

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 25, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

Worship Leader: Pastor Marv Zehr

Sermon *In God's Way: A Missional Journey*

Stanley Green

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

* **Benediction**

Pastor Marv

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!**

We welcome Stanley Green to our church and services this morning. He serves as Executive Director/CEO of Mennonite Mission Network of Mennonite Church USA. He will bring the message in our worship service and during the Sunday School hour he will share in the sanctuary with youth and adults about the ministries of Mennonite Mission Network. We appreciate his ministry among us this morning.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the eight years of ministry that Marco Guete has given to WDC church planting and congregational leadership – particularly in Texas. We say a fond farewell and Godspeed as he becomes a Conference Minister for Southeast Mennonite Conference (offices near Tampa, Florida).

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service convenes its orientation for new workers this week in San Antonio. Please pray for participants as they follow God's call to serve.

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.

* **Choral Call to Worship** Adult Choir and Senior High Youth
Uyai Mose (Come, All You People)
Traditional (Zimbabwe) arr. John L. Bell

Congregation, please join in on verse 5:

Come, all you people, come and praise the spirit (3x),
Come now and worship the Lord.

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Opening Hymn No. 396** *The work is thine, O Christ*

Offering Western District Conference

Special Music Adult Choir
Come, Holy Spirit, Come arr. Robert Preston

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 10:1-21 Josh Toevs

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

* **Hymn No. 288** *Rejoice, the Lord is king!*

Church Events

Today College-age Lunch at Ed and Marge Harms' home.

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

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:40 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

This Friday, January 30, there will be a 5th Quarter youth event at James and Deb Regier's. During Sunday School, there will be a food sign-up sheet passed around. Please have the food to the church by 5 p.m. on Friday the 30th. Thanks!

Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting. The Youth will be serving the meal before the annual meeting on February 1. Donations will be accepted to help the youth group fund their trip to the MCUSA Convention in Columbus this summer.

February 15 Know anyone who is interested in babysitters for Valentine's Day? The High School Youth Group is planning on offering baby-sitting on Sunday, February 15, from 5-9 in the evening. Supper will be provided. Donations are accepted, as this is a fund-raiser for the MCUSA Convention in Columbus this summer.

February 22 Bethel College Sunday. The college choir will be coming and to accommodate them Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. that morning. A carry-in meal will follow the worship service.

Announcements

High School Youth and Parents: For the Annual Meeting Meal Fundraiser, please bring 1 salad per person on February 1 for the meal. (No more than 2 salads per family)

The children's Sunday School offering will be going to world vision. Our goal is to give a donkey to a family in need by the end of the summer. We'll be keeping track of our progress on the bulletin board downstairs!

For all who are involved in the service on Sunday mornings (Worship Leaders, Choristers, Scripture Readers, etc.), Pastor Marv and Pastor Katherine would like to meet with you at 9:05 a.m. on the Sunday morning that you are involved to run through the order of service and to spend time in prayer together. We will be meeting in the back of the sanctuary by the A/V booth. Thank you!

Pastor Marv will have office hours at the church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – noon each week. He is also available other times by appointment.

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.

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Marv
Keyboard Next Sunday: Laura Harms
Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Nursery This Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Samantha Claassen
Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson
Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale \$2,664.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Announcing...

Grace Hill Hands for God Puppet Team

Who? 5-8 High School Youth led by Ashley Enns
What? Semi-pro puppet team
When? VBS, children's stories, summer Sunday School?
Special events-Weds. night kick off?
Intro to church family at next meal...Weds.?
Practice Every Wednesday 6:45-7:30 p.m.
Why?? A puppet team is a fun, exciting way to tell children and adults about Jesus!

Questions? Contact Ashley 799-1972 or adenns@hotmail.com

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Western District Conference invites you to an Open House in honor of Marco Guete, Associate Conference Minister for Texas this afternoon from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the WDC offices (2517 North Main, North

Newton). Marco will become the new Conference Minister for Southeast Mennonite Conference (Florida) beginning February after eight years of service to WDC as church planter and associate conference minister. We praise God for Marco's gifts to the church and we thank him for his dedicated ministry to our congregations in Texas, especially, but to the wider church and area conference as well.

There are a few spaces left on the Western District Ski Retreat for Adults and Families, which will be January 30 - February 3, at Copper Mountain in Colorado. This trip leaves from North Newton, and the cost includes chartered sleeper bus, two nights lodging, ski rental, and lift tickets for three days of skiing. (Adults \$472, 18-14 yr olds \$447, and children 13 and under \$407). A limited number of spaces are also available for those who would rather drive on their own. For registration forms and/or additional information call the WDC office at (316) 283-6300.

Soup-er Bowl Saturday: On Saturday, January 31 Ten Thousand Villages, Newton is teaming up with The Lord's Pantry for a soup-er event. Bring a non-perishable food item to Ten Thousand Villages and receive 5% off your purchase. The more food items you bring, the bigger your discount: up to a maximum of 25% off your entire purchase! Extra donated items are greatly appreciated, so feel free to bring as large a donation as you would like. This is a great opportunity to help restock the shelves at one of Newton's high demand food pantries. We will also be offering samples of soups made from the Women's Initiative Network in Wichita to enjoy while you shop.

Stewardship University, sponsored by Mennonite Mutual Aid, will be held on the Bethel College campus February 21 from 8:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to focus on stewardship issues through a wide variety of workshops. Brochures are available on the literature shelf in the foyer. Registration fee is \$39. Discounts for early registration, group registration are available in addition to a \$10 coupon available through our church office. Youth may register and attend without cost. Contact our MMA advocate, Tim Harms, or one of the pastors for detailed information.

All are invited to a Hymn Sing with Ken Nafziger from Eastern Mennonite University on Sunday afternoon, March 22, 2 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Sponsored by Eden Mennonite Church and WDC Music & Worship Task Force. Offering will be taken for expenses. For information, call the church at 620-345-8320.