

## GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 22, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Chorister: William Eash

### Bethel College Sunday

**Prelude** *One Voice* Ruth Moody Avenue 8  
*Esto les Digo* Kinley Lange

*Come, Come Ye Saints* arr. Elvera Voth Open Road

**Welcoming Guests and Announcements** Caleb Regehr  
*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.*

### PRAISE

\* **Invocation** Caleb Regehr

\* **Hymn No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 150 Caleb Regehr

**Gloria** James Mulholland Bethel College Choir  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION

**Scripture Reading** Roman 12:1-5 Camille Claassen

**O Magnum Mysterium** Cesar Carrillo  
O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

**Und das Wort** Georg Telemann  
And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, we have beheld his glory, as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

**Sermon on the Mount** Dave Brubeck  
Matthew 5:3-14

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus** J. D. Brunk

**Talismane** Robert Schumann  
The east is God's! The west is God's! The northern and southern lands rest in his hands. He, the only just One, wants what is just for everyone. Of his hundred names may this one be highly praised! Amen. Wandering will entangle me, but You know how to set me straight. When I act, when I write, give direction to my way. Amen.

**Children's Story** Daniel Klaassen

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

**Offering** Bethel College Matt Regier

**Ave maria** Franz Biebl Open Road  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## PRAYER

\* **Hymn No. 349** *Spirit of the Living God*

**Scripture Reading** Psalms 61:1-4 Camille Claassen

*Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me* arr. Moses Hogan

*Hope, faith, life, love* Eric Whitacre

*Lord I want to be a Christian* arr. Brazeal Dennard

**Morning Prayer** Matt Regier

*You are invited to continue our prayer time by lighting a candle during the next two songs.*

**Kyrie** arr. Nathaniel Yoder Open Road  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

**Otče naš** arr. N. N. Kedrov Avenue 8  
(setting of the Lord's Prayer)

\* **Benediction** Daniel Klaassen

\* **Choral Benediction**  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Dr. William Eash is director of choral activities at Bethel. He teaches conducting and music history and directs an annual Masterworks Concert featuring students, community members and the Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony. Dr. Eash leads the annual choir tour in the U.S. as well as a European tour every four years. The choir has been featured at KMEA conventions and at the Wichita Symphony Christmas Pops Concert. We welcome Dr. Eash and the choir members to our service this morning. A special thanks to Nathaniel Yoder, student conductor, who planned the worship service.

## For Sharing and Prayer

Megan (Klaassen) Kohlman has transferred her membership from Grace Hill to the Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. May God be with her as she continues to serve Him.

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Lent. As is customary in our church, communion will be observed as we begin the Lenten season together. Let us be in prayer and preparation during this week as we anticipate the sharing of this service as a congregation.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the Stewardship Commission of WDC as it manages the financial, investment, management and legal matters of our conference. Pray for Phyllis Regier, WDC Business Manager.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Bopaganang Basha Youth Centre in Francistown, Botswana, ministers to young people who grow up in an environment with HIV, alcoholism and domestic violence. Pray for MMN worker Melanie Quinn as she walks alongside the leaders of the Centre in this ministry.

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Marv

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Valerie Klaassen

**Nursery This Sunday:** Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,508.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## Church Events

**Today after the service** Carry-in meal in the fellowship hall. All are invited to stay!

**Today after the meal** A congregational meeting will be held following the carry-in dinner to discuss and review pastor search information. Please contact Diana Schunn or one of the search committee members if you have questions/ideas.

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

**Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:40 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service:** All are invited to join us for an Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday February 25 from 8:30 – 9:00 p.m. (following the Wednesday Night Programming)

**Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. The Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge.

**March 8 College-Age Lunch:** There will be a College-Age lunch at Virgil and Kaye Penner's house on Sunday March 8 after church. All college age youth are invited and encouraged to invite friends! If any are interested in helping with food for this event, please contact Pastor Katherine or Kaye. Thanks!

**March 17, 19-21** WDC Basketball & Volleyball Tournaments

## Announcements

**The Administrative Council** has decided to provide support for Caleb Regehr and his summer ministry with Adventures in Missions to Nicaragua through the Mission Inquiry Fund of our church. Persons in our church wishing to provide support for Caleb are encouraged to make the contribution to the church designated to the Mission Inquiry Fund. These contributions will then be forwarded to Adventures in Missions to go toward his support.

**A bill is being brought to the Kansas Senate** that would abolish the death penalty in Kansas effective July 1, 2009. This is Senate bill 208. A hearing will be held this week in Topeka on this bill. Members and friends of our church are invited to sign the petition that is on the table in the foyer today. The petitions will be forwarded to Senator McGinn who has introduced this bill in the Senate. Also copies of testimony to be made at the hearing by Duane Friesen, on behalf of a special task force, are also on the table.

**The MCC Quilt** is on display in the Fellowship Hall.

**Grace Hill** will not have a Cherry Moos booth at the MCC sale this year. If you are interested in organizing the pie booth for the weekend, please see Valerie or John Klaassen today.

