

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 5, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leaders and Musicians: David Janzen and Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Kyle Regier

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 27** *God of the Bible* vs. 1, 2 & 5

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Celebrating Holy Communion

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 73** *The Lord lift you up*

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!**

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 1: 1-3

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song Sing the Story No. 116** *I saw a tree by the riverside*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Children's Story

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

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 29:11-14 Samantha Claassen

Sermon Samantha Claassen

* **Song of Response** *Thy Word*

Gospel Reading John 8: 1-11 Melinda Regehr

Sermon Melinda Regehr

* **Song of Response No. 398** *I love to tell the story*

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9 Katie Regier

Sermon Katie Regier

For Sharing and Prayer

Elva Unruh is recuperating at Kidron-Bethel after a back injury. During Elva's stay at Kidron-Bethel, she may be reached at 316-772-0734.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Leadership Commission as they interview two pastors for ordination on January 10 and for the WDC Executive Board as they have their annual planning retreat on January 11.

Mennonite Mission Network: Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barron of MMN build up the Bolivia Mennonite Church through serving in pastoral roles, leadership training, and Christian education ministries. Pray that God would inspire and strengthen them as they encourage the next generation of decision-makers in the church.

Church Events

Tuesday afternoon Quilting on the MCC quilt from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

7:00 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at the Breadbasket.

Next Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Grace Hill Night at the Movies – *The Book of Ruth* The story of Ruth, a young Moabite woman who returns to Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi. Through Ruth's courage and devotion would come Israel's greatest king, and the Savior. Starring Lana Wood, Dan Haggerty & Sherry Morris. 91 min. G.

January 26 at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting. The youth will serve a fundraiser meal before the meeting.

Announcements

Mariner's S.S. Class will meet today in our regular space for the winter and spring sessions. With the help of the DVD "From Jesus to Christ" we will study the first Christians and the early Church.

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: Jackie Moore and Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Jane Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Harvest of Love \$1,550.00

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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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

Today is the closing day of the special exhibit at Kauffman Museum, "Art That Worked: WPA Art in Newton, 1935-43." There will be a gallery walk beginning at 3:30 p.m. with informal remarks by John Thiesen of the Mennonite Library & Archives and Rachel Epp Buller of Bethel College's art department.

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service invites you to their annual meeting and program January 19 at 2:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. The program will feature the Partnership Home Project. Learn about the Partnership Home Project and how your church or churches in your community could get involved. Refreshments will follow the program.

How are congregations "conformed" to the culture and in what ways should they be "nonconformed"? How do Christians learn or shape new cultures? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension offers a three-hour credit (audit option) course, "Understanding the Church's Contexts" with Dr. Lois Barrett spring semester, Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning February 4, 2014. Register (online) by January 6 and receive a \$50 discount. Contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dnfriesen@ambs.edu or 316-283-7098 for information.

Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals will take place on February 23 and March 2. You are encouraged to participate by either hosting a meal or being invited to another's home or church. Church groups are also encouraged to host meals. For more details, see the flier in the foyer. Registration deadline is February 2.