

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 8, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Sara Unruh

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

Worship Leader: Pastor Marv

**Offering** Local Church

**Choral Anthem**

Adult Choir

*Ave Verum Corpus* by Mozart, arr. by Thomas Dunn

**Old Testament Scripture** Isaiah 40:21-31

Melinda Regehr

\* **Hymn No. 584** *They that wait upon the Lord*

The Youth Praise Team will sing the verses, please join in on the refrain.

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

**New Testament Scripture** Mark 1: 29-39

Melinda Regehr

**Sermon**

Pastor Katherine

\* **Hymn of Response No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

**Choral Benediction**

Adult Choir

*God be with you* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

\* **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!**

## **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**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**People:** for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**Leader:** The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**People:** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**Leader:** The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

**People:** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God.

**Leader:** The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, to those who hope in his steadfast love.

**People:** Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

### \* **Prayer of Invocation**

\* **Opening Hymn No. 70** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Gilberto Flores as he begins his ministry with WDC as Associate Conference Minister for Texas this month. Pray for the churches in Texas, the pastors, and for the mission to be the people of God.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN workers Christine and Phil Lindell-Detweiler, South Africa, request prayer that peacebuilding initiatives can bear fruit in the current contentious political climate. Pray that Way of Life church, a Network partner, and other black churches in the Khayelitsha township can capture the vision for proactive peacebuilding for the well-being of their community.

## **Announcements**

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner.

**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!

**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 Marv

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Celebration Singers

**Nursery This Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

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

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** MC USA \$1,682.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

### **Church Events**

**Monday 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.

**Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:40 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Business Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday** 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. **Please RSVP to Pastor Katherine by Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>** if you are planning to have your children attend. Thanks!

**February 22** Bethel College Sunday – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. The Bethel College concert choir will be ministering to us at our worship service on February 22. We have invited them to stay for a potluck meal that day. Social Council will provide bread and drink and we ask each of you to consider the extra people we will feed when you prepare for the potluck – 60+ college students and other guests! We are looking forward to an uplifting time of worship and fellowship around the tables!

**February 22 after the meal** A congregational meeting will be held February 22 following the carry-in dinner to discuss and review pastor search information. Please contact Diana Schunn or one of the search committee members if you have questions/ideas.

### **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, Wynnwood PA. 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.

**New Wine/New Wineskins: Reshaping Mennonite Central Committee for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** is engaging all MCC stakeholders in discerning God's direction by creating a common vision and revised structure for MCC. The process will incorporate the voices and best ideas of the entire MCC community around the globe. It holds the potential to unify MCC and increase its capacity for meaningful impact around the world. We want your input! You are invited to participate in a meeting on February 21 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the MCC Center (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>) in North Newton, please contact Tina Schrag (316-283-2720 or [trs@mcc.org](mailto:trs@mcc.org)) to see if there is room available. You can also go online to [www.mcc.org/newwineskins](http://www.mcc.org/newwineskins) and give your input.

**Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, is sponsoring a "Building Vitality in Rural Congregations and Communities"** seminar on March 7, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shannon Jung, Professor of Town and Country Ministries, St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, will help you consider how you can build the future of your rural church. See <http://www.mennowdc.org/RuralCongregationsSeminar030709.pdf> for information/registration form.

**How Can I Keep From Singing** on March 21 at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, is a music resourcing event featuring Ken Nafziger from Eastern Mennonite University. Everyone interested in singing is invited! Ken will be leading us through the *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story* hymnal supplements. Brochures can be found at: [www.mennowdc.org/HowCanIKeepFromSinging.pdf](http://www.mennowdc.org/HowCanIKeepFromSinging.pdf) or in the foyer. Registration is \$20 for individuals or \$100 per church. This is sponsored by Eden Church and the Music and Worship Task Force of Western District. Let's bring our voices together in song!

**A seminar entitled "The Global Food Crisis: Hunger for Justice"** will be held at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church (Wichita) on March 28-29. Planned by the MCC U.S. Washington Office, the seminar will feature plenary sessions and workshops on a variety of topics, including the history and causes of the crisis; the impact of bio-fuels; sustainable eating; and how to advocate effectively; and an overview of MCC food projects. U.S. Senator Sam Brownback has been invited to speak; the seminar will also include an optional visit to the senator's office in Wichita on Monday, March 30. Go to: <http://mcc.org/us/washington/programs/seminar/> for more information and to register.

**2009 Men and Boys Retreat** is April 24-26 - Mark your calendars now for this yearly trek to Camp Mennoscah! This retreat has been a tradition for over 50 years and is popular with young and old. It is a perfect opportunity for outreach or for your men's group. If you haven't been to camp in a while, give it a try...we promise it will be fun. Contact Brent Voran for information: 316-284-2657, [bevoran@cox.net](mailto:bevoran@cox.net).

**Calling all counselors and summer staff!** Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston College on February 9 and 10 and at Bethel College on February 11 for summer staff and counselor recruiting. Stop by our booth to sign up for summer fun or just say hi! Torrey and Olivia will be there to answer your questions from approximately 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.