

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 21, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Chorister: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

*With God as our dwelling place and the Holy Spirit empowering us and revealing the way, we learn to trust the Word within our own hearts.*

## Gathering and Holding On

### 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** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-12, 14-16

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 165** *A mighty fortress is our God*

**Affirmation of Faith** Hymn No. 710

### Hearing God's Word

**Old Testament Reading** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Lisa Schmidt

**Choral Anthem** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arr. Lee Dengler  
Adult Choir

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

**New Testament Reading** Luke 4:1-13 Pastor Peter

**Sermon** *Wilderness Temptations* Pastor Peter

### Letting Go

\* **Hymn of Response No. 547** *My dear Redeemer and my Lord*

**Offering our Gifts** Bethel College

### Confession

Lord, strip us of any illusions that would block our way to you.

*Silence*

Let your Word within us comfort, disturb, and convert us. Amen

\* **Hymn of Letting Go No. 136** *From the depths of sin*

### Celebrating Holy Communion

### Congregational Sharing and Prayer

*Where have you experienced God's presence moving in this past week?  
What would you lift up before your brothers and sisters in Christ for prayer?*

### Sending

\* **Hymn of Assurance of God's steadfast presence with us**

**No. 328** *O God, our help in ages past* verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

\* **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**

**New Address:** Marjorie Harms  
3054 Ivy Court, Room 26-S, North Newton, KS 67117  
Telephone: 316-284-2900 Ext. 326

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it prepares a ballot for leadership positions – including a moderator-elect, secretary and eleven board/commission positions.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that God may strengthen and guide Alyssa Hostetler, Kelli Yoder, Allen Slabaugh and Richard Aguirre of the Americus, GA, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit as they serve the local community.

### **About the Worship Theme of Lent: "Holding on and Letting Go":**

While the scripture readings in Lent always bend toward repentance, this year's texts focus particularly on calling back believers who have fallen away. In these passages we see two parallel invitations:

- 1) to hold on to what is most important and
- 2) to let go of what is peripheral or gets in the way of further growth.

Sometimes we release the ungodly ways of the culture we so easily take for granted. Sometimes we let go of familiar religious beliefs because they are more human creation and habit than essentials of the faith. At times, it is sin that gets in our way. We may hold on to our pride rather than apologize, or clutch resentment rather than forgive, or defend our own rights while others suffer worse conditions. And sometimes we must let go of something that is truly good - a loved one, a hope for the future, our idea of who we are - to continue to grow and develop as God wishes. We look to Jesus as our model, the one who made himself usable for God by letting go of his very life, entrusting himself to the height and depth, the breadth and width of God's love.

~ From the MCUSA "Leader Magazine" Worship Resources for Lent 2010

## Church Events

**College-Age Lunch:** There will be a meal for all college-age young adults today at Kris and Russell Janzen's house.

**Tuesday afternoon** Quilters: You are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

**Wednesday**   **7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
                  **7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Choir  
                  **7:45 – 8:15 p.m.** Adult Bible Study with Pastor Peter

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.

**Friday** The Annual Grace Hill/Zion Youth Lock-in will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday at Grace Hill. We will drive to Druber's and then return to the church for an all-night extravaganza of fun, food, and games. The end time will be at 6 a.m.

**March 16-20** WDC Basketball Tournament at Bethel College

**March 19-20** WDC Volleyball Tournament at Hesston High School

## 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 Ashley Toews

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barb Schmidt and Emily Klassen

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

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Peter

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Pastor Katherine

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Praise Team

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$9,025.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Et Cetera

**Chelsea Vaught** will be performing an alumni organ recital today 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!

**The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** will present a concert today at 4:00 p.m. in Hesston Mennonite Church. The program, entitled *Longings from the Wilderness*, features an eclectic repertoire focused on the season of lent. The 20-member, mixed ensemble is directed by Bradley Kauffman.

**Support MCC by shopping at and donating to Et Cetera!** After two days of spring cleaning, Newton Et Cetera Shop will re-open to the public on Wednesday, February 24. Come see our restocked displays and expanded Silent Auction, featuring an antique crazy quilt, vintage jewelry, Fenton, Noritake, Campbell's Soup collectibles, silver ware and much more. Et Cetera Shop will continue receiving donations at the store's back door while the front is closed for cleaning, Monday and Tuesday, February 22 & 23. All proceeds benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

**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.mennonwdc.org](http://www.mennonwdc.org) or contact 316-283-6300. Deadline for registration is Feb. 26. (Each congregation is encouraged to send two representatives.)

## Et Cetera

**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.

**Scrapbookers unite!** The Camp Mennoscah Scrapbooking Retreat is March 12-14. You'll finally get to work on those pages that you've always wanted to—and have a chance to learn new techniques! Check out the brochure at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section or contact Camp Mennoscah at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290.

**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](http://www.mcc.org).

**Part-time Paid Sorter Needed at Et Cetera** - Newton Et Cetera Shop is accepting applications for one part-time sorter, available to work up to 30 hours per week through the summer (including Saturdays). Additional Saturday hours may be available throughout the school year. Please stop by the store for a job description and application: 619 N. Main, Newton. Applications must be submitted by Saturday, March 6.

**Try on service this summer with Youth Venture** Get ready for a new adventure and be a part of what God is doing around the world. If you are between the ages of 14 and 22, and are interested in spending some time serving and learning alongside other young adults, Youth Venture may be for you. Youth Venture gives you a chance to try new things, meet new people, and learn about a new culture through the eyes of a local church or host community. During summer 2010, you can travel with teams and a leader to locations like Bolivia, Botswana, France, southern California and Montreal, among others. For more information about Youth Venture, visit [www.Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.Service.MennoniteMission.net) or e-mail [ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net).

**Curriculum Idea:** The Western District Conference Resource Library has subscribed to *TheThoughtfulChristian.com* : A web-based resource center that is filled with studies of one to four sessions for adults and youth. Categories include: Spirituality, Christian Living, Bible and Theology, Popular Culture, Contemporary Issues, In the News. Visit the Site, choose your study, then email us at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) to request the study. Questions? Call us at 316-283-6300 or send us an email.

**Naming contest!** Okay, so Camp Mennoscah has this new property with a new-to-us house, but we have no name for it! We're asking all you creative folks out there to help us with a name for this house. Keep in mind all the other building names at camp—Wasp Nest, Skylark, Moonbeams, Sunrise, Nestles, Waldorf—you get the picture. Want to see a picture of the house? Check us out on Facebook! Send suggestions to [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or post them on Facebook.

**The Camp Mennoscah catalog** is now available and registrations are coming in! Take a look and read about all the fun retreats and our snazzy youth camps. This year is going to be fun and exciting and absolutely the BEST! Contact Camp Mennoscah at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 for more information or a copy of the catalog.

### **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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