

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 2, 2014

Whitewater,

Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine

Goerzen

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Bonita

Schroeder

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

## SOJOURN THROUGH SCRIPTURE: Abraham and Abimelech

Sojourn Virtue: Kindness

### 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 25: 4-10

#### Gathering Prayer

- \* **Gathering Song No. 546** *Guide my feet*

#### Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

#### Hearing God's Story

- \* **Song Sing the Journey No. 44** *The love of God* vs. 1 & 3

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

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 20 Pastor Katherine

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 21: 22-34 Katherine Claassen

#### Sermon

Pastor Katherine

#### Responding to God's Story

- \* **Song of Response Sing the Story No. 39** *Will you come and follow me* vs. 1-3  
**Sharing and Congregational Prayer**

- \* **Sending Song No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

#### 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

The Youth Group wishes to sincerely Thank You as a congregation for your generous gifts to us this past Sunday! We raised over \$2,000, which puts us in good shape for our Summer Service project. There will be an offering for the Youth Group on February 16 (Youth Sunday). Money offered will go towards our service project, as well as towards replenishing our account following the MCUSA Convention this past year. Thank You for your continued monetary gifts, for your support, encouragement, and especially, for your prayers! They are greatly appreciated!

Our mission partners, Wes and Deb Bergen, have arrived in Ghana! You can follow their experiences and ministry <http://bergenbeats.wordpress.com>.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, as he provides guidance for pastoral transitions, resources WDC leadership groups, and works with longer range strategic initiatives.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Every three months, MMN's Radical Journey team in Paraguay must leave the country to renew their visas. Pray for safe travel and understanding officials as Radical Journey participants fulfill this obligation.

### **Church Events**

**Tuesday afternoon** Quilting on the MCC quilt from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!

**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming

**7:00 p.m.** Youth Programming

**7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir

**7:15 p.m.** Adult Study with Pastor Peter

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

**Next Sunday at 5:45 p.m.** Grace Hill Night at the Movies – *Jeremiah* Between 597 and 587 BC, Babylon besieged, conquered, plundered, and destroyed Jerusalem. Jeremiah was called to speak God's word before and during the crisis. Starring Patrick Dempsey, 90 minutes. PG

### **Announcements**

**The Worship Council** appreciates the comments members have shared regarding worship services. The small notebooks in the pews are available for your suggestions, both what you appreciate and what you would like to see done differently as well as comments on the sermons, music and other aspects of worship. We also ask that you sign your name so that we can follow up as needed. Comments that are not signed will not be shared with the entire council. We would also welcome volunteers for any aspect of worship: your many gifts enrich our worship. Thank you!

**The Harvey County Food Pantry** is in need of items throughout the year. 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.

## Et Cetera

**Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals** will take place on February 23 and March 2. You are encouraged to participate by either hosting a meal or being invited to another's home or church. Church groups are also encouraged to host meals. For more details, see the flier in the foyer. Registration deadline is February 2.

**February 7 and 8 – John McCabe-Juhnke's Prison Theater Pilot Project presents *Inside Story*, 7:30 p.m. both nights in Krehbiel Auditorium.** Professor McCabe-Juhnke directed 10 Bethel College students and six inmates of Hutchinson Correctional Facility in putting together a collection of monologues and dialogues based on previously published stories and short dramatic sketches as well as their own journal entries. *Inside Story* was presented twice at HCF; in the Bethel College version, students will take some of the roles played by inmates. (A dollar from each ticket sold will be donated to Offender Victim Ministries to support its Prison Arts Project. Tickets at Bethel College Bookstore, 316-284-5205, M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or at the door.)

**Storytime at the Resource Library begins!** Bring your children age 3-5 to Storytime at the Western District Conference Resource Library in North Newton beginning February 12, 10 a.m. Enjoy stories, movement, fun! Call 316-283-6300 to sign up.

**Full to the Gills!** It's oddly fishy, but Camp Mennoscah's March 7-9 Scrapbooking Retreat is full. We'd love to register folks for our March 14-16 retreat--the same stunning retreat one week later--or to add you to our wait list for the March 7-9 retreat. A pre-registration form can be found on our home page at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290 for more information.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN,** will host three Seminary Preview Days this spring for people wishing to explore study on February 21, March 14 and April 25. Each provides opportunities to meet faculty and students and to sit in on classes and community gatherings or a chapel service. Admissions staff are available to answer questions about study programs, financial aid and the admission process. People interested in attending should register at [www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit-ambs.cfm](http://www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit-ambs.cfm). AMBS also welcomes visitors at any time if these dates are not convenient. Contact the admissions department to schedule a visit: [admissions@ambs.edu](mailto:admissions@ambs.edu) or 1-800-964-2627.

**Kauffman Museum** invites applications for director/curator (open to alternate configurations) who is interdisciplinary, hands-on and entrepreneurial. Will lead a resourceful professional staff, committed board of directors and a robust corps of volunteers at the Bethel College-affiliated museum that presents the Mennonite immigrant story in the context of the land and people of the central Great Plains. Nonprofit or teaching experience preferred. Start date negotiable - June 2014-June 2015. Details and application information at: [www.bethelks.edu/kauffman](http://www.bethelks.edu/kauffman)

**This year's WDC Annual Assembly will be in Waxahachie, TX July 4-6.** If you are going and have interest in riding on a chartered bus from Newton, KS to Waxahachie, let us know. Based on the level of interest (to be determined by June 3), WDC may offer this charter bus trip at a cost of \$58 - \$110 per person, depending on the size of bus needed. Indicate your interest and number of seats needed online (<http://mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/>) or call 316-283-6300 or email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org).

**Nursery This Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,557.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

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