

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 14, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: James Regier

Gathering and Praise

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**

*** Gathering Prayer**

*** Gathering Hymn No. 51** *Let the whole creation cry*

Offering Local Church

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading Exodus 34:29-35

Philip Harms

*** Hymn No. 517** *Open my eyes, that I may see*

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, Your holy love descended to us in the person of Jesus. Christ's baptism revealed him to be your blessed Son. Christ's life revealed to us the way to your righteousness. Anoint us by your Spirit that we may live faithful to your calling, and you may be known as love throughout all the world. Amen.

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

New Testament Reading Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Responding

*** Hymn of Response No. 232** *Christ upon the mountain peak*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

*** Sending Hymn No. 114** *In thee is gladness*

*** 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

Western District Conference: Pray for new educational programs to train, equip and strengthen our pastors – through college, seminary, conferences, and congregations. (Treat your pastor with a gift certificate for a new book this week!)

Mennonite Mission Network: On Friday, Bethesda Health Center will celebrate 20 years of offering healing and hope to some of Benin's most marginalized people. Pray that the good news of God's love may be shared with all who attend the ceremonies – government officials and those who live on the streets.

Announcements

On Monday, February 15, Remington High School will be hosting a Numana Event at the RHS gym. Numana is the group working in conjunction with the Salvation Army packaging meals for the relief effort in Haiti. The gym will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for volunteers to come in and package meals. You can work anywhere from one shift (approximately 1½ hours) to all day. This event is open to the public and surrounding community. Hope to see everyone there!

Catechism: Catechism classes will resume on February 21st and February 28.

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.

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 Ashley Toews
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter
Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught
Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,606.00
Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College

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

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

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

Today at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Monday at 2:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: “Joy of Music” by Darla Harms-Becker; Devotions: Roberta Harms; Hostess: 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.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children’s and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Choir
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Ash Wednesday: On Wednesday, February 17 there will be an Ash Wednesday service starting at 7:45 p.m. There will be no Bible Study this evening. This will also be the 3rd Annual Youth Group Pancake Relay (one last hurrah before the beginning of Lent), starting at 7:15. All are invited to come and watch.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast at Charlie’s in Newton.

College-Age Lunch: There will be a meal for all college-age young adults next Sunday, February 21 at Kris and Russell Janzen's house. Please let Pastor Katherine know if you plan to attend this event and how many friends you are bringing. If you are interested in helping with food, please talk with Kris or Russ. Thanks!

April 18 Bethel College Sunday

Et Cetera

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. this afternoon. 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.

Furley United Methodist Church Soup Supper will be held February 20 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Free will offering. Located at 400 E. 4th in Furley.

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!

Peace Connections Annual Meeting, will be February 25, 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus Dr., Newton. Dr. John Valusek, clinical psychologist, lecturer, and author of *People are Not for Hitting and Children are People Too*, will speak on the connection between poverty and violence. Everyone is invited for a soup supper, an update on Peace Connections programs and financial needs, and music. Dr. Valusek's presentation follows at 7 p.m. Donations are welcome. Please call 316-284-0000 for more information.

"Immigration, faith and justice" is the focus of an immigration consultation sponsored by Western District Conference on Saturday, March 6 from 8:30 - 2:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Speakers: Gilberto Flores, WDC Associate Conference Minister and Church Planter and Tammy Alexander (by phone), Legislative Assistant from the Mennonite Central Committee-Washington office. Cost is \$25 (includes materials and lunch); \$10 for students. Brochures on-line at www.mennowdc.org or contact 316-283-6300. Deadline for registration is Feb. 26. (Each congregation is encouraged to send two representatives.)

Comfort Blitz- It is time for the 4th annual Comfort Blitz!! It will be held at Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Dates and times are Monday, March 8, Noon-9 p.m. and Tuesday, March 9, 9-5. All are welcome including youth groups. Check bulletin board for more detailed information.

Sunset Supper - Mark your calendars ladies!! An evening of fellowship and inspiration is planned for Thursday, March 11, at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. This annual SPRING SUPPER will feature Gracia Burnham as guest speaker. A soup supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (costing \$6.00 per person). This event is for Women of South Central Conference and Western District Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 2 so contact Agnes Harder from our church or see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

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.

Mennonite Central Committee is deeply grateful for the overwhelming response to the January 12 earthquake in Haiti. MCC is developing a multi-year response to utilize the over \$8 million that has been donated. Kurt Hildebrand, an MCC worker in Haiti, recently said, "Haitians...were accustomed to being considered by the outside world as a hopeless basket case that wasn't worth the effort...I want us to all think and pray very hard about how we can sustain the interest." MCC is committed to working in Haiti long after the media spotlight fades as it has in other places - New Orleans, Sudan, Indonesia, etc. However, due to a decrease in general giving over the past two years MCC has been forced to make cuts to vital programming around the world. Please consider giving a "where needed most" donation to support MCC's work. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or at www.mcc.org.