

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 30, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Sara Unruh

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

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 49

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Hymn No. 367** *For the healing of the nations*

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 2:12-16, 24-26 Cole Claassen

- * **Hymn No. 70** *Immortal, invisible God only wise*

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

Gospel Reading Luke 12:13-21

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

- * **Hymn of Response No. 90** *For the fruit of all creation*

Offering our Gifts Western District Retreat Commission

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

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

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 life changing commitments to Christ for our Junior High students participating in the "Know Jesus" event hosted on the Hesston College campus.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Radical Journey teams in Bolivia, China and England are entering the middle months of a 10-month period of cultural immersion. Pray that participants may feel God's presence sustaining and encouraging them.

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. The Youth will serve a fundraiser meal. All are invited to stay for the meal.

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

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Pursuers S.S. class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Church Events, cont.

This evening at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at Peter and Katherine's house for all college-age young adults. Please feel free to invite your friends.

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

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

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

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

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

February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Jerusalem Presentation: Pastors Katherine and Peter will share photos, stories, and reflections from their recent trip to the Holy Land on Sunday, February 13, at 7 p.m. All are invited.

Host College-age Meal? For anyone interested in hosting a meal for all college-age young adults in February or March, or for anyone interested in providing food, please speak with Pastor Katherine. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important ministry of our congregation!

Nursery This Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,249.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – Please get them to Debbie Claassen as soon as possible. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

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. Doug Claassen will be available today to take pictures for those who haven't turned one in yet.

Please contribute recipes to the Grace Hill Cookbook as soon as possible. You may enter your recipes at www.typensave.com. Group login in: gracehill67154 Password:73kqy. If you are unable to enter your recipes on the computer, give them to Donna Balzer. Deadline is March 1.

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.

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

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

History Blurb #4: Anabaptism Spreading, continued

By the middle of the sixteenth century, the Anabaptist movement had crystallized into three distinct groups: the Dutch Mennonites in the Netherlands and North Germany; the Hutterites in Moravia and the Swiss Brethren in Switzerland and South Germany. Despite significant differences, each of the groups faced a similar challenge, a challenge deeply rooted in the biblical story and the history of the Christian church. How can a movement of radical renewal maintain its identity into the second and third generations?...

Since the term Anabaptist (Wiedertäufer) was technically inaccurate (they were not "rebaptizing" but baptizing correctly for the first time)... later generations took great pains to identify themselves by other names. Thus the Dutch Anabaptists preferred the term Doopsgezinden (baptism-minded) or Mennonite after their influential leader, Menno Simons. The Anabaptists who practiced community of goods in Moravia became known as the Hutterites in recognition of Jacob Hutter. The group that formed around the Schleithem Confession adopted the name Swiss Brethren, despite the fact that their congregations were scattered far beyond Switzerland and many of their members were of German rather than Swiss descent.

*By John D. Roth "Stories How Mennonites Came to Be"
excerpted from pp. 88-89*

Et Cetera

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.

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.

Coming to see you! Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston College on February 7-8 and at Bethel College on February 9 to visit and speak to folks about counseling and summer staff positions. We'd love to talk to you, hear your stories, and sign you up to come out to camp this summer. Won't be able to make it? Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 to sign up or for applications.

Camp Mennoscah Maintenance Coordinator position: Interviews are going on now. Application deadline is February 15. The application form and job description are available at www.mennowdc.org or from the Western District Conference office, (316) 283-6300.

Open House - Saturday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. 25 Lakewood Circle in Campus Woods Estates in North Newton: 2,061 sq. ft. 2-bedroom, 2-bath, Walnut floor plan with sunroom and bonus room.

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.

Jr. high and high school youth, and young adults are invited to a special "Youth call to Peace" event at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, on Sunday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove is an author, speaker, and new monastic. Jonathan is an Associate Minister at the historically black St. Johns Baptist Church, and is engaged in peacemaking and reconciliation efforts in Durham, North Carolina. The Rutba House, where Jonathan lives with his family and other friends, is a new monastic community that prays, eats, and lives together, welcoming neighbors and the homeless. Music will be offered by the Camp Mennoscah Sr. high camp reunion band and friends. Learn more at, <http://jonathanwilsonhartgrove.com>.

Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals will take place on February 27 and March 6. More information will follow.

Gone! This past weekend, volunteers came out and excavated the old swimming pool at Camp Mennoscah. This was especially exciting to see since we weren't sure the old pool would last another summer. We need our swimming pool to stay cool on those hot summer days! Thank you to everyone who helped—you're the best. The next volunteer opportunity will probably be in late April or early May when we put up the fence and build the new pool shed.

Camp Mennoscah is a special place. Help celebrate camp and care for its future by joining fellow campers and former music directors for a Camp Sing at Memorial Hall at Bethel College on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering collected at the event will go towards the construction of a new camp pool. Funds will go through WDC Vision 2012.