

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 13, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Sara Unruh, David Janzen

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

## Gospel Stories and Parables: A Service of Healing 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: Jesus comes and calls us by name, asking us to leave behind that which distracts us from following after him.

**Many: When Jesus calls, we cannot remain as we are.**

One: God forms us into a new people, working within our lives and all of creation to bring about God's kingdom on earth.

**Many: When God works within creation, we cannot remain as we are.**

One: God's Spirit moves within us, changing us, transforming us, making us more and more like Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

**Many: When God's Spirit moves within us, we cannot remain as we are.**

One: We gather together to worship the Living God, the Three-in-One, and whenever we gather together to worship, we expect that we will not remain as we were.

**All: When we gather together to worship God, we will not remain as we are.**

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

**Offering Our Gifts** Local Church Missions

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

### *Listening*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 9: 42-50

Camille Claassen

**Sermon** *I'm afraid this foot will have to go*

Pastor Peter

### *Responding*

\* **Song of Prayer No. 349** *Spirit of the living God*

### Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

### Service of Healing and Anointing

**Hymn No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

**Hymn No. 143** *Amazing grace!* verses 1-3, 5

### Blessing

\* **Sending Song No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

### 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 the Leadership Commission as they interview candidates for ordination on January 18.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Allison Schrag and Katie Penner, and for the Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship as they grieve the death of enthusiastic supporter Linda Hood. Pray also that Mennonites in New York City can comfort and extend hope to those suffering the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. MVS is a program of MMN.

## 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.

**Wednesday 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!  
**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  
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.** Business Council meets.

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

**Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m.** The youth group will serve a fund-raiser meal.

**Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m.** Annual Church Business Meeting. Minutes from the semi-annual meeting on September 23, 2012 will not be read at the meeting. The minutes will be emailed to the congregation this week or for those who don't have email, the minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please read the minutes ahead of time so corrections and/or approval can be made at the meeting.

**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 **today**. Thanks!

## Announcements

**Pastors Peter and Katherine** are planning to participate in a study sabbatical at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana February-May 2013. Weldon Martens will be serving as a half-time interim pastor during that time. Ben Kreider will be leading the youth on Wednesday nights.

**Mennonite Church USA Convention** will take place in Phoenix, Arizona, July 1-5, 2013. Grace Hill can appoint three delegates. If anyone is interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Kim Claassen.

**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!

**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 Amanda Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,314.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

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## Et Cetera

**Bethel College/Newton community Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration** features several special events: **Sunday, Jan. 20** (with Newton Anti-Racism Group) – free showing of the documentary Anne Braden: Southern Patriot, 7 p.m., Newton High School auditorium, with discussion following; **Monday, Jan. 21** (with Harvey County Community Partnership/Diversity Task Force and KIPCOR) – “Remember the Dream,” with keynote speaker Rosemary Harris Lytle, president of the NAACP for Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, as well as winners of poetry, art and essay contests and student musical performances, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, free, with a freewill offering taken for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter; **Tuesday, Jan. 22** – free seminar with Rosemary Harris Lytle, “Uncovering the New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the U.S.,” 1-2 p.m., James A. Will Family Academic Center Room #216.

**Saturday, January 26 – 16th annual Celebrate Kansas Day! at Kauffman Museum**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., with the theme “Kansas Symbols”; free activities include make-it-and-take-it crafts for children, presentations, demonstrations, popcorn popped over an open fire, horse-drawn wagon rides, bake sale, flea market and silent auction.

**Sign up now for Pre-School Story-Time at the WDC Resource Library.** The fun begins again on Wed. February 6, 10 a.m. Pat Schmidt provides a wonderful time of introducing children, ages 3-5 to quality children's literature. Call 316-283-6300 to sign up.

**The Western District Music and Worship Task Force** invite all women to join in *Singing Heaven's Song*, a festival of choral music for women's voices, on March 3 at First Mennonite Church, Newton. For more information see the poster and registration form on the bulletin board.

**Now is a great time to consider joining the "Footsteps of Paul" tour to Greece and Rome**, May 20 - June 3, 2013. After seeing the missionary sites of Paul in this 15 day tour you will read Acts and his New Testament letters with new knowledge and understanding. From the astonishing ruins of ancient Ephesus, to the stately acropolis in Athens, to the eternal city of Rome this is a tour of a lifetime. The weather will be great and the sites inspiring. Seats remain but register soon. Price: \$5,139 from Wichita. For tour information call Weldon Martens at 402-202-9276 or go to - <http://www.mtstravel.com/tours/toursP01.html>.