

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

December 28, 2014

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Sharing and Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Hark, the herald angels sing

*Benediction

Postlude

Sing the Story 1

Hymnal 201

O that you would rend the heavens and come down. . .

Isaiah 64:1

Your Mystery Revealed Christmas Sunday

Gathering Music

Ellen Mosiman

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:10-11

I delight greatly in the Lord.

My soul rejoices in my God.

**God has clothed us with the garments of salvation,
and covered us with the robe of righteousness –**

As a groom adorns his head with garland;

As a bride adorns herself with jewels.

For as the earth brings forth shoots,

and a garden causes seeds to spring up,

**So the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise
spring up before the nations.**

*Caroling

Joy to the world

Hymnal 318

Away in a manger

Hymnal 194

God's Mystery Revealed

Isaiah 61:1-3

Kris Goossen

Prayer

Silence

Luke 2:22-38

Wiebe Family

Revealed to Simeon and Anna

Candle Lighting

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 191

Offering

Children's Story

Reflecting on Mystery

The Trouble with Normal

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

*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

Thank you to Doreen Harms for serving as our Financial Secretary for the past 12 years! We greatly appreciate the work she has done, her attention to details, and all of the time she has put into her job. Thank you, Doreen! Lisa Harms will be taking over the job of Financial Secretary.

Western District Conference: Thank God for each baptism and each new member that has joined the family of God in this past year. Pray for faithfulness and fruitfulness as these new disciples grow in Christ and join in God's mission of redeeming, reconciling and restoring our world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Kelly and Brian McPhail of Mennonite Mission Network serve in China as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for them as they seek to live out Christian values through English teaching in Beijing and through providing logistical support for MPC's relationships with other agencies.

Communion will be part of the worship service on January 4 to celebrate Epiphany and beginning the new year.

Come and be part of the combined Sunday school January 4 through February 1. Using Bible study, discussion, and table talk activities we will explore the gifting within Grace Hill and the Bible's guidance for how to organize for ministries and leadership around our gifting. This is the third section in the transition process and strong attendance is important to make this section effective.

Announcements

There is a “Transitional Process Update and Feedback Request” in the mailboxes today. Please complete the evaluation and return it to the box in the foyer by January 11.

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: Marge Harms and Quinn Dove

Nursery Next Sunday: Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Kidron Bethel Health Care Center \$1,030.00

Christmas Eve Offering: Community Playschool \$900.50

Harvey County Health Ministries \$900.50

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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