

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 1, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Jana and Laura Harms

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn No. 619** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

* **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!**

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**

Praise Team

Here I am to Worship by Tim Hughes

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Hymn No. 41** *Come, thou Almighty King*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Special Music *Rain Down*

Praise Team

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Amanda Regehr

Children's Moments

Carl Goossen

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

* **Hymn No. 366** *God of grace and God of glory*

Scripture Reading Mark 1:21-28

Amanda Regehr

Sermon *What is this – Teaching with Authority*

Pastor Marv

For Sharing and Prayer

I appreciate the words of encouragement before and after my surgery. The thoughts, prayers, and cards were very meaningful. Galen Harms

Western District Conference: Pray for Deer Creek Mennonite Church (OK) as it discerns its future in a visioning process.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please celebrate and join in prayer with MMN workers Cindy and Tim Buhler and a local family for the new home group begun on Taipa Island, Macau, the area where Buhlers live. Pray that this group will be a blessing in its community.

Announcements

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!

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month: boxed meals. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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 Katherine

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Nursery This Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,418.50

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. The Youth will be serving a meal and all are welcome to stay. Donations will be accepted to help the youth group fund their trip to the MCUSA Convention in Columbus this summer.

Today at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting in the sanctuary.

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.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal*

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming

7:40 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

*If you are unable to attend the meal, please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948).

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Upon the request from a number of persons, Pastor Marv will lead Bible study on the Wednesday nights when we have all church meals. The group will meet in the classroom next to the kitchen from 7:00-7:35 p.m. The study will focus on the lectionary text for the following Sunday. The texts for next week are: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20; I. Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Monday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m. Hands of Friendship meet at The Breadbasket in Newton. Work at MCC Center in North Newton in the afternoon. Devotions: Irma Gonzales; Financial Project: West. Dist. Women in Mission.

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.

Et Cetera

Ronald J. Sider will speak on “It’s Time to Get Serious About Christian Peacemaker Teams” in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, on Sunday, February 15, at 4:30 p.m. Sider is Professor of Theology, Holistic Ministry and Public Policy, and director of the Sider Center on Ministry and Public Policy at Palmer Theological Seminary, Wynnewood PA. He is founder of Evangelicals for Social Action, a founding board member of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, and author of *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* and other books and articles. His books will be for sale. This lecture is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College, with support from the Peace with Justice Task Force of the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Winfield Fretz Peace Lecture Series Fund, and Eden Mennonite Church. Contact KIPCOR (316-284-5217) for further information, or check <http://www.bethelks.edu/kipcor/lectures/pls.php>.

Offender/Victim Ministries will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amish Community Building in Hutchinson. Dinner will be provided; donations appreciated. Please join us for a rich evening of reflection and entertainment. RSVP to 316-283-2038 by Monday, February 9.

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.

Hooray! New Retreats! Camp Mennoscah will hold its first Scrapbooking Retreat March 6-7. Workshops will be offered for those interested and you will have hours upon hours to work on your scrapbooks. Join us for some cropping fun! Camp Mennoscah is also having its first Sustainable Foods and Farming Retreat March 21-22! The theme is Growing and Eating Faithfully: Sustainable Communities. This retreat is being held as part of an effort by the Mennonite Camping Association and Mennonite Creation Care Network to raise awareness about sustainable living. We hope to see you there for fun, fellowship, and growing in God’s creation! Contact us for more information about either retreat at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Catalogs Ahoy! The 2009 Camp Mennoscah Catalog has been sent to individuals and church copies will soon follow. Check out our snazzy Family and Friend Retreats and figure out which week of our summer youth camps you’ll be coming to. And, hey—Olivia’s giving away (old-style) camp tee shirts to the first 10 folks contacting Camp Mennoscah about typos. The tee shirts may be ugly colors and weird sizes, but they all say Camp Mennoscah! Find the catalog at www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html and contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for your own copy.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly “Prayers for Faith and Learning” can be accessed. You can also sign up for a free subscription to “Prayers.” E-mail info@MennoniteEducation.org and use “Subscription to Prayers” as the subject.

Now is the time to clean out your cupboards and closets! Newton Et Cetera Shop is requesting donated clothing, accessories, housewares, books & music, sewing & craft supplies, home & garden equipment, etc. Quality furniture is also welcome with prior approval from management. Help us fill the store for our Grand Re-opening, Monday, February 9. Please call with any questions: (316) 283-9461.

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