

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 17, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Gathering and Praising

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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** Revelation 21:1-6a

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 640** *This is a day of new beginnings*

Offering Mennonite Relief Sale

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 5:2-12

Valerie Klaassen

* **Hymn No. 142** *Brothers and sisters of mine*

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Valerie Klaassen

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Responding

* **Hymn of Response No. 367** *For the healing of the nations*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 418** *Move in our midst*

* **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

In the hospital: Donna Klaassen, Newton Medical Center

Western District Conference: Pray for the meeting of the WDC Texas pastors in Dallas on January 23.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that radio listeners and Web site visitors who find Third Way Media's *Shaping Families* program may find insight for the challenges they face in their own lives.

Church Events

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

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming

7:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study

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

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. The Business Council will have a meeting in the library to begin developing a landscape plan for the yard north of the sanctuary. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

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

Friday - Sunday Junior High Snow Camp

February 7 at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 31. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thanks!

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: Ashley Enns and Brittany Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Kristen Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,625.05

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

The 2010 annual meeting of Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. Jeff Blackburn, pastor of Greensburg Mennonite Church will be the featured speaker. He will talk about the challenges of recovering from disaster: personally, for the church and for the community. Everyone interested in MDS is invited to come.

The First Mennonite Church, Halstead will host a Verenike Supper on January 30 from 5 – 7 p.m. Menu includes verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, pie and cherry moos. Cost by donation. Proceeds will go to the High School Youth Group's annual service trip. The church is located at 427 W. 4th, Halstead.

The Relief Sale Fellowship Meals will be on Sunday, February 28, and Sunday, March 7. Please pick up a form, fill it out, and return to your contact persons, Barbara and DuMont Schmidt or Doug and Penny Hiebert no later than January 31. If you cannot get it to them by that time, please mail it to Marvin and Marjorie Stucky. Their address is on the brochure. The adult meals are \$15 each and children (6-12) are \$6. Children under 6 are free. Checks should be made payable to: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and handed in or sent in with the form. Gift certificates are available. Thank you!

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee would like to alert the congregation that hearings on a bill to abolish the death penalty is coming up in the State Senate Judiciary Committee this month, probably around January 19-22. This bill is similar to the one introduced last year by Senator McGinn (District 31, Newton area). It is not clear when it might come up in the full Senate. We need to write our Senators to urge abolishing the death penalty, particularly since WDC has a formal statement on the matter. This statement is being posted on the Peace and Social Concerns bulletin board. Your letters or phone calls will make a difference! If you do not know the names of your state senator and representative, you can easily find them by Googling Kansas State Legislators, and going to the IPSR website.

What do you think? Does the Western District Conference website make sense to you? Please take two minutes and do the on-line survey so we can make it better. Go to: www.mennowdc.org.

Dynamic and energetic and FUN! Summer staff recruiting at Camp Mennoscah has begun. Applications and information are available at www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org. Application deadline is February 24, 2010.

Save your Best Choice labels! Camp Mennoscah is collecting Best Choice brand UPC labels. Although there are not many stores that carry Best Choice products, for every 1000 we collect, we'll get \$30. It sounds like peanuts, but think of the Mennonite Central Committee's Penny Power—every penny counts! Labels can be sent to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock KS 67111 or taken to the Western District Conference offices. For more information about this program, see: <http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html>

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti late Tuesday afternoon. MCC committed \$100,000 for immediate needs and anticipates a response of at least \$1 million over multiple years. MCC is planning its response which will include short-term relief plus recovery efforts over the medium and long term. Donations to MCC's response in Haiti are welcome and can be made online at www.mcc.org, or by sending a check, designated Haiti Earthquake, to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or call 316-283-2720.