

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 5, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Jordan Ortman

Song Leader: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Josh Patterson

Gospel Stories and Parables: The Woman Caught in Adultery
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.

Choral Call to Worship *Come Thou Fount* Adult Choir

Spoken Call to Worship based on Psalm 145

One: I will praise you, my God and King and bless your name forever and ever.

**Many: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.

**Many: The Lord is good to all
God's compassion is over all that he has made.**

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
All your faithful shall bless you.

**Many: The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

One: The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

**Many: The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all that he does.**

One: The Lord watches over all who love him,
God hears their cry and saves them.

**All: My voice will proclaim the praise of the Lord,
and I will bless his holy name forever and ever!**

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song STJ No. 49** *Rain down*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Story

Choral Anthem *Amazing Grace* arr. John Coates Jr. Adult Choir

Gospel Reading John 7:53 – 8:11 Valerie Klaassen

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

* **Hymn No. 530** *What wondrous love is this* verses 1-3

Sermon *Sand Art* Pastor Peter

Responding to the Story

* **Hymn of Response No. 493** *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Song STJ No. 73** *The Lord lift you up*

* **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

Thanks to Pastor Peter and many others in the congregation who have visited, phoned, sent cards and given support during the past three months. The road to recovery is a slow process; thanks for walking with me on this journey. Your continuing support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Ed Harms

Thank You! A very tremendous thank you to you as a congregation for your support of the Youth Group! We raised \$3,595 for our service trip to DOOR in San Antonio! Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers!

Western District Conference: Pray for a fuller heart and a greater mission for the participants in the February 11 seminar, “Maintenance to Missional: Looking Back So We Can Move Forward.” Pray for a fullness of the Spirit for the presenters Wilbert Shenk, Conrad Kanagy and Gilberto Flores.

Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach of MMN has ministered in Mongolia for nearly two decades. Pray with her as she discerns whether God is calling her to Altan Soembo, a new location within the country.

Happy birthday, Mennonite Church USA! On February 1, 2012, our denomination turned 10 years old. We invite you to join us in celebrating this milestone and giving thanks for the countless amazing ways that God’s Spirit has been at work among us in this last decade—in our lives and relationships, in our congregations and communities, in our agencies and organizations. May God bless each of our congregations and strengthen us all in our efforts to live out our denominational vision: *God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.*
—Mennonite Church USA national staff

Church Events

Wednesday 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

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. The Pastor Relations Committees and Pastors will meet with Dorothy Nickel Friesen.

Next Sunday during the Sunday School hour Dorothy Nickel Friesen will present the results of the congregational/pastor review in the sanctuary. High school age and up are encouraged to attend. There will be no high school, college-age or adult classes next Sunday.

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

Monday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Work day at church, tie comforts and cut quilt blocks; Hostess & Devotions: Gladys Reimer and Gladys Harms; Financial project: Western District Women in Mission.

Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 p.m. Baby shower in honor of Pastor Katherine in the fellowship hall. Hosted by the Explorers' Sunday School Class.

Announcements

On Friday March 9 Wheat State Manor is having a fund raising dinner. This event will take place at Emmaus Mennonite Church. In your mail boxes are the announcements giving the details. Your support for this fund raiser is encouraged.

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!

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate 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.

Nursery This Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen
Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen
Greeters Next Sunday: John and Miriam Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Camp Menno'sah \$1,656.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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. Chelsea will be completing her Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in Church Music this spring at the University of Kansas.

The summer is coming quickly, and Camp Mennoscah is looking for enthusiastic college students to serve as Summer Staff. Recruiting will take place at Hesston College (Feb 6-7), Bethel College (Feb 8), & Tabor College (Feb 9). Stop by to tell Olivia hello, and find out more about spending a summer at Camp Mennoscah.

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.

Sausage & Pancake Supper February 11 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Palmyra Baptist Church (rural Benton). A free-will offering will be taken; one-half of the evening's proceeds will be donated to Wheat State Manor.

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.

Et Cetera Shop still receiving donations, requesting furniture - Newton Et Cetera Shop is continuing to receive and process donations during its carpet and lighting renovation. The shop is also making a special appeal for furniture donations. Donors can drop off items Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at the back door and request assistance by calling (316) 283-9461. Furniture donation guidelines and renovation updates can be found at www.newtonetceterashop.com. Et Cetera will open again to the shopping public Monday, February 13.

Internationally acclaimed baritone Anthony Brown will present *I Go On Singing*, an original tribute to Paul Robeson, an all-American athlete and scholar; champion orator, international recording artist, and star of the stage and screen in honor of Black History Month. Presented on Tuesday evening February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre, the 75 minute song-filled, multi-media presentation reveals Robeson as a towering figure in 20th century American history including comments from legendary peace activist and artist Pete Seeger and narration by Junius Dotson, senior pastor at Wichita's Saint Mark United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at wichitaorpheum.com or through Select-A-Seat by calling 316-755-7328 or at selectaseat.com. Go to www.hesston.edu for more information or contact the alumni relations office toll free at 866-437-7866.

Michelle Hershberger will be the guest speaker at the Women's Spring Supper March 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eden Mennonite Church. Hershberger is a well-known speaker and professor at Hesston College. Due to limited seating, reservations are due March 5 to Marge Gundy 620-463-3991.

A Western District Basketball Tournament is being planned for March 15-17 at Bethel College in North Newton. (There will NOT be a volleyball tournament due to lack of interest.) Information and registrations forms are accessible on WDC's website: www.mennowdc.org - Upcoming Events.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe.