

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 19, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Sara Harms, Eli Schmidt, Pastor Katherine

Song Leaders: Eli Schmidt, Kyle Regier, Youth Group

Worship Leaders: Kyle Regier and Kylee Schunn

*Youth Sunday: Miracles in the Bible*

## Prelude

Sara Harms

## 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** STJ No. 9 *Come, now is the time to worship*

## Welcoming One Another

## Gathering Prayer

Kylee Schunn

**Gathering Song** *Grace like rain*

**Offering Our Gifts** Grace Hill Youth Group

**Children's Story** Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Paul Janzen

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

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 14:21-31

Alex Carr, Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Rachele Claassen,  
Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen, Paul Janzen

## Sermonette

Steven Harms

**Hymn of Response No. 446** *Wade in the water* verses 1, 2 & 4

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 14:22-33

Kylee Schunn

## Sermonette

Matthew Hiebert

**Song of Response** *Waterfall*

**Old Testament Reading** 2 Kings 5:1-16

Rachele Claassen, Emma Hilgenfeld, Madison Janzen

## Sermonette

Brett Harms

**Hymn of Response No. 163** *Obe my voice*

## Congregational Prayer

Katrina Regehr

**Candle Lighting** STJ No. 79 *As I went down to the river*

**Sending Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

## Benediction

Kyle Regier

## Postlude

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 that God would continue to call out pastors and teachers from within our congregations. Pray for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains in their role in calling and training future pastors.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Three months ago, Christine and Phil Lindell Detweiler and their three teenagers left their home in South Africa. Lift up the family as they grieve friends left behind, adjust to life in the United States, and share about MMN in congregations and schools.

## Church Events

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

**Tuesday 1:30-5:00 p.m.** For the next few weeks on Tuesdays we'll be quilting on a quilt for Pastors Katherine and Peter's baby. Anyone is welcome to come and quilt.

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**Wednesday 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

**Next Sunday, February 26** after worship there will be a brief congregational meeting to vote on the contract extension for Pastors Katherine and Peter. The motion that will be presented will read: "Based upon the results of the Congregational/Pastoral Review conducted with the help of Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Western District consultant, the combined Pastor Relations committees for Pastors Katherine and Peter recommends renewing their call and presents the following motion. Move that Grace Hill Mennonite Church extend a call to Pastor Katherine Goerzen and Pastor Peter Goerzen for five years from August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2017." If you have questions, please contact a member of the Pastor Relations Committee: Carol (Kendall) Claassen, Kim Claassen, Lisa Harms, Joyce Stuart, Ken Wiebe.

**Sunday, March 4, 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.** Focus groups will meet for in-depth congregational evaluation. An email will be sent to all that indicated interest in participation on the congregational/pastoral review. Everyone else is invited to participate as well.

## 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 Kristen Toews  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barbara Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn  
**Greeters Next Sunday:** Hunter Hill and Eli Schmidt

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$5,905.00  
**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***

*E-mail:* [pastor@gracehillmc.org](mailto:pastor@gracehillmc.org)

***Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen***

*E-mail:* [youthpastor@gracehillmc.org](mailto:youthpastor@gracehillmc.org)

***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## New books in the library:

Vernon Harms of Saskatchewan, brother to Doreen Harms, professor at the university, and a researcher has donated the following two books that he researched and wrote: *Flora of Saskatchewan: Ferns and Flora Allies*, 2011; *Flora of Saskatchewan: Lilies, Irises, and Orchids* 2011.

Other new library additions:

*Understanding the Atonement for the Mission of the Church*, 1986 (John Driver) explores various atonement theories and invites readers to look to the cross for renewal.

*The Gift: Chiveis Trilogy Book 2*, 2011 (Bryan Litfin) This futuristic adventure deals with survival while emphasizing forgiveness and truth.

*The Christmas Sweater*, 2008 (Glenn Beck) Based on a true story; this holiday novel emphasizes family, faith, and forgiveness.

*A Carol for Christmas*, 2006 (Robin Lee Hatcher) Holiday novella dealing with sacrifice and the true meaning of Christmas.

## Et Cetera

**Internationally acclaimed baritone Anthony Brown will present *I Go On Singing***, an original tribute to Paul Robeson in honor of Black History Month. Presented February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre. 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 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.

**The Goshen College Men's Chorus, *Light in the Darkness***, will sing at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. First St., Newton, Sunday evening, February 26th at 7:30 pm. Please come and hear this remarkable group of 45 students share a variety of music related to the theme "Light in the Darkness!" The choir is directed by Dr. Scott Hochstettler, see web address: [www.goshen.edu/choirtour](http://www.goshen.edu/choirtour).

**Scrapbookers Unite!** It's hours of uninterrupted cropping, fellowship, and creating memories to be shared. Join us at Camp Mennoscah on March 2-4 for our Spring Scrapbooking Retreat. The registration form and schedule can be found at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section or call us at 620-297-3290. We've got nifty Make-n-Takes!

**Please join us for Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Dinner** on Monday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic School in Newton. Special guest speaker Dr. Gregory Ellison of the Candler School of Theology will speak about *A Strange Freedom (Revisited)*. 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 27.

**On Friday March 9 Wheat State Manor** is having a fund raising dinner at Emmaus Mennonite Church. Information was in your mailboxes; if you have questions, talk to John Claassen. Your support for this fund raiser is encouraged.

**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).

**Kitchen Staff and Counselors - Camp Mennoscah** is seeking, searching, and surfing for counselors and kitchen staff for our summer youth camps. Kitchen volunteers can receive a parent discount for a camper and a free tee shirt. Counselors get a week-long adventure with fun- and faith-hungry youth, a free tee shirt, and pizza at the end of the week. We depend on you to make Camp Mennoscah a great experience for all involved. Contact us at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 to join in our summer fun.

**Thinking about service next year? Mennonite Voluntary Service's** early bird application deadline is March 16. Adults ages 20+ are invited by local congregations and communities around the country to spend a year engaging with them in service, reconciliation and sharing the love of Jesus. For more information on how you can apply, visit [Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://Service.MennoniteMission.net).

**The Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$2,575.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Tim Harms serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.