

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 12, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Sara Unruh

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

*Gospel Stories and Parables: Jesus Calling the Disciples*

*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.*

**Vocal Call to Worship** *Will you come and follow me* Tara Harms-Becker

**Spoken Call to Worship** from 1 Samuel 3

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song STJ No. 92** *Just as I am, without one plea*

**Offering Our Gifts** Local Church Missions

## *Hearing God's Story*

**Special Music** *I know that my Redeemer liveth* Tara Harms-Becker

**Creative Retelling of the Story** Members of the Youth Group

\* **Song STJ No. 106** *Just a closer walk with thee* verses 1 & 2

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

**Gospel Reading** John 1: 35-51

Levi Goossen

**Sermon** *Come and See*

Pastor Peter

## *Responding to the Story*

\* **Song of Response No. 20** *Come and see*

## Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

## *Sending*

\* **Sending Song No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

\* **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.

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Justin Osborn, the newly licensed and commissioned Youth Pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that God's presence may be felt by all participants as the Anabaptist 1643 Community in Australia goes through changes to conform to local government requirements. May God grant wisdom to Mark and Mary Hurst of MMN as they walk alongside fellow community members during this time of uncertainty.

Pastors Peter and Katherine will be gone all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning of this week for a Pastors' workshop. You may contact us via Peter's cell phone, if need be.

## **Announcements**

**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:** Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Theresa Toews and Kristen Toews

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

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Youth Group

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,596.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Grace Hill Youth Group

## **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***

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***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

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## Church Events

**Today 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 Sunday School classes.

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

**Monday 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.

**Wednesday 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!  
**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  
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** Business Council meets  
**at 7:45 p.m.** Administrative Council meets

**Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

**Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday** Youth Sunday – the youth will prepare and lead the worship service.

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

**Sunday, February 26** after worship there will be a brief congregational meeting to vote on the contract extension for Pastors Katherine and Peter.

**October 20-21, 2012** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

## Et Cetera

**First Mennonite Church, Halstead** (427 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, Halstead) will host a Verenike Supper on Saturday, February 18 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost by donations: proceeds support the high school youth group service trip to the Hopi Mission School in Arizona this spring.

**Furley United Methodist Church** (400 E. 4<sup>th</sup>, Furley) will host a soup supper on Saturday, February 18 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Chicken noodle soup, chili, sandwiches and pie will be served. Free will offering.

**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](http://wichitaorpheum.com) or through Select-A-Seat by calling 316-755-7328 or at [selectaseat.com](http://selectaseat.com). Go to [www.hesston.edu](http://www.hesston.edu) for more information or contact the alumni relations office toll free at 866-437-7866.

**You are invited to begin lent this year with a day retreat.** On Saturday, February 25, join leaders Kathy Neufeld Dunn and Barbara Krehbiel Gehring from 8:30-4:30 at Stutzman Retreat Cabin near Hesston to take time for prayer, dwell in the scriptures and make space for God. The cost is \$25.00 which includes meals and materials. To register or for more information e-mail [pastorfmc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfmc@gmail.com).

**You are invited to the Mennonite Central Committee Central States Annual Meeting** at New Creation Fellowship Church in Newton on Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. Joanna Hiebert Bergen, MCC's HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator will share how MCC is touching the lives of millions by caring for people living with HIV/AIDS, supporting children orphaned by the disease, teaching prevention and addressing the poverty and injustices that perpetuate the spread of the disease. New Creation Fellowship is located at 221 Muse St in Newton and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

**Scrapbooking Retreat!** The 2012 Spring Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is March 2-4. We're planning on a joyful time of creating memories, making friends, and relaxing. Our brochure can be found at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Upcoming Events section or contact us at 620-297-3290. Escape everyday tasks and spend time with your favorite photos!

**Plan to participate in Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals: Sunday, February 26 or March 4.** Ways to participate: (See brochure for details.) 1. Host a fellowship meal at your church. 2. Hosts prepare a meal for guests: it need not be a feast; a simple meal is also an act of friendship. 3. Guests go and enjoy a meal with your hosts. Return the form in the brochure to John/Miriam Claassen or Ed/Marge Harms or mail to Bob and Teresa Poulseen, P.O. Box 306, Buhler, KS 67522 (phone: 620-543-6744) email: [mccfellowshipmeals@gmail.com](mailto:mccfellowshipmeals@gmail.com) by February 15. Include a check to Mennonite Relief Sale: \$15 per adult; \$6 per child, 6-12 years. Children under 6 are free.

**Comfort Blitz-** It is time for the annual Comfort Blitz!! It will be held at Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder. Dates and times are Monday, March 5, noon-9 p.m. and Tuesday March 6, 9-5. All are welcome including youth groups. Check flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

**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](http://www.mennowdc.org) - Upcoming Events.

**It's time to plan for Mennonite Women Spring Supper again!** The evening of fellowship and inspiration will be held Thursday, March 15, at Eden Mennonite Church, near Moundridge. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the program featuring guest speaker Michele Hershberger will be at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00, paid at the door, and an offering for Mennonite Women USA will be taken. This event is for women of all ages from South Central Conference and Western District Conference and their guests. Reservations are required: call or email Marjorie Gundy at 620-463-3991 or [mgundy1@cox.net](mailto:mgundy1@cox.net).

**See Mennonite Central Committee in action, go on a Learning Tour!** April 20-30 an MCC Learning Tour will travel to Honduras. Participants will learn about MCC's work with marginalized children, at-risk youth, vulnerable river neighborhoods and the Honduran Mennonite Church. Registration deadline is March 9 and the cost of the trip is \$1500 (includes all costs except necessary immunizations). Curious? Call Sarah Bunn or Maynard Knepp with questions at 316-283-2720 or email [sbunn@mcc.org](mailto:sbunn@mcc.org).