

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 23, 2014
Kansas

Whitewater,

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen
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Associate Pastor: Katherine

Musician: Matthew Graber

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Bible and Bodies: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Gathering and Praising

Prelude

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.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1, 26a-27, 31a Pastor Peter

Gospel Reading John 1:14

Call to Worship

One: Good is the body for knowing the world
sensing the sunlight, the tug of the ground,
feeling, perceiving, within and around,
good is the body, from cradle to grave.

All: Good is the flesh that the Word has become.

One: Good is the pleasure of God in our flesh,
longing in all, as in Jesus, to dwell,
glad of embracing, and tasting, and smell,
good is the body, for good and for God.

All: Good is the flesh that the Word has become.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 46** *I sing the mighty power of God*

Offering Our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Story

Children's Story

Rachelle Claassen

Old Testament Reading Psalm 139:1-18
Worship Music *Love of the Father* by Sateren

Russ Janzen
Adult Choir

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

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31 Pastor Katherine
Gospel Reading John 1: 1-5, 9-14

Sermon *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* Pastor Katherine

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 89** *For the beauty of the earth* vs. 1, 3 & 4

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Choral Sending Song *In Thee is Joy* by Bach/arr. by Rodby
Adult Choir

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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Byron Pellecer, who will be installed as church planter for Iglesia, Menonita Aposento Alto (Upper Room) in Wichita.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Caleb Yoder of MMN who works with leadership development in Ecuador. Pray for wisdom, compassion and spiritual strength as he accompanies a young

congregation in Calderon where most of the members are Colombian refugees.

This Sunday begins a sermon series on the Bible and Bodies.

This Sunday: Our bodies created good

March 9: Intimacy

March 16: Singleness

March 23: Marriage

March 30: Sexual Abuse

April 6: Church as God's Family

Church Events

Today at 5:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Tuesday afternoon Quilting on the MCC quilt from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

7:00 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket, Newton.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Administration Council meets.

Next Sunday is Bethel College Sunday – our Bethel students are planning and will lead the service. Patty Shelly will be preaching and the Women's Chorus will be singing.

Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m. All church carry-in meal, please bring extra food for our college student guests.

March 12-18 Grace Hill/Zion 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

Levi Goossen will present a Friends of the MLA (Mennonite Library & Archives) program on the history and significance of the Bethel College bell; Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building chapel.

The Western District Conference Resource Library is OPEN the first Saturday of every month from 10 to noon. Mark your calendars: March 1, April 5, May 3.

Circle of Grace is a Christian safe environment curriculum that helps to educate children and youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others. We invite you to send several from your congregation to the training 9:15-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 at First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st, Newton (NOTE THIS CHANGE OF LOCATION). Call 316-283-6300 by February 25. It's free, but you may be required to eat a cinnamon roll!

All are invited March 1 at 10 a.m. to Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, to join the MCC Central States staff and board of directors for: *Building Beloved Community: MCC Central States and the Work of Decolonization*. Join us as Program Coordinators working in Louisiana, South Dakota, New Mexico and Texas reflect on the work of decolonization and racial justice as crucial aspects of MCC's commitment to peace and the building of beloved community. Lunch will follow to allow for further conversation. Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at tinascrag@mcc.org or by calling 316-283-2720 by Monday, Feb. 24.

Women, mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship and inspiration on Thursday, March 20 at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. This annual Spring Supper features Karen Dalke, pastor from Des Moines, Iowa, as guest speaker. A light supper will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 per person at the door. An offering will be taken for Mennonite Women. This event is for women of all ages of Western District Conference and South Central Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 1. To make reservations, see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Presidential Brunch - You are invited to join Sara Wenger Shenk, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, for brunch and conversation on Saturday, March 22, 9:00 - 11: a.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Requires RSVP by March 8 to Marlene Faul at AMBS-Great Plains, mfaul@ambs.edu or 316-283-7098, ext. 215. See flyer on bulletin board.

Retreat! Retreat! Camp Mennoscah has two retreats this spring that are just waiting for you. The first retreat is our March 14-16 Scrapbooking Retreat and the second is our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 21-23. Information on both retreats can be found on our website at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats or by calling 620-297-3290. Welcome! Welcome!

2014 Camp Mennoscah Tee Shirt Design - Our tee shirt design this year has been a collaborative effort of Katrina Heinrichs, camper, and Jesse Graber, freelance artist. In response to a plea for tee shirt ideas, Katrina sent in a snazzy one that Jesse then whoop-de-doodled and finalized for printing. The tee shirt design will soon be posted on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page. Just go to our website at www.campmennoscah.org and click on the Facebook link. Thank you, Katrina and Jesse!

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: Kathy Balzer and Kylee Schunn
Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr
Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Grace Hill Youth Group \$1,860.00
Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College

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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