

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 20, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

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: As we come to this hour of worship,
may we lay aside the things which distract us:
worries that lay heavily upon our hearts,
fear of failure and of loss,
thoughts of tasks that are unfinished,
the expectations the world places upon us,
the expectations we place upon ourselves.

*All: May we simply come and sit before God,
to listen with open ears and worship with undivided hearts.*

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 16** *God is here among us*

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Listening

Worship Music *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. Ferreira Samantha Claassen

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

Gospel Reading Luke 10: 38-42

Katie Regier

Sermon *Sitting at the feet of God*

Pastor Katherine

Responding

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 45**

In the morning when I rise verses 1-3

Gospel Reading Mark 10: 13-16

Pastor Peter

* **Sing the Journey No. 90** *Lord, we bring to you our children*

Child Dedication

Gracie Mae Klassen

Landry Belle Westerfield

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 13**

My soul is filled with joy verses 1, 3 & 5

* **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

A warm thank you to all who offered friendship and support before and after my recent surgery. The visits, cards, phone calls, food and flowers were all greatly appreciated. Thank you to Pastor Peter for his visit and phone calls.
Marge Harms

Western District Conference: Pray for Pastor Eric Massanari, Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton who will be leading the Pastor's Day Apart on Group Spiritual Direction and Discernment, January 22.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso, a MMN partner, as members begin to implement their three-year plan that includes the acquisition of land for new church buildings, evangelization programs, church planting, HIV/AIDS educational programs, and leadership training. Pray that God would provide the necessary resources.

The Youth Group will be serving the meal today as a fundraiser for the MCUSA Convention in Phoenix this summer. We are well on our way toward reaching the amount needed for this trip, but we are still hoping to raise approximately \$6,000 yet (both with today's fundraiser and next week's offering for the youth group). Convention is always a meaningful time for us as a youth group; we enjoy hearing the engaging speakers, meeting other youth from across MCUSA, worshiping with over 6,000 people, and growing closer together as a youth group and closer to God. We appreciate your support and your prayers and for allowing us this opportunity in our faith journey! Thank you!

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen as soon as possible. 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: Debbie Claassen and Emma Hilgenfeld

Nursery Next Sunday: Ashley Enns and Carine Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,890.25

Offering Next Sunday: Grace Hill Youth Group

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. The youth group will serve a fund-raiser meal. Everyone is welcome to stay!

Today at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting.

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

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

Friday night The High School Lock-in with Zion Youth Group will be Friday from 11 p.m. – 6 a.m. at the church building. We will make a Druber's run then spend the rest of the evening together at Grace Hill.

Saturday-Sunday The Grace Hill Junior Youth (6-8th grade) will be attending Know Jesus at Hesston College, January 26-27.

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday - the youth group will be planning and participating in the worship service.

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

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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.

Did you know that you, as a member/attender of any WDC congregation, have FREE access to over 12,000 books, dvds and other resources? The Conference Resource Library will have an Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 3-5 pm. Come check us out - we're located at 2517 North Main in North Newton.

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for spring semester 2013 begins on February 6. See the complete schedule posted on the bulletin board.

Western District Conference is teaming up with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee to bring an extended Reference Council and Regional Immigration Gathering on March 1-2 at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. The theme for this is: *Citizens of God's Kingdom: Immigration and Christian Faith*. Reference Council is a gathering of WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Committees, Task Forces, Staff, and Pastors. Others with special interest in this theme are also encouraged to attend. Central Plains, South Central, and Mountain States area conferences are also invited to join this timely gathering. RSVP by Feb. 22 - for complete information, see: www.mennowdc.org (Upcoming Events).