

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 20, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Sara Harms, David Janzen, Eli Schmidt

Worship Leaders: Kylee Schunn, Kyle Regier

Song Leader: Kyle Regier

## Youth Sunday

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

**One:** God of all creation, we enter your presence, humbly aware that all we have and are we owe to you.

**Many: We come, desiring to worship together. Be our inspiration.**

**One:** We come, desiring to learn together. Be our teacher.

**Many: We come as eager children, desiring your touch.**

**Be our loving parent.**

**One:** Open our eyes, that we may see as you see.

**Many: Open our hearts, that we may love as you love.**

**One:** Open our hands, that we may serve as you serve.

**All: In the name of Christ, our Lord and our example. Amen**

### Gathering Prayer

- \* **Gathering Hymn No. 48** *All creatures of our God and King*  
v. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7

**Offering our Gifts** Grace Hill Youth Group Missions

**Children's Story** Grant Claassen, Steven Harms, Paul Janzen

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

**Gospel Reading** John 10:1-18 Rachele Claassen

**Sermon** *The Good Shepherd* Melinda Regehr

- \* **Hymn of Response No. 355** *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

**Old Testament Reading** Numbers 22:21-35 Quin Tillotson

**Sermon** *Balaam's Donkey* Samantha Claassen

- \* **Song of Response** *Open the eyes of my heart, Lord*

**Old Testament Reading** Jonah 1:1-17 Lucas Goossen

**Sermon** *The Whale and Jonah: What was the whale really thinking?*  
David Janzen

- \* **Song of Response** *Waterfall on me*

### Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Brett Harms and Matthew Hiebert

**Sending Song** *As I went down to the river to pray* Youth Group

### 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!**

Thank you to Mikayla Hiebert, Cole Claassen, Rachele Claassen, and Madison Janzen for designing our visual proclaiming the Good Shepherd.

Thank you to David Janzen, Katrina Regehr, Sara Harms, Alexander Carr, Emma Hilgenfeld, and Eli Schmidt for choosing our music for worship.

Thank you to the Youth Group and Sponsors for prayerfully planning a meaningful worship service for this morning!

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Pray for strong giving for and safe construction of a new swimming pool for Camp Mennoscah. Pray for Olivia Bartel, Camp Director, as she prepares for programming and staffing for summer 2011.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Thank God for the many lives touched through Third Way Media's *Shaping Families* radio programs and the accompanying website, [www.ShapingFamilies.com](http://www.ShapingFamilies.com). Pray for sponsors and a radio station to air the program in northern Indiana.

## Church Events

**This evening at 6:30 p.m.** College-age Bible Study at Pastors Peter & Katherine's home.

**Tuesday 1:00-5:00 p.m.** Quilting at church.

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Study with Pastor Peter  
**7:45 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

## Announcements

**Just 10 days left to get your recipes entered for the Grace Hill Cookbook.** Lots more recipes are needed. You may enter your recipes at [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com). Group login in: gracehill67154 Password:73kqy If you are unable to enter your recipes on the computer, give them to Donna Balzer. Deadline is March 1.

**Western District Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments** are coming up March 15-19. Information and registration forms are available on the WDC website at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) (Coming Events) for anyone interested in forming a team.

## Et Cetera

**Jr. high and high school youth, and young adults are invited to a special “Youth call to Peace” event** at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, on Sunday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove is an author, speaker, and new monastic. Jonathan is an Associate Minister at the historically black St. Johns Baptist Church, and is engaged in peacemaking and reconciliation efforts in Durham, North Carolina. The Rutba House, where Jonathan lives with his family and other friends, is a new monastic community that prays, eats, and lives together, welcoming neighbors and the homeless. Music will be offered by the Camp Mennoscah Sr. high camp reunion band and friends. Learn more at, <http://jonathanwilsonhartgrove.com>.

**Invitation to conversation:** On Thursday, February 24, 9:45-11:30 a.m., First Mennonite Church of Newton will host three international guests from Mennonite World Conference (MWC). You are invited to join in a conversation with them concerning the global Mennonite fellowship. MWC participants are Albert C. (Bert) Lobe, Canada; Cynthia Peacock, India; and Mawangu Cisca Ibanda, Democratic Republic of Congo. Please contact the First Mennonite church office for more information or to RSVP: [office@firstmennonitewton.org](mailto:office@firstmennonitewton.org) or 316-283-0273.

**Nicholas Krehbiel**, Bethel College visiting assistant professor of history, will speak Thursday, Feb. 24, on “The Mennonite General’s Alternative Service: Lewis B. Hershey and Conscientious Objection during World War II” at 7 p.m. in the Ad Building chapel. The lecture comes from Krehbiel’s Ph.D. dissertation research on Hershey, director of Selective Service during World War II, and his role in developing and administering alternative service in conjunction with the Historic Peace Churches during that time. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**First Mennonite Church of Halstead** (427 W. 4<sup>th</sup>) will host a **Verenike Supper** on Saturday, February 26 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost by donation. Proceeds will go to the High School Youth Group’s annual service trip.

