address, and phone number with \$3.50 per person or call Lola Coats at 316-799-2123, ext. 103. Mail reservations to: Lola Coats, Remington High School, 8850 NW Meadowlark Rd., Whitewater, KS 67154.

**Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market** will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to noon in Menno Hall Chapel, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Artisan arts and crafts creations and food gifts, peppernuts, zwieback, wheat marquetry, woodturning, quilting, holiday décor and more!

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** will be April 17 & 18, 2015 – mark your calendars! Learn more at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) or like us on Facebook.

**Put your life where your faith is: Serve with Mennonite Central Committee.** Needed... peacemakers, teachers, engineers, administrators, agriculturalists, leaders, support staff, nutritionists, community workers and more... Find current opportunities at: [serve.mcc.org](http://serve.mcc.org).

**Remember how we asked you to help us support** the young girls at the Secure Unit at Youthville in Newton by supplying them with personal hygiene items back in October? Well you came through with flying colors! Thanks to your generosity we were able to collect and deliver over 740 personal hygiene products, plus socks, t-shirts, slippers and more! Thank you for helping MCC support the young girls (ages 10-17) at the Secure Unit! ~ *Mennonite Central Committee Central States staff*

**Help Support Offender/Victim Ministries!** Income from the use of Dillons cards to benefit OVM is down over 20% from last year. Please help support the ministries of OVM by using Dillons reloadable gift cards to make your purchases for groceries and prescriptions, and for fuel at the Kwik Shop. OVM receives 5% of each dollar that you spend. It doesn't sound like much, but last year they received over \$16,000 from people using the gift cards. To purchase a reloadable Dillons card to benefit OVM, contact Ed Harms (316-283-4314).

## Announcements

**Next Sunday's offering** will be for Harvest of Love and the local food banks. Also, you are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items during this holiday season to be donated to these organizations.

**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:** Catina Wiebe and Jane Washburn  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$2,618.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Harvest of Love & Local Food Banks

## CHURCH OFFICES

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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