

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 22, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT First Sunday of Lent

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalm 25

In you, Lord my God,
in you I put my trust.

**Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.**

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,

My hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my rebellious ways.**

According to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord.

*Praise Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness

Hymnal 327

*Prayer

Praise We God the Father's Name

Choir

Offering

Children's Story

Kathy Balzer

The Shadow of the Cross

Mark 3: 20-29

Kim Claassen

Extinguishing the Light

Silent Reflection

The Light Behind the Cross

Guided Confession

Spirit of the living God

Hymnal 349

Anthem

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee (Sateren)

Choir

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 4:1-9

Kris Janzen

Sermon

The Indiscriminate Farmer

*Seed, scattered and sown

Hymnal 454

Communion

The Good News of the Cross

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord's Prayer

**Amazing grace*

Hymnal 143

*Benediction

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen***

This morning's offering is designated for Western District Conference.

*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

We are mindful of Melvin Klaassen's family as they gathered this weekend to mourn his passing and celebrate the life God gave in Melvin - to them, to Grace Hill, and to countless others.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's blessing on Laura Goerzen who is being ordained to pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, this morning.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Mission Network personnel involved in building relationships with Muslims. Pray for their protection and that they may find appropriate and compassionate ways to bridge this great divide in today's world.

Our mission partners, Wes & Deb Bergen, are serving in Ghana. Deb recently put together a Lent calendar that gives us the opportunity to pray a new prayer each day for the region in which she works. Copies of the calendar are available on the table in the foyer for anyone who would be interested in praying alongside Wes and Deb during Lent. This is also a wonderful resource to get to know the work that Deb is doing with the Mobile Member Care Team. Copies of the Bergens' Winter 2015 prayer letter are also available on the table for those who did not receive the email.

Church Events

Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!

We are having meals every Wednesday through March 11.

Menu this week: Sloppy Joes

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

March 6, 8 & 10 Grace Hill week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

Et Cetera

Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas (SOA) Watch, will be at Bethel College on February 23 at 9 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, and at 7 p.m. at the offices of the Kansas Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), 2515 College Avenue in North Newton. The public is invited to both events. Father Roy will also speak in Hesston College's Feb. 23 chapel service, 11 a.m., Hesston Mennonite Church.

Learn with MCC! Everyone is invited to this special Mennonite Central Committee event on Saturday, February 28 at 9 a.m. in the Luyken Fine Arts Center on the campus of Bethel College in North Newton. MCC Central States program staff is teaming up with MCC U.S. staff to provide resources and a time of mutual learning on the topics of: immigration, sexualized and gender based violence, Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous people and militarization within the U.S. Lunch at Mojo's Coffee Shop (also on the Bethel campus) will follow the seminars. If you plan to attend, please email tinaschrag@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720!

Third in the KIPCOR 2014-15 film series, the 2013 documentary *Released*, March 1 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center. Four convicted felons are released from prison and manage to defy the odds (which are that 66 percent of freed felons will be back behind bars within three years); talk-back session follows with Steve Dechant, retired deputy warden at Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

Everyone's invited to a come and go farewell reception for Marlene Bogard on Sunday, March 1 from 3-5 p.m. at the WDC office, 2517 N Main, North Newton. Marlene has served WDC for almost 25 years, and will leave her position at the end of February to become the Executive Director of Mennonite Women USA.

Scrapbooking Retreats - Camp Mennoscah has two Scrapbooking Retreats on March 6-8 and 13-15. We're looking forward to full weekends of creative and busy folks, and there are still a few openings. Join in the fun! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or find the registration form online at www.campmennoscah.org in Retreats. This is a retreat for all skill levels. It's a rollicking good time!

Spend your summer at Camp Mennoscah! We're looking for summer staff for our summer youth camps. Buff up your resume with a job that helps you develop as a leader, communicate with others, learn group management, and totally have a blast! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or find the application form online at www.campmennoscah.org in Resources. We're hoping to have positions filled by March 15, so send those forms in as soon as possible!

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be April 17 & 18 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. The Relief Sale's sole purpose is to raise funds for the Mennonite Central Committee—a world relief organization (www.mcc.org). Various information is available in the foyer...fliers with information about the sale and a schedule, suggested items to donate for Kansas Crafts, Kiddie Corner, Cookbook Nook, General Auction, Quilter's Corner, sign-up sheets and much more! **Check out the noisy cow** as you donate your coins and remember "My Coins Count"!! **March 16** is the deadline for the quilts to be in the quilt book. **April 14** is the Verenike Making Day in Hillsboro, morning or afternoon shifts and we need to contribute 7 dozen cookies for break time. **Run for Relief** forms are available. **Urgent need** for someone to organize/schedule the checkers for the Feeding of the Multitude. **Questions?** Contact Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen. **Check out the Relief Sale** at the website: www.kansas.mccsale.org or the Facebook page: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

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: Catina Wiebe and Jane Washburn

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,141.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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