

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 6, 2011

Whitewater,

Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45

a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen
Goerzen

Associate

Pastor: Katherine

Musician: Josh Powell
Voth

Chorister: Andrew

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 112:1-9

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 76** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Kylee Schunn

* **Hymn No. 362** *Help us to help each other*

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

Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Pastor

Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 135** *God, whose purpose is to kindle*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Hymn No. 395** *Here I am, Lord*

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

We gratefully and thankfully wish to acknowledge all the prayers, thoughts, visits, cards and telephone calls as well as the gifts of food and help that were offered during Doris' hospitalization and subsequent death. She and her extended family felt the love of all of you in this difficult time. God bless you all. The family of Doris Reimer

Western District Conference: Pray for strong faith, clear vision, and patient endurance for the pastors of WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the church in Cote d'Ivoire as Christians seek the courage to live God's way in an ethnically-charged political atmosphere following contested presidential elections two months ago. Martine Audeoud and Gary Wittig with MMN minister as teachers in this tense situation.

Church Events

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

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Next Sunday 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.

Church Events cont.

Monday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: "What I have learned from my China painting" by Marie Regehr; Hostess: Elva Unruh; Devotions: Carol (Olin) Claassen; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

Sunday, February 20 Youth Sunday

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!

Announcements

Donated food items will go to the Harvey County Food Pantry this month. Suggested items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, canned meals, boxed meals, soups, crackers, and other nonperishable items. Cash donations are accepted. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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 to 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
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Retreat Commission \$1,323.00

The total offering will go to the work of the WD Retreat Comm.

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

"Islamic Art: Window into Islamic Theology, Culture and History" will be presented at Zion Mennonite in Elbing on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. As an art historian Reinhild Janzen teaches about Islamic art as part of our world's rich cultural heritage. After 9/11 she was asked to develop a presentation on Islamic art for the general public as a bridge toward a better understanding of the beauty of Islamic culture. Reinhild has personally encountered ancient as well as contemporary Islamic art in several African countries, in European museums, and most recently, in Spain. Her talk will be richly illustrated.

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. Weæd love to talk to you, hear your stories, and sign you up to come out to camp this summer. Wonæ be able to make it? Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 to sign up or for applications.

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.

Please join us for Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Meeting on Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. at East Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita. Special guest speaker Buzz Alexander will speak about twenty years of the Prison Creative Arts Project, a Michigan-based program that collaborates with incarcerated adults, incarcerated youth, urban youth and the formerly incarcerated to strengthen community through creative expression. Dinner will be provided; donations appreciated. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Tuesday, February 15.

First Mennonite Church of Halstead (427 W. 4th) will host a **Verenike Supper** on Saturday, February 26 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost by donation. Proceeds will go to the High School Youth Group's annual service trip.

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

Get ready for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee, April 8 & 9 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Also requested are "recycled" quilt supplies and linens for Quilter's Corner. Check with our Relief Sale contact persons for more information, DuMont and Barb Schmidt and Ed and Marge Harms.

List your quilt in the Quilt Auction Buyer's Guide for the KS Mennonite Relief Sale. New this year, the Quilt Committee will accept donations until March 10. Any item received after that will be added to the 2012 sale. Please deliver your quilt, comforter or quilt related item to a quilt committee member or to the March 3 Relief Sale meeting or taken to the MCC Center in North Newton. For more information, contact Ruth Vogt, quilt committee, at 620-327-4570 or Pat Miller, at 620-327-2728.

Mennonite Central Committee has moved its international workers out of Egypt because of the civil unrest. MCC asks that you pray for the safety and well being of its national workers who continue to live in Egypt, that the violence and uncertainty will end soon, and that a just peace will prevail.

Attending College in the Fall of 2011? Consider applying now for an Everence College Scholarship by entering an essay before the February 28, 2011 deadline. A total of 36 Scholarships are awarded each year ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 each (Brett Klingenberg wrote a winning essay several years ago). Applications are open to adults and their direct dependents who are Everence members and are currently attending or plan to attend an accredited public or private college/university. Additional information is available on the foyer bulletin board or contact Tim Harms (Grace Hill Everence Advocate).

A vote in the Kansas Senate last year to repeal the death penalty resulted in a 20-20 tie, one vote short of passage. A bill will be introduced in the Kansas House this year. You will be hearing more from your Western District Conference Task Force on the Death Penalty when contacts with legislators are needed. Would your S.S. class or peace and service committee be ready to promote discussion and letter writing when the appeal is made? Our witness can make a difference.

History Blurb #5: Menno Simons

Menno Simons was born in 1496 in Holland and ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1524. Four years after the Anabaptist movement began, Menno studied the Bible to see if the Anabaptists' claims about errors in Catholic teachings were correct. He gradually conceded they were...

In 1536, at the age of 40, Menno left the Catholic Church and joined the Obbenites, a group of Anabaptists under the leadership of Obbe Philips.

Soon Menno was pressed into a leadership role. He accepted the responsibility, albeit reluctantly, knowing he would have to live the stressful and dangerous life of an outcast Anabaptist. Menno gave himself to the work in spite of the dangers and the need to move from place to place to avoid arrest, torture and almost certain execution. Within eight years, public authorities referred to the Obbenite group as the "Menists" in recognition of Menno's influence. He served as the principal leader and spokesperson of this Anabaptist group for 25 years until he died of natural causes in 1561.

The Anabaptist movement was only 11 years old when Menno joined the Obbenite group... Menno's world was turbulent. The Anabaptist movement had spawned heretics who led the state churches to denounce Anabaptists of all kinds.

Excerpts from article "I finally read Menno," by Dr. Lawrence E. Ressler of Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS

The following books have been donated to our library.

The Baby Promise by Caroline Aaresen

Child of Grace by Irene Hannon

Rainbow's End by Irene Hannon

His County Girl by Julian Hart

Another Chance to Love You by Robin Lee Hatcher

The Marriage Wish by Dee Hendereon

The Cowboy's Family by Brenda Minton

The Rancher's Reunion by Tina Radcliffe

Restless Hearts by Marta Perry

Apple Blossom Bride by Lois Richer

The Prodigal Comes Home by Kathyn Springer

Homeown Dad by Merrillee Whren



Luke 16:19-31
The Rich Man and Lazarus
by Travis Harms