**It is time to sign-up to work at the Mennonite Relief Sale** in Hutchinson on April 17-18. Volunteers and contributions are being sought for quilt volunteers, Ten Thousand Villages, Plants & Things, Comforter Blitz, Kansas Crafts, Feeding the Multitude, New Year's Cookies, Run for Relief, the annual golf tournament and we also need 5 loaves of bread. Information and sign-up sheets will be posted in the foyer. Contact persons for Grace Hill are Barbara and DuMont Schmidt and Doug and Penny Hiebert. DuMont is planning on running and would love to have others join him. Please sponsor those running!

**If you have a church event** that you would like to have publicized in the newspapers please contact Judy Janzen at 316-799-2659 or [janzenj@powwwer.net](mailto:janzenj@powwwer.net).

**Thank you** for your generous contributions to the High School Youth Group! We are excited about our trip to the MCUSA Convention in Columbus OH this summer! We will be taking a charter bus there with the Zion Mennonite Church youth group. We will also be visiting Bluffton University and Goshen College on our way there. The cost is looking to be a little less than \$700 per person to be able to go, which puts our grand total at a little more than \$19,000. Because of your generosity, we already have a little over \$16,000 worth of funds available to us, which leaves a little less than \$3,000 that we need yet to be able to go! Please bear this in mind for the March 15 offering, as it goes towards the Youth Group. Thank you again for your generosity!

**A recycling tub** is now located in the foyer for recycling bulletins.

**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.

### CHURCH OFFICES

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*Church Website: [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)*

### Et Cetera

**Tommy Sands** and his son and daughter will perform on February 24, 7:00 p.m., at the Hesston Mennonite Church in their Community Center. Sands will give a 75-minute Irish Cultural Program. Sands is touring the United States and will give this one concert in Kansas! Offering will be

received for the Circles Initiative of Harvey County. Please call Peace Connections for more information 316-284-0000.

**Documentary to be shown** The public is invited to view a recently developed documentary entitled, *Out of the Shadow*, on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Projection Room of the Mennonite Library and Archives on the Bethel College Campus. The documentary, written and produced by Susan Miller, gives an inside look at what it is like to live with a parent suffering from schizophrenia. It portrays the pain of the realization of the illness and the family's struggle to finally find their way through medical and governmental confidentiality laws – to hope. This video was recently shown on TV Channel 10. For more information call: Marlan Ratzlaff at 620-345-8145 or Florene Wiens at 316-283-5814.

**1st Mennonite Church in Halstead** (427 W. 4<sup>th</sup>) will be hosting a Verenike Supper on February 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu: verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, pie, cherry moos. Cost by donation – proceeds go to the high school youth service trip.

**Chelsea Vaught** will be performing her Master's Organ Recital on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bales Recital Hall on the University of Kansas Campus in Lawrence. She will be performing works by Guilain, Sweelinck, Bach, Brahms and Reger. Everyone is invited to attend. Chelsea will finish her masters in the summer and then begin studies on a doctoral degree, also at KU.

**Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, is sponsoring a "Building Vitality in Rural Congregations and Communities"** seminar on March 7, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shannon Jung, Professor of Town and Country Ministries, St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, will help you consider how you can build the future of your rural church. See <http://www.mennowdc.org/RuralCongregationsSeminar030709.pdf> for more information. If Grace Hill has enough interested in going we would register as a group. If you are interested, please contact Diana Schunn or Debbie Claassen by this Wednesday, February 25.

**Attention: youth and young adults:** You are invited to a conversation with Shane Claiborne on Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Bethel College. Free. (Sponsored by Faith Mennonite Church, Newton and Bethel College. Contact: Mindy Smith, 316-283-2145 or [faith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faith@sbcglobal.net))

**The third annual Comforter Blitz** will be held at The Journey, 1 mile north of Yoder, KS, on March 9, 12:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday March 10, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, or to volunteer supplies (frame, pin magnets, etc.) call JoLene Kaufman 620-241-5489 or Debra Selzer 620-628-4629.

**An evening of fellowship and inspiration is planned for all women** Thursday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 South Main, Hesston. This annual Sunset Supper will include a delicious meal served at 6:00 p.m. (cost \$6.00 per person paid that evening) followed by a program in the sanctuary. See bulletin board for program details. Reservations are required by March 9. Please contact Agnes Harder from our church or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Camp Mennoscah Spring Cleaning!** We want to look great for all our guests! Depending on the wonderful, yet fickle, weather of Kansas, Camp Mennoscah will be hosting a spring cleaning extravaganza on March 2-4 and March 6-7 to prepare the camp grounds and buildings for the new season of campers and guests. Join us for a carnival of cleaning and landscaping fun on any or all days! Please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) so we can plan meals.

**Scrapbooking Fun!** The first Camp Mennoscah Scrapbooking Retreat will be March 6-7. We invite you to enjoy untold hours of cropping and fellowship at the Retreat Center with the option of attending several workshops. (Our walking trails and prairie will be ready if you need a break from all that scrapbooking fun.) Let your creativity loose! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for information. Our brochure can be found at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section.

**Looking for a thrilling and adventurous summer job?** Camp Mennoscah is looking for you! We are still accepting summer staff applications. The summer staff positions are Music Leader, Crafts Leader, Lifeguard, Assistant Lifeguard, Maintenance/Grounds, Office Assistant, and Naturalist. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for more information and/or an application.