

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 9, 2014  
Kansas

Whitewater,

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen  
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Associate Pastor: Katherine

Musician: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

## SOJOURN THROUGH SCRIPTURE: Abraham and the Hittites

*Sojourn Virtue: Giving*

*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 111

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

\* **Hymn of Response No. 387** *Lord, thou dost love* verses 1-3

### *Hearing God's Story*

Special Music *The Power of Your Love* Tara Harms-Becker

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

Old Testament Scripture Reading Genesis 23 Lon Hiebert

### Sermon

Pastor Peter

### *Responding to God's Story*

\* **Hymn of Response No. 383** *God, whose giving*

### Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* **Sending Hymn No. 389** *Take my life*

We will sing all verses of this song. The men and boys are invited to sing verse 3. The women and girls are invited to sing verse 4.

### 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

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Derek King, who will be installed as an Associate Pastor at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Brian and Noelia Fox of MMN praise God for the first three months of their business venture, an English-teaching academy in Spain. Pray that God would bless the endeavor to support the Fox family, and that it would provide opportunities to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Church Events

**This evening 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

**Monday at 1:30 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet in the church basement for a Work Day – tie comfort and cut quilt blocks. Offering is for Western District Women in Mission.

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

**Wednesday**    **7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming  
                  **7:00 p.m.** Youth Programming  
                  **7:00 p.m.** Adult Study with Pastor Peter  
                  **7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket in Newton.

**Next Sunday** is Youth Sunday.

**Next Sunday at 6:30 p.m.** Menno-Nite Live – *Things you never learned about the Bible in Sunday School* – When and how was it written and compiled? Who decided what was in or out and how. What did ancient peoples think of these texts? What difference does it all make for us to help us live according to the Word?

**Nursery This Sunday:** Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Theresa Toews and Sara Harms  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,293.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Grace Hill Youth Group

## Et Cetera

**Sign here! Camp Mennoscah** will be recruiting for summer staff, counselors, and other summer positions at Hesston, Tabor, and Bethel Colleges on February 10, 11, and 12, respectively. Summer staff applications are available on the Camp Mennoscah website ([www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) under Resources). A pizza meal for those interested in more information about being a summer staffer will be held February 12 at 6:15ish p.m. at Papa John's in Newton.

**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.

**You are invited to First Mennonite Church, 427 West 4th, Halstead,** for a verenike supper on February 15 from 5-7 p.m. Cost by donation, proceeds go to church missions.

**Furley United Methodist Church Soup Supper** will be held February 15 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Homemade chicken noodle soup, chili, sandwiches and desserts. Freewill offering to the Building Fund.

**The first film in the KIPCOR spring film series is *Two Sided Story*,** a 75-minute documentary about a unique project that brings many sides of the conflict in Israel-Palestine together for “conversations toward reconciliation”; February 16 at 3:30 p.m., Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center, with a talk-back session facilitated by Patty Shelly; free with a freewill offering taken in support of KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution).

**Hesston College and Ted & Co. present “*Didn’t You Get My Letter? Musings from the Apostle Paul*,”** at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 22, Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with advance purchase through the Hesston College Bookstore at 620-327-8105 or at the door. The event is in conjunction with Hesston’s Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Conference *Reading the Bible in an Instagram World* and Mennonite Church USA Year of the Bible. “*Didn’t You Get My Letter*” portrays the Apostle Paul as an often misunderstood man and his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, his contentious relationship with Peter and frustrations with Jesus’ followers known as the church. The audience will be challenged to better understand Paul’s passion, pains, doubts and unshakable belief in the church and the power of love.

**Please join us for Offender/Victim Ministries’ Annual Dinner** on Monday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amish Community Building in Hutchinson. The special guest speaker will be Michelle Armster, transitional executive director of Mennonite Central Committee Central States. Dinner will be provided; donations appreciated. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) by Monday, February 17.

**All are invited March 1 at 10 a.m. to Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita,** to join the MCC Central States staff and board of directors for: *Building Beloved Community: MCC Central States and the Work of Decolonization*. Join us as Program Coordinators working in Louisiana, South Dakota, New Mexico and Texas reflect on the work of decolonization and racial justice as crucial aspects of MCC’s commitment to peace and the building of beloved community. Lunch will follow to allow for further conversation. Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at [tinaschrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org) or by calling 316-283-2720 by Monday, Feb. 24.

**Women, mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship and inspiration on Thursday, March 20 at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton.** This annual Spring Supper features Karen Dalke, pastor from Des Moines, Iowa, as guest speaker. A light supper will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 per person at the door. An offering will be taken for Mennonite Women. This event is for women of all ages of Western District Conference and South Central Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 1. Reserve a place with Amanda Rempel at [carempel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carempel@sbcglobal.net).

**The 2014 WDC Basketball Tournament will be held March 24-29** at Bethel College. See all information at: [www.mennowdc.org/calendar](http://www.mennowdc.org/calendar) (click on Basketball Tournament). Entry Form and \$150 fee is due by March 5, in order to determine if there are enough teams to have the tournament. NEW THIS YEAR - register and pay online!

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension** announces that it will close on June 30, 2014, a decision based on the growing availability of online and hybrid courses from the AMBS campus in Elkhart. Spring and summer classes will run as announced, and future offerings of occasional courses and continuing education resources are still to be determined. For further information, visit [www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains](http://www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains) or contact the AMBS–Great Plains office, 316-283-7098 or [dnfriesen@ambs.edu](mailto:dnfriesen@ambs.edu). A closing Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 1, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Give thanks to God for this valuable resource and pray that God will continue to bless all who studied and taught in this program over the last 34 years.