

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 16, 2014

Whitewater,

Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine

Goerzen

Worship Leaders: Rachelle Claassen and Paul Goossen

Musicians: Eli Schmidt and Pastor Katherine

Song Leaders: Youth Group

## Youth Sunday

### Gathering and Praising

**Prelude**

Eli Schmidt

### 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 117

Paul Goossen

**Gathering Prayer**

Rachelle Claassen

\* **Gathering Songs** *Here by the water*  
*10,000 Reasons*

**Offering Our Gifts** Grace Hill Youth Group

Rachelle Claassen

### Hearing God's Story

**Worship Music** *Sonatina in F Major* by Diabelli Renata Goossen

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

**Old Testament Reading** I Samuel 17: 24-58

Rachelle Claassen

**Sermon** *David and Goliath: The Battle of Trust*

Lucas Goossen

\* **Hymn of Response No. 544** *When we walk with the Lord*

**Old Testament Reading** Joshua 1:9

Kylee Schunn

**Sermon**

Kylee Schunn

\* **Song of Response** *Oceans*

### Responding to God's Story

**Candle Lighting and Congregational Prayer**

Paul Goossen

*Zephaniah 3:17*

Carine Claassen and Eli Schmidt

*Grace like Rain*

\* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 78** *We will walk with God*

**Benediction**

Paul Goossen

**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

Deb Regier's father, Darrol Gross, passed away last Sunday. Services were Wednesday in Henderson, NE. We surround Deb, James, Matt, Lindsey, Katie, and Kyle with our love and prayer.

Vernon McLain's father, Bern McLain, passed away last Sunday. Services were Thursday in Wichita. We surround Vernon and Jeannine with our love and prayer.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Susan Jantzen who will be ordained as pastor at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro next Sunday, February 23.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Last month, Deb and Wes Bergen arrived on the campus of the Good News Theological College and Seminary in Accra, Ghana, for a two-year assignment with MMN. Pray

that their ministry will bless students and colleagues, even as they are blessed through joining Christ's body in West Africa.

### **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:** Theresa Toews and Sara Harms  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kathy Balzer and Kylee Schunn  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church 4,451.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### **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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## Church Events

**The adult elective Sunday School** will meet in the fellowship hall. Today's topic is Joshua and violence in the Old Testament.

**This afternoon at 2:30 p.m.** The Women's Book Study for "The Year of Biblical Womanhood" will plan to meet today at 2:30 in the church library. I look forward to seeing you there to discuss the chapter on "Beauty."

**This evening 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?

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

**Wednesday 6:15 p.m.** All Church Meal – everyone is invited!  
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50  
**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming  
**7:00 p.m.** Youth Programming  
**7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir  
**7:15 p.m.** Adult Bible Study with Pastor Peter –  
“The Bible and Israel-Palestine”  
**7:45 p.m.** Business Co. meets  
**7:45 p.m.** Spiritual Co. meets  
**8:00 p.m.** Worship Co. meets

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

**Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge.

**Sunday, March 2** is Bethel College Sunday – our Bethel students are planning and will lead the service. All church carry-in meal at noon, please bring extra food for our college student guests.

## Et Cetera

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.

Levi Goossen will present a Friends of the MLA (Mennonite Library & Archives) program on the history and significance of the Bethel College bell; Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building chapel.

Circle of Grace curriculum teaches children and youth how to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional and spiritual boundaries. Acknowledging God’s presence around us at all times, setting personal limits, knowing who to trust are part of the activities. You are invited to the training from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the Western District Conference Center. Call 316-283-5300 to sign up by February 25. It’s free, but you may be required to eat a cinnamon roll!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Comforter Blitz will be held on Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11 at Journey Yoder Campus, Yoder. Check flyer on bulletin board for details.

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. To make reservations, see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

WDC Annual Assembly - Resolutions must be submitted by March 3 to the WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67114. See the resolution policy at: <http://mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/>.

As the Camp Mennoscah Association plans for the future the board of directors is pleased to announce that we are adding a staff position to join our dedicated, experienced staff: camp director Olivia Bartel and maintenance coordinator, Gardell Stucky. Our new position of executive director will focus on advancement while Olivia continues to work and live on camp grounds directing the programs and retreats that are such an important part of our mission and vision. Our goal is to develop a team to share in the many responsibilities and to fulfill our vision. The board affirms that adding an executive director to our staff will help us better achieve our vision of being a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships and their connection to God. For more information about the executive director position send questions to [campmenno@gmail.com](mailto:campmenno@gmail.com).

New Date! "Managing Differences in Faith Communities", a one-hour credit course from AMBS, taught at KIPCOR, will be held May 8-9, 8:00 - 5:00 both days - but credit registration closes Monday, February 17. Enroll online ([www.ambs.edu/forms/One-course-registration](http://www.ambs.edu/forms/One-course-registration)) IMMEDIATELY. However, if you desire "certificate" (non-credit) you must register by May 1 with KIPCOR directly at 316-284-5217. Cost is \$300 per person but costs are reduced for congregations sending more than one registration.

Summer is just around the corner! Calling all young adults (ages 14-20)! Join Youth Venture this summer to serve and learn with Mennonite youth from 8+ countries in Ft. Myers, Florida and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve)

Registration remains open for a Bluffton University “Journey to Jerusalem,” led by Dr. Randall Keeler, associate professor of religion, from Dec. 26, 2014-Jan. 7, 2015. Anyone interested in the trip should contact Julia Szabo in the Bluffton alumni office at 419-358-3245 or [szaboj@bluffton.edu](mailto:szaboj@bluffton.edu). More information is available online at [www.bluffton.edu/journey](http://www.bluffton.edu/journey).