

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 2, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Worship Leader: Katie Regier

Bethel College Sunday

Gathering and Praising

Prelude

Tara Harms-Becker

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.

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Offering Our Gifts Bethel College

Hearing God's Word

Worship Music

Women's Chorus

Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy) by Schubert

Psalm 23 by Glick

Children's Story Katrina Regehr, Melinda Regehr, Jamie Tschetter

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

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12: 1-2 Isaiah 40: 28-31

Jamie Tschetter

Reader's Theater

Cody Claassen, Tara Harms-Becker, Casey Schunn

Sermon *Cloudy with a Promise of Reign*

Patty Shelly

Responding To God

* **Hymn of Response No. 121** *Holy God, we praise thy name*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Kyle Regier

Sending Song *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by Rutter

Women's Chorus

Benediction

Casey Schunn

Postlude *O Lovely Peace* by Handel

Women's Chorus

*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!

Welcome to Patty Shelly, Women's Chorus Director Doyle Preheim, accompanist Mary Jo Preheim and the Bethel College Women's Chorus. Members are Abigail Bechtel, Mareike Bergen, Abigail Christensen, Makayla Epp, Sara Evans, Brittany Garnowsky, Olivia Gehring, Tara Harms-Becker, Hailey Heide, Mikayla Hiebert, Jennifer Kaufman, Megan Meyer, Michelle Peachey, Ella Pelka, Katrina Regehr, Caroline Schrag, Liz Schrag, Terra Scott, Helen Simmons, Emily Simpson, Georgia Thiesen, Lila Tibbets, Jamie Tschetter, Amy Wedel and Shelby Wilson. Thank you for sharing with us this morning!

The Adult Sunday School elective class will meet in the room next to the kitchen. Today's topic is Samuel-Kings.

For Sharing and Prayer

Thanks to the church family for all the acts of kindness shown to me during and following my recent surgery. They were much appreciated.

Miriam Claassen

Western District Conference: Pray for Rachel Siemens, who will be installed as the pastor of Faith Mennonite Church, Newton today.

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, MMN's partner DOOR, is hosting students on spring break. Pray that students will see the face of God in the cities as they work with local agencies, learn from local leaders, and reflect on the intersection of faith and service in their lives.

Announcements

If anyone is interested in taking a CPR class at Grace Hill, please contact Jeff Toews.

The Harvey County Food Pantry is in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Kathy Balzer

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,489.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. All church carry-in meal. Everyone is invited to stay!

This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The Women's Book Study for "The Year of Biblical Womanhood" will meet today at 2:30 p.m. in the church library.

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

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

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

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

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming

7:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Peter

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. There will be an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. All are invited.

Next Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Grace Hill Night at the Movies – *The Seven Churches of Revelation Rediscovered* Host David Nunn takes viewers on a tour of seven cities addressed in Revelation 2-3. 40 minutes. G. Stay tuned for the possibility of a double-feature documentary nite!!

Monday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Bake peppernuts for MCC; Hostess & Devotions: Marge Harms and Joyce Wedel; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA.

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

Shirley Hershey Showalter, author of *Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World*, will present three public programs locally. March 9, 3:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum - "Finding Gold in Our Attics and Basements: How to Find, Use and Share the Artifacts that Prompt Our Stories." March 10, 11 a.m., Bethel College convocation in Krehbiel Auditorium. March 10, 7 p.m., Schowalter Villa chapel - "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to My Memoir." For more information on these free programs, contact Rachel Pannabecker at Kauffman Museum (316-283-1612) or Wendy Miller at Schowalter Villa (620-327-3415).

The 8th Annual Comforter Blitz will be held on Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11 at Journey Yoder Campus, Yoder. Check flyer on bulletin board for details.

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.

Mingle for the Manor – A fundraiser to benefit Wheat State Manor will be held on Friday, April 11 at Emmaus Church. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. – dinner at 6:30 p.m. Great music, delicious food, wonderful fellowship – an exciting must attend community event! Celebrate with neighbors, family, and friends, as we thank God for blessing the mission of Wheat State Manor for the past 40 years. The evening will include special guest, Tammy Duvanel Unruh. Make your reservations by April 4 – purchase a table of 8 for \$120 or singles for \$15. Mail your payment with your list of guests names to Wheat State Manor at 601 S. Main, Whitewater, KS 67154. Please include your phone number or email address. Call 799-2181 for more information or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Summer classes at AMBS-Great Plains require early registration by April 13. The final two courses for the KS extension will be "Conflict, Communication, and Conciliation" taught at KIPCOR for two hours credit (or certificate option) June 10-13, 8 am - 5 pm and "Biblical Spirituality" taught by Jerry Truex for 2 or 3 hours credit Tuesday evenings, May 27-July 1, 6-10 pm. You may audit Biblical Spirituality for \$100 - by registering directly with Great Plains Extension at mfaul@ambs.edu or 316-283-7098 or online at the Great Plains page at www.ambs.edu.

Yoo-hoo! Looking for You-hoo! Camp Mennoscah is looking for nurses and kitchen helpers for our summer youth camps. Nurses are needed for June 15-19 and July 6-10. Kitchen helpers are needed for most weeks of camp. Contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information or to sign up! Free tee shirts for those who sign up!

Small group or Sunday School class project needed? Olivia was looking through the bed linens at the Retreat Center this past week and - yikes! Camp Mennoscah is going to need new bed linens relatively soon. Many of the linens are beginning to yellow and some are rather thin. This isn't an immediate need, and we think this would make a great project for a small to medium group of folks. Approximately 40-50 sets (flat, fitted, pillowcase) of white linens are needed. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to claim this project for your own!

Mennonite Mission Network has an immediate opening for a full-time Church Relations Associate. Work will be based in Elkhart, Indiana, or Newton, Kansas, with regular travel to U.S. locations in the mid-states and West coast, approximately 35% of the time. Candidates need a passion for God's mission, and the ability to build relationships, listen carefully, and inspire participation. The position description can be read online at www.MennoniteMission.net. Interested persons please send a letter of interest and résumé to Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator, at staffrecruitment@MennoniteMission.net. Mennonite Mission Network is an antiracist organization and welcomes applications from people of all races and nationalities.

Thanks for your Support! Everence Financial continues to provide matching grants to support Grace Hill's missions within the local community. Over the last 4 years these grants have totaled more than \$10,000 to support the following programs: Harvey County Homeless Shelter, Community Playschool, Remington Backpack Food Program, Newton Ministerial Alliance, and Health Ministries of Harvey County. Please contact Tim Harms, Grace Hill's Everence Advocate for more information.

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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