

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 6, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Jana, Laura, Brett & Sara Harms, David Janzen

Worship Leader: Melinda Regehr

College Sunday: Gospel Stories and Parables

Gathering

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

One: From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

One: To heal the sick,
to mend the broken-hearted,
to calm the raging storm,
to find the lost,
to restore sight to the blind

All: Come, Lord Jesus

One: To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

One: Today, to this place, to us,

All: Come, Lord Jesus. AMEN

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 6** *Here in this place*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

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

Listening

Gospel Reading Luke 15

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Cody Claassen

* **Hymn of Response No. 139** *Far, far away from my loving father*
We will sing verses 1, 3, 4, & 5 followed by the refrain at the very end.

Gospel Reading John 9

Pastor Katherine

Sermon

Josh Toevs

* **Song of Response** *Open the eyes of my heart, Lord*

Gospel Reading Mark 4: 35-41

Tara Harms-Becker

Sermon *The Calm Before the Storm*

David Janzen

Responding

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 71** *Alleluia, the Great Storm is over*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational 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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge as they commission their new pastor, Brad Roth, today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Serbian Orthodox believers will celebrate Christmas tomorrow after fasting since the end of November. Lane Stopher serves with MMN and is learning about reducing materialism from new faith expressions. Pray for Lane's ministry with youth and at the War Trauma Center in Serbia.

Church Events

Tuesday afternoon Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Tuesday 1:30-5:00 p.m. Creativity Workshop at church.

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

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Youth Programming
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Sunday, January 20 at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting. The youth will serve a fund-raiser lunch at 11:30 a.m.

January 26-27 KNOW JESUS: The Grace Hill Junior Youth (6-8th grade) will be attending Know Jesus at Hesston College, January 26-27. If you are planning to attend, please let Pastor Katherine know by **Wednesday, January 9.** Thanks!

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 20. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

The Harvey County Food Pantry is in need of items throughout the year. 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 – 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 Amanda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Disaster Service \$1,588.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

The final Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program complementing Kauffman Museum's threshing stone exhibit will be January 6, with John Thiesen, Mennonite Library and Archives, speaking on "What's a Thresher? Bethel College's Symbolic History," 3:30 p.m., in the museum auditorium.

The Western District Ski Retreat for Adults and Families will be January 25-29 at Copper Mountain Ski Resort in Colorado. This trip leaves from North Newton, and the cost includes chartered sleeper bus, two nights lodging, ski rental, and lift tickets for three days of skiing. (Adults \$534, 17-13 yrs. olds \$518, and children 12 and under \$385). A limited number of spaces are also available for those who would rather drive on their own. For registration forms and/or additional information call the WDC office at (316) 283-6300.