

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 12, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Musicians: Ellen Mosiman and David Janzen

Responding to God's Story

- * **Song of Response No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

- * **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 49** *Rain down*

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

The rosebud this morning is for Case Douglas Westerfield, who was born to Sara and Tyler Westerfield on December 28. We rejoice with Sara, Tyler, and Landry and their extended family as they welcome this new and precious life into their midst.

Pastors Peter and Katherine will be in Elkhart this week taking an interterm class. They will plan to be home next Sunday. If you need pastoral care during this time, please feel free to contact a member of Spiritual Council: Carl Goossen, Judy Janzen, Russ Janzen, Rita Patterson, Alma Schmidt, and Jeff Toews. For emergencies, you may also contact the pastors on their cell phones or by email.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Church Planting Task Force and Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister, as they attend to new church opportunities and continue to support existing church plants.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN's Mike and Teresa Sherrill and their three children in Japan. Mike works as chaplain and associate professor of Christian Studies at a women's junior college. Teresa, co-pastor at West Tokyo Union Church, also ministers through hospitality and family ministries.

SOJOURN THROUGH SCRIPTURE: JACOB AND ESAU

Sojourn Virtue: Favor

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.

Instrumental Call to Worship *Just as I am* Samantha Claassen

Call to Worship Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Song Sing the Journey No. 19** *I will call upon the Lord*

Offering Our Gifts Local Church

Hearing God's Story

Children's Story Grant Claassen

Worship Music *He is exalted* Samantha Claassen

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

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32: 3-21 Kris Janzen

Sermon Pastor Peter

Church Events

Due to issues with sound quality on the DVD, we will not be showing *Book of Ruth* this evening. The next Year of the Bible movie will be *Jeremiah* on February 9. Hope to see you there!

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

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!

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

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Spiritual Council meets.

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Business Council meets.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

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

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 26. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

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: Tammy Regehr and Jane Washburn

Nursery Next Sunday: Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$945.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

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

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., includes a screening of the 77-minute documentary, *The Loving Story*, January 19, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, and a keynote address by Ewuare Osayande, Anti-Oppression ministry coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee U.S., January 20, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Was Paul really against sex? How can the Psalms speak to our world today? What is the story behind Paul's dense theological statements? These are but a few of the wonderful discussions set for the class Psalms and Epistles at Hesston College. Join us on Jan. 24-26 and Mar. 20-23 (includes Thursday evening). Call 620-327-8290 for more info, special rates and to register.

Year of the Bible Scholarships available for Hesston College class Reading the Bible in an Instagram World, which meets Feb. 21-23. Western District Conference is making available thirty \$30 "rebates" to anyone who attends this fantastic YOB resourcing event that will help make the Bible come alive through presentations, participation and reflection. Contact Nancy Funk to sign up for the rebate, which will be issued after the event. Visit hesston.edu/avds for registration materials.

Apply now for scholarships. If your family uses Everence Financial services, you may be eligible to apply for a college scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year. Everence wants to help you make full use of your God-given talents. Applications are due by Feb. 28. Learn more at Everence.com/scholarships.

Mennonite Central Committee Leadership Openings for 2014: In the coming year MCC has a number of Rep and Area Director positions to fill. These positions carry the primary administrative responsibility for MCC programs around the world and are central to the work of MCC. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving with MCC in this capacity please help spread the word! All job descriptions can be found at www.serve.mcc.org. Openings include: MCC Representatives in Democratic Republic of Congo, North East Asia (China, ROK, DPRK), and Egypt; and Area Directors for Southern Africa and Central West Africa. You may direct questions, inquiries or candidate suggestions to Susan Wenger, HR AA-International Leadership Placement, susanwenger@mcc.org, 717-859-1152, ext. 204.

Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go. Each year, through the MCC Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program, more than 50 young people from Canada and the U.S. serve alongside MCC partners around the world. Visit www.salt.mcc.org for more information.

Why settle for a job, when you can find your calling? Mennonite Voluntary Service invites you to join a faith community where you can begin your career with meaningful work. Apply today at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Featured Resource: Read through the New Testament in One Year Bible Study and Devotional by Cindy Beecher, Beatrice (Nebraska) Mennonite Church. This study is set up in seven-day sections. For five days you will: **Read** a portion of scripture. **Relate** a portion of scripture by answering questions. **Respond** to a portion of scripture by journaling or writing a prayer to God. **Remember** a portion of scripture by memorizing. Then for two days you will: **Reflect** on the lessons you have learned and the memory verse you have been memorizing that week. This pattern will continue for one year. This study is available at yearofthebiblenetwork.org - under Read It - Adult.

"Footsteps of Paul" Tour to Greece, Rome, Corinth, Thessalonica, Athens and more - May 4-16, 2014 hosted by Pastor Weldon Martens. Price guaranteed until February 1. Call Weldon at 402-202-9276, Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton, or www.travelwithweldon.com.