

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 2, 2011

Whitewater,

Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45

a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen  
Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Josh Patterson

Musicians: Tara Harms-Becker, Jana and Laura Harms

## ***Gathering and Praising***

### **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** Psalm 148

### **Gathering Prayer**

- \* **Gathering Hymn No. 344** *I will sing of my Redeemer*

### **Offering our Gifts** Mennonite Church USA

### ***Hearing God's Word***

### **Special Music** *Lift thine eyes*

Tara Harms-Becker, Jana and Laura Harms

### **Old Testament Reading** 1 Kings 17:8-16; 2 Kings 4:42-44

Casey Schunn

- \* **Hymn No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness*

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

### **Gospel Reading** Mark 6:30-44

Courtney Claassen

### **Sermon** *You give them something to eat* Peter

Pastor

## ***Responding to God***

- \* **Hymn of Response No. 589** *My Shepherd will supply my need*

## **Celebrating Holy Communion**

## **Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer**

## ***Sent by God***

- \* **Sending Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

## **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

Thank you to our college-age young adults for helping plan this service!  
Thank you for adding your many gifts to our worship!

Today we welcome John and Marcia Yoder-Schrock. John and Marcia will be our on-call pastors for emergency pastoral needs for the next three weeks. For any care concerns, please contact Merrill Harms, who will be coordinating pastoral care. Marcia will be preaching next Sunday. Welcome John and Marcia!

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the Mennonite Church USA "Hope for the Future" gathering for people of color on January 9-11. Pray for Gilberto Flores, Violeta Ajquejay, Eduardo Vargas and Alberto Parchmont who will be representing WDC.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Gretchen and Keith Kingsley of MMN are preparing to leave the Argentine Chaco in April, after living among indigenous people there for the past 13 years. Pray for them in this time of transition, and pray that God would call others to walk alongside Christian brothers and sisters in the Chaco.

## Church Events

**Tuesday 1:00-5:00 p.m.** Quilting at church.

**Wednesday 6:10 p.m.** All Church Meal ó everyone is invited!  
**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Childrens and Youth Programming  
**7:45 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir  
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Wednesday, Jan. 5 – Tuesday, Jan. 11** Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the schedule posted on the bulletin board to volunteer or help with meals.

**Next Sunday, January 9 at noon** All church carry-in dinner.

**Next Sunday, January 9 at 12:45 p.m.** Want to age gracefully? Brains need to be challenged, not by seeking the right answer, but by experiencing an environment that is rich with creative options. Can this happen in Sunday School? Find out on January 9, when WDC Minister of Christian Nurture Marlene Bogard leads the teacher training workshop: "What's the Buzz: Brain Friendly Ways to Form Christian Faith". Zion is also invited to attend.

**January 30 at 12:45 p.m.** Annual Business Meeting

## Announcements

**Reports for the church yearbook** – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 30. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

**Donated food items will go to the Whitewater Food Pantry this month.** Suggested items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, canned meals, boxed meals, soups, crackers, and other nonperishable items. Cash donations are accepted. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 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 Rita Patterson

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Marcia Yoder-Schrock

**Worship Leader Next Sunday:** Brian Hilgenfeld

**Christmas Eve Offering:** Community Playschool \$623.50  
Harvey Co. Health Ministries \$673.50

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$796.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### **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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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

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## Et Cetera

**The Bethel College Women's Association** is planning a Welcome to Education at Bethel College on January 15. All are welcome to attend this event which will include four presentations: *Contemplate the Lord's Prayer* with Brett Dewey, *Dig into Container Gardening* with Sharon Boese, *Explore Newton's Hispanic Culture* with Leticia Nielson, and *Experiment with "Green" Chemistry* with Gary Hestand. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Forensics students will perform during the opening. Each participant will be able to attend two of the four presentations. Registration forms are available at [www.bethelks.edu/bc/affiliateorganizations/bcwa](http://www.bethelks.edu/bc/affiliateorganizations/bcwa). or you may call Valerie Klaassen at 316-799-2641 for more information.

**The 2011 annual meeting of Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service** will be held January 16 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church, one and one-half miles south of Inman. Rosina Felipe from Grand Bayou, Louisiana will be the featured speaker. She will talk about the challenges of hurricanes and oil spills in the gulf area.

**Discover Purpose and Creativity for Worship Planning** and enjoy an evening of resourcing with Marlene Kropf, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary professor on Friday night, January 21 at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Using the upcoming season of Lent as a framework, the workshop will explore ways to plan worship with vision and imagination. Bring your entire team: pastors, musicians, artists, leaders. See [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) for registration forms. Sponsored by AMBS-Great Plains and Western District Conference Resource Commission.

**The Western District Music and Worship Task Force** is planning a Choral Festival and Service for Saturday, January 22 at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. The Festival clinician is Dr. Mark Suderman, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, at Bluffton University. Choral rehearsal will be from 2:00-5:00, followed by a meal at the church. Reservations for the meal are strongly encouraged; cost is \$5. The Festival Service will follow at 6:30 pm. For a list of repertoire and to make meal reservations, please contact the Western District office at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300. We offer this as an exciting opportunity for all who love to sing to join in a large choir experience.

**Fix-it Folks!** The application and job description for the Maintenance Coordinator position at Camp Mennoscah can be found at [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) We can't wait to hear from you!