**Western District Conference, South Central Conference and Everence** are offering three financial seminars on February 28 (7-9 p.m.), and March 1 (3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.). You are invited to attend one, two or all three of these presentations. Presenters are Ashley Hagelin and Beryl Jantzi. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board with information about the seminar content, presenters, schedule and registration form. This information can also be found at: [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org), under Coming Events. Registration deadline is February 23.

**Scrapbooking Retreat!** It’s been months since we’ve had a retreat at Camp Mennoscah and we’ve missed having folks visit us. We’re starting our camping season with our Faith, Friends, and Finished Albums Retreat on March 4-6. Come for a weekend of cropping and conversation—get those pictures under control! Find the brochure at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section or contact us at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Blitz-** It is time for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Comforter Blitz!! If you have come to the Comforter Blitz any time over the last four years, you know what fun it is to work together. It is such a blessing to serve God in this small way and to bring warmth to those in need. We will again use the South Hutchinson Mennonite Church, Journey at Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder. The dates this year are: Monday, March 7, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The comforters will be distributed by MCC for needs around the world and a few may be sold at the MCC sale. See bulletin board for more details.

**Harvey County Homeless Shelter training dates** are March 8 at 6:30 p.m., March 16 at 10:00 a.m. and March 24 at 6:30 p.m. See Donna Balzer if you have any questions.

**Mark your calendars ladies!!** An evening of fellowship and inspiration is planned for Thursday, March 17, at Journey at Yoder Activity Center, Yoder. This annual Spring Supper will feature Brenda Glanzer Lilliston as guest speaker. A soup supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (costing \$6.00 per person). There will be special music and an offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. This event is for women of all ages of South Central Conference and Western District Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 1<sup>st</sup> so contact Agnes Harder from our church or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Get ready for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**, a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee, April 8 & 9 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutch. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Also requested are "recycled" quilt supplies and linens for Quilter’s Corner. Check with DuMont & Barbara Schmidt or Ed & Marge Harms for more information.

## Et Cetera

**Join in the fun and help those in need...be a part of the KS Mennonite Relief Sale '11 Run for Relief** scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday, April 9—a walk, jog, run for all ages & abilities. Please return your entry form by March 25 with your entry fee or “Go the extra mile” by inviting others to sponsor your run to raise even more for those in need. For more information contact Angie Teeter at [theteeterfamily@cox.net](mailto:theteeterfamily@cox.net) or 620-327-4434 for more details.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop is looking for additional** Friday and Saturday clerks - morning and afternoon shifts are available. Last year, over 60 volunteer clerks helped ring up about \$425,000 in sales at the Newton store, and of this, \$175,000 was donated to Mennonite Central Committee. Clerks also helped run our pantry supply drive for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter; they ministered to community members through the relationships they built; they helped support Ten Thousand Villages by drinking lots and lots of Equal Exchange coffee during break time. Interested? Stop by or contact the store to request a volunteer application: 316.283.9461 or [newtonetc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:newtonetc@sbcglobal.net).

**Camp Mennoscah summer staff applications due!** For all you potential summer staffers, don't forget to get your applications in by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Application forms and information can be found at [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) or by contacting us at 620-297-3290. Don't miss out on your chance for the best summer job ever! (Want to be a counselor instead? Call us or email [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).)

**Camp Mennoscah's new pool is being built!** Check out pictures and get updates on Facebook. Go to [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) and click on the Facebook link. Help us make a splash with a donation to our pool fund! Contact us at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 for more information.

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

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barb Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Sara Unruh

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Lucas, Paul & Renata Goossen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$5,861.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Blurb #7: MENNONITE CHURCH IN POLAND

Do you know that in 2011 we not only celebrate Grace Hill's 200 years but also the 475<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Menno Simons' leadership of the Mennonites AND the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death?

Peter J. Klassen in his book "*A Homeland for Strangers*" writes on page 13 "Flemish and Frisian congregations arose (in the Netherlands). The former were more rigid in matters of church discipline, especially in enforcing the ban... As the number of Mennonites in the Vistula lowlands increased, Flemish and Frisian congregations arose there as well. Both groups retained close ties with similar congregations in the Netherlands."

Grace Hill forefathers were generally of Frisian background. The next paragraphs apply to Grace Hill ancestors.

On p. 33, Klassen says, "Soon after the Netherlands had begun their economically successful settlement in the Vistula-Nogat Delta, the Mennonites were invited to continue land reclamation and development to the south. Low lying areas around Mewe (Gniew), Marienwerder (Kiwdzyn), Neuenburg (Nowe), Graudenz (Grudziadz), Schwetz (Swiecie) and Culm (Chelmo) attracted settlers when local rulers decided that non-conformists could be tolerated... The precise date of these beginnings cannot be ascertained; it appears to have been in the 1540's... The new settlers wrested their land from the river and soon established a thriving cattle and dairy economy... In addition, they were permitted to carry on many of their traditional crafts, despite objections from guilds, in the large towns."

Under King Frederick of Prussia the Mennonites were required to annually pay 5,000 thaler to support the military academy at Culm. Later in 1789, Frederick's successor prohibited Mennonites from purchasing any more land.

### CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

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