

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 29, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Kyle Regier

Gospel Stories and Parables: The Shrewd Steward
Gathering our Praise

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 based on Deuteronomy 6

One: Hear O Grace Hill: The Lord is our God; the Lord is One

The Lord, the God of your ancestors, is undivided
You shall love the Lord your God with *all* your heart,
with *all* your soul, with *all* your mind, and with *all* your
strength. Keep the Word of the Lord and God's commandments
in your heart. Recite them to your children, and talk about them
when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.

*All: We shall be undivided, just as our Father in heaven is
undivided. We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.*

* **Gathering Song** *If all you want, Lord*

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Story

* **Hymn No. 340** *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus*

Creative Retelling of the Parable Members of the Youth Group

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

Gospel Reading Luke 16:1-13

Lon Hiebert

Sermon *For where your treasure is...*

Pastor Katherine

Responding to the Story

* **Hymn of Response STJ No. 63** *Lord, you give the great commission*
verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

Offering Our Gifts Camp Mennoscah
Hymn No. 749

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 514** *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly*

* **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

Western District Conference: Pray for the revitalizing of our
congregations through the Missional Church Seminar being planned by
the Moundridge Mennonite Churches for WDC on February 11.

Mennonite Mission Network: Until a few months ago, Korea
Anabaptist Center, a MMN partner, operated Connexus, an English
language institute, as part of its ministry. As these organizations become
independent entities, pray that each may continue to share the message
of Jesus in South Korea.

James Book Study: The Book of James elective Sunday School class will meet under the balcony in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!

Church Events

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

This afternoon at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting.

Wednesday **6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Programming
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:00 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Friday There will be a **5th Quarter** this Friday (Feb. 3) at James and Deb Regier's home following the local basketball games. There will be a sign-up sheet available for food items by the coffee and drinks following the worship service. Thank you for your support of this important outreach in the community!

February 12 Mentor/Mentee Lunch: All mentor/mentee pairs are invited to stay after church for a pizza lunch and afternoon of games on Sunday, February 12.

Announcements

Hosting Bluffton University Students: On Sunday, March 4, our congregation will be blessed with a worship service planned by Bluffton University students. If you would be interested in hosting 2 or more students on Saturday evening (March 3), please speak with Pastor Katherine. Their group includes 17 students and 3 faculty (11 women and 9 men). 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 Carine Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Greeters Next Sunday: Melvin Klaassen and Alma Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,568.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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 Home

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

Et Cetera

Chelsea Vaught will be performing her final full-length doctoral organ recital on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Bales Recital Hall on the University of Kansas Campus in Lawrence. She will be performing works by J.S. Bach, Georg Böhm, Franz Liszt, Ethel Smyth and Carl Nielsen. Chelsea will be completing her Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in Church Music this spring at the University of Kansas.

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for spring semester begins on February 8. A schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Story Time! We invite pre-schoolers ages 3-5 to join in the fun on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Western District Conference Resource Library. Spring session begins February 8. Call now to reserve your space: 316-283-6300.

Pastors and church leaders are invited to "Maintenance to Missional: Looking Back So We Can Move Forward" on Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., planned and hosted by the three Mennonite churches of Moundridge and by Western District Conference. Presenters are Wilbert Shenk, Conrad Kanagy, and Gilberto Flores. Cost: \$25/person or \$75 per church for as many as can come. See www.mennowdc.org - Upcoming Events for information and registration. Register by February 3.

Agri-Urban would like to invite all of its supporters and people who are interested in Agri-Urban to an appreciation dinner on February 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Eden Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge. Please make reservation with Russell Entz by February 5. Open Road from Bethel College will provide the program.

Offender Victim Ministries Prison Arts' Choir Men are needed to assist in Offender/Victim Ministries' Prison Arts' Choir at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Practices are on Tuesday evenings beginning February 21 with performances on the weekend of April 21. Volunteer training is needed in order to work in the prison and will be given Monday, February 20 from 12-4 pm for new volunteers. Returning choir members can receive your annual training on February 6, 2-4 at HCF or Feb. 13, 7-9 at KIPCOR in Newton. Contact Nathan Koontz at OVM, 316-215-1758 or nathan.ovm@sbcglobal.net.