

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 23, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Doreen Harms

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.

Call to Worship Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 11-14

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 598** *A wonderful Savior is Jesus*

Offering our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Word

Choral Anthem *Esto Les Digo* by Lange Adult Choir
"Where two or three gather in my name, there will I be also."

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

Gospel Reading Mark 11:12-14, 20-22 Matthew Hiebert

Sermon *When God speaks to a situation* Ron Moyo

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 343** *My hope is built on nothing less*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Hymn No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

Benediction Hymn No. 663

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

Welcome to Ron Moyo this morning. Ronald Moyo comes to us from Zimbabwe as of 2006 when he had to flee the country because his efforts in orphan care and work with church agencies came in conflict with the existing government. After he obtained official asylum status in the US in 2009, he could bring his wife Sue and their 2 children to the US to Atlanta, GA, where he was domiciled then. He is currently attending the 2-year Pastoral Ministries program at Hesston College.

Doris Reimer passed away on Saturday, January 15, 2011. The memorial service was held at Grace Hill Friday, January 21. Continue to remember the family in your prayers.

Pastors Peter and Katherine will be returning from their trip to Jerusalem today/tomorrow. They will be worshipping with us again next Sunday.

Western District Conference: Pray for guidance for Gilberto Flores in the exploration of church planting opportunities coming to WDC in Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Akiko Aratani and Raymond Epp and their family, working with MMN at Menno Village in Japan. They model Jesus' message of hope and peace through worship, hospitality, counseling, and healing an ailing agricultural system.

Church Events

Tuesday 1:00-5:00 p.m. Quilting at church.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The Youth will serve a fundraiser meal.

Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Annual Business Meeting.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service –
Pursuers S.S. class is in charge.

Next Sunday at 7:30 p.m. College-age Bible Study at Pastors Peter and
Katherine's home.

Announcements

Church Pictorial Directory: If you are still missing your portraits please contact Lifetouch customer service at 1-888-313-1746. If you missed having your picture taken, you may submit a quality 5x7 or smaller photo to Katherine Claassen. If this photo has a copyright see Katherine Claassen about a release form. Lifetouch would like us to finish our book by January 30. Thanks for your patience on this project.

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 30. 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: Catina Wiebe and Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale \$2,125.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Retreat Commission

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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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

The 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Grace Hill Church will be celebrated throughout 2011. This rich history of the church will be celebrated with time line sketches in our church bulletins through spring.

This summer during the Sunday School hour we will have church scholars with us to focus on Anabaptist Faith from its beginning in the 16th century, nearly 500 years ago, to the present. They will share foundations of faith, and how we interpret the teachings of Jesus Christ.

On Labor Day weekend, Saturday September 3rd and Sunday September 4th, we will celebrate the 200th Anniversary by inviting back former members and descendents of former members. In 1874 over 300 men, women and children traveled from the Ukraine to Germany, across the Atlantic, by train to Peabody and then to the open prairie land to build their homes and to continue this fellowship of believers.

A feature in many of our bulletins this year will be a history blurb to prepare us to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Grace Hill church.

History Blurb #3 – ANABAPTISM SPREADING

The fanatical persecuting zeal of that time must be interpreted in the light of the spirit of the age. Religious tolerance was still an unheard of virtue in the days of Luther and Zwingli. For many years to come, men and women were still born into compulsory membership into equally all-embracing and powerful social organizations-- one civil, the other ecclesiastical --the state and the church. In neither case was there any choice in the matter. Disloyalty to the one was treason, to the other, heresy; both were punishable by death. The Anabaptist view of an independent church was, therefore, considered dangerously radical...

In the meantime, Anabaptism had spread rapidly beyond the confines of the Canton of Zuerich. The blood of the martyrs, it is said, is the seed of the church. So it was here. Driven on by the rod of persecution and urged forward by a burning zeal to share their newly found freedom with their fellows, the leaders of the movement soon carried their story into neighboring lands...

Under the leadership of such men as Reublin, Haetzer, Hubmaier and others, the movement rapidly flowed over into South Germany, Tyrol, Austria and Moravia. Before 1527, it had entered the regions of the upper Danube and the upper Rhine, and by 1530 into the Netherlands and northwestern Germany, where numerous congregations had been planted in nearly all the large cities.

by C. Henry Smith "Story of the Mennonites" 5th edition, excerpted from pp. 10-12

Et Cetera

You're invited to a special presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church on Sunday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn about Mennonite Central Committee's ongoing response to the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. MCC has been humbled by the overwhelming response from our constituents to the people of Haiti. MCC's Haiti earthquake response is funded for a 5 year response at over \$13 million. John Stoesz, Executive Director for MCC Central States will present stories and photos of MCC's immediate relief distribution, our Haitian partners and the long-term plans for MCC's work in Haiti.

Campbell's labels and Boxtops for Education may be taken to the Western District Conference Office in North Newton, or Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston by January 24, for delivery to the school. A car will be going to Hopi Mission School on January 25.

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, January 27 at the Manor at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

"Islamic Art: Window into Islamic Theology, Culture and History" will be presented at Zion Mennonite in Elbing on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. As an art historian Reinhild Janzen teaches about Islamic art as part of our world's rich cultural heritage. After 9/11 she was asked to develop a presentation on Islamic art for the general public as a bridge toward a better understanding of the beauty of Islamic culture. Reinhild has personally encountered ancient as well as contemporary Islamic art in several African countries, in European museums, and most recently, in Spain. Her talk will be richly illustrated.

Preschoolers - it's Story Time! Come and enjoy books, music and rhymes at the Western District Conference Resource Library on Wednesday mornings from 10-10:40 a.m., starting on February 9. Call Marlene at 316-283-6300 to sign up for the spring semester and for more information.

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries seeks new volunteers to be involved in prison visitation at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Ministry in prison requires a training session given by both prison staff and the M-2 director. The upcoming training will be Monday, February 7 from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. at HCF. These trainings are held every month so keep it in mind for another time if you can't make this one. In March it is Saturday the 12th. No special skills are needed to be a friend. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) or email (ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) for further information or to submit your name and other required information so that clearances may be obtained for admission to training. Please contact us by January 31. Training for new volunteers takes place each month.

Men are needed to assist in Offender / Victim Ministries' Prison Arts' Choir at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Practices are on Thursday evenings beginning February 17 with performances on the weekend of April 15. Volunteer training is needed in order to work in the prison and will be given February 7 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Contact Gary Isaac at OVM, 316-215-1758 or gary.ovm@sbcglobal.net.

Men interested in singing in the Mennonite Men's Chorus – now is the time to enroll. Contact Willard Wiebe.

The annual men and boys weekend at Camp Mennoscah is an event that is the envy of many conference leaders throughout the country because of its attendance and longevity. We are grateful to our grandfathers who started this tradition and to those of you who have helped keep it going for over 50 years. We are looking for a few men to help plan and coordinate the event this year, would you be willing to help? We are not asking for a lot of your time, you just need to have a passion for mens ministry and a desire to keep this event going for future generations. Don't put it off...contact Kevin Neufeld at (316-284-0450) or Brent Voran (316-284-2657) today.