

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 7, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Rob Schunn

Gathering and Praising

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.

*** Call to Worship**

One: O People, enter the house of God!

Many: Let the Spirit wash your feet with tears, and wipe them with her hair.

One: From the moment you come into her presence,

Many: She will never cease to kiss your feet, and anoint them with fine ointment.

All: *Do we not know what Spirit this is who dares to touch us so? Our sin is great, but her love is greater; and greater, too, shall be our love, when forgiveness is received!*

*** Gathering Prayer**

One: Glorious God, we give you our complete adoration. Your marvelous love planned the way of salvation. We kneel and ask for pardon. Your gracious forgiveness restores our souls. We proclaim your praise. Your victorious power defeats death and gives us life eternal. Once again, God, remind us to always look for lonely coins, lost children, people afraid they owe too much to be loved again, and those who are angry because they've worked so long in the vineyard.

Many: Teach us to use our talents well, hunt for the pearl of God's love, and never ignore the treasure buried in the fields of our own church, even if it feels like we need to dig it up with a spoon!

All: *Amen.*

*** Gathering Song No. 398** *I love to tell the story*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading Psalm 78:1-7

Caleb Regehr

*** Hymn No. 499** *Lord, speak to me*

Children's Story

Kim Claassen

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

Gospel Reading Luke 7:36-50

Caleb Regehr

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding

*** Hymn of Response No. 506** *I sought the Lord*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

*** Sending Hymn No. 433** *Go, my children*

*** 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

The bouquet of flowers this morning commemorates the life of my beloved husband, Bob Janzen, who passed away five years ago on February 13, 2005. It is also in memory of our dear son, Jeff, who died two and one-half years ago. Judy Janzen

Western District Conference: Pray for Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director for Mennonite Church USA, as he travels, prepares and leads our denomination.

Mennonite Mission Network: *Instituto Biblico Anabautista* (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) trains leaders for the Hispanic Mennonite churches in the United States. May God grant wisdom and energy to the volunteer tutors, regional coordinators, and IBA staff as they prepare students for ministry.

Thank You Grace Hill Mennonite Church on behalf of the Low German Ladies for letting us use your wonderful facility on Tuesday mornings for our women's meeting once a month. Everyone is enjoying this gathering and no one wants to miss it including the children that are able to come along. This is a wonderful outreach that the Grace Hill Church provides to the Low German community. Also a big thank you goes to Carol Claassen for being in charge of this monthly event.

Sincerely, Lieselotte Boschmann

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. Fundraiser meal served by the youth group
at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: "Joy of Music" with Roberta Harms, Darla Harms-Becker and Rita Patterson; Hostess & Devotions: Rita Patterson; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

Tuesday afternoon Quilters: You are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday **7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming
 7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:45 – 8:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Peter

High School Youth Fundraiser: We will be babysitting for Shalom Mennonite Church during their Annual Meeting next Sunday February 14. Please plan to leave immediately following Sunday School. Lunch will be provided. We will plan to be home around 3.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge.

College-Age Meal: Sunday February 21 at Kris and Russ Janzen's house. All college-age youth are invited to attend and to bring friends. Please let Pastor Katherine know if you plan to be here for this event. Thanks!

Announcements

Catechism Class: Catechism Class has been moved to February 21st and February 28th for this month.

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.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter Following is the schedule of Volunteer Training Sessions scheduled for February: Tues, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Tues, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.; Thurs, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. See Donna Balzer if you have questions.

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 Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Katherine

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Offering Last Sunday: WDC Retreat Commission \$1,588.00

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

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Mennonite Central Committee Central States will host a community meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the MCC Center in North Newton. MCC staffer Ken Sensenig will be here to tell stories from his recent trip to Sudan and highlight MCC's Coming Home Sudan initiative. Southern Sudan is working at rebuilding after 22 years of civil war. Come hear how MCC is joining the effort by providing resources for education, agriculture and peace building. We will also provide an in-depth update on MCC's response to the earthquake in Haiti.

Open House 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, at Suderman Centre for Assisted Living on the campus of Kidron Bethel Village, 3056 Ivy Court, North Newton. Tours, refreshments and prize drawing for a gift basket. **Also Open House** 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 13, at 11 Lakewood Circle in Campus Woods Estates, North Newton, Kidron Bethel Village's residential addition. Come see the 2,061-square-foot Walnut, featuring 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, safe room, sunroom and bonus room. Information: Marilyn King, 284-2900, ext. 232. Furnishings by Heritage Home Furnishings of Newton.

Memorial Service for Peter J. Dyck Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge will host a memorial service for Peter J. Dyck - often referred to as "Mr. MCC" - at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 14. Mr. Dyck passed away on January 4 at 95 years of age. The service will be an opportunity for us to remember him and re-dedicate ourselves to a life of Christian service. The church is located four miles west and two north of the center of Moundridge. Everyone is welcome.

Offender/Victim Ministries will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility (Central Unit). Come for a special exhibition of our prison ministries programs! Dinner will be provided; donations appreciated. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Monday, February 8.

Chelsea Vaught will be performing an alumni organ recital on Sunday, February 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bethel College chapel. The recital will consist of works written by the great composer, Johann Sebastian Bach. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a variety of organ music written by Bach!

Camp Mennoscah:

- ◆ The 2010 catalogs are in the mail - look at our youth camps and fun retreats—don't miss out on the excitement! Those who attended a camp or retreat in 2009 should receive a copy. Churches will receive catalogs shortly, sent either to the camp advocate or to the church office. Catalog also available at www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html.
- ◆ Join us for a stunning Scrapbooking Retreat on March 12-14 led by Renetta Gooden. Brochure is online at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section or at many churches.
- ◆ Our staff will haunt the hallowed halls February 8-9 at Hesston College and February 10 at Bethel, mostly around the lunch hour. Stop by and sign up to be counselor! Pick up a summer staff application! Look at all the pictures! Talk to an interesting (or boring) staffer! Contact info: campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Try on service this summer with Youth Venture Get ready for a new adventure and be a part of what God is doing around the world. If you are between the ages of 14 and 22, and are interested in spending some time serving and learning alongside other young adults, Youth Venture may be for you. Youth Venture gives you a chance to try new things, meet new people, and learn about a new culture through the eyes of a local church or host community. During summer 2010, you can travel with teams and a leader to locations like Bolivia, Botswana, France, southern California and Montreal, among others. For more information about Youth Venture, visit www.Service.MennoniteMission.net or e-mail ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net.

VISION 2012, the Western District Conference prayer and funding campaign, is ready to receive your gifts to achieve the goal of \$1.5 million. So far, 733 people/units have given slightly over \$1000 per intent - and we are thankful. The goal is 1000 people giving \$1000 (over a three-year period). Prayerfully consider how you can assist church planting, Camp Mennoscah, the Resource Library and ministerial services with your gift. Contact WDC at Box 306, North Newton, KS; 316-283-6300 or www.mennowdc.org, click on "Vision 2012", print the intent form and send it in.