

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

## Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2013

Worship – 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



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.*

Call to Worship – Psalm 145 (*in unison*) No. 824

\* Hymn No. 44 (Sing the Journey) “The Love of God”

Offering to God Mennonite Church USA  
\* Doxology – No. 119 (*vs. 1*)

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-16, 19-21

Children's Story

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:43-48  
Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God  
**People: Thanks be to God**

Special Music Sara Unruh

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

Sermon “Who is the Stranger?”

\* Hymn No. 23 (Sing the Journey) “Slowly Turning, Ever Turning”

Congregational Sharing & Prayer Roberta Harms  
Hymn No. 353 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

\* Closing Hymn – No. 411 “I Bind My Heart This Tide”

\* Benediction

Postlude

\* *All who are able may stand*

Guest Preacher: Saulo Padilla Worship Leader: Diana Schunn  
Song Leader: Gladys Reimer Keyboard & Vocalist: Sara Unruh  
Scripture Reader: Kendall Claassen Audio: Brett Harms  
Bulletin: Debbie Claassen Nursery: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr  
Ushers: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Pastor: Peter Goerzen Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen  
Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens

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!**

Saulo Padilla was born in Guatemala, immigrated to Canada in 1986, and to the United States in 2001. Came to US to study at Goshen College. Graduated in 2005, and got a MA from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2008. Saulo works for Mennonite Central Committee US as Immigration Education Coordinator - since 2008. Currently lives in Goshen, Indiana.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Weldon is away today and tomorrow at Beatrice, Nebraska preaching and teaching on the "Call and Journey of the Apostle Paul." Should pastoral care services be desired while he is away please contact a member of the Spiritual Council. Spiritual Council members are Alma Schmidt, Carol (Olin) Claassen, Judy Janzen, Rita Patterson, Carl Goossen and Jeff Toews.

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits and support for us--before, during, and following Galen's recent surgery. It has encouraged a more keen awareness of God's presence and your love. Your continued prayers as the healing progresses, and for a follow-up surgery in June will be appreciated. Blessings to you all, Galen & Roberta Harms

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks to God for 100 plus participants at "Citizens of God's Kingdom: Immigration and Christian Faith." Pray that God will guide us as a church in welcoming the "alien" and witnessing to the hospitality of God.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for Brad Graber and Brenna Steury Graber, who arrived in Paris, France, at the end of January to begin a three-year MMN assignment as youth workers in a collaborative ministry among Mennonite congregations. Pray for them as they adapt to a new language, culture and ministry.

## Announcements

**The Adult Sunday School Class** “Journeys of Paul through Greece & Rome” with Pastor Weldon will continue on March 17.

**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 Angela Frohlich-Phipps

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,599.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor Weldon will be in the church office on Wednesday afternoons.

***Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens***

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***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

*Secretary’s E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Church Events

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

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

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

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

**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Youth Programming

**7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir

**7:00 p.m.** Adult Study with Pastor Weldon

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

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

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

**Next Sunday** John and Valerie Klaassen will host a meal for all college-age young adults on March 10. We look forward to seeing you there - please feel free to invite your friends! If anyone would like to help with this college lunch, please speak with John or Valerie. Thanks!

**Next Sunday Youth Group** - Sunday March 10 we will be having lunch at Pizza Hut after church. Please bring \$5.00. We will leave from church after Sunday school. Hope to see you all there.

**Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – The Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge.

**Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Bake peppernuts for MCC; Hostess & Devotions: Nancy Harms, Mary Ann Wiebe, Miriam Claassen; Financial Projects: Mennonite Women USA.

**March 20-26** 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

**Participants in the Jerusalem Seminar 2013** to present program. Participants in the recent interim trip to the Holy Land, co-sponsored by Bethel and Tabor Colleges, will share their experiences on Sunday, March 3, 4:30 p.m. at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita. Their presentation will focus on what they learned about the ongoing conflict in Israel/Palestine, through visits with a variety of individuals, representing multiple perspectives. The program on March 3 is co-sponsored by the Palestine Study Group of Wichita, and the Peace Committee of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

**Training sessions for volunteering for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter** are available for those wish to volunteer. Training is held in the office at the shelter, 209 E. Broadway, Newton at 6:30 p.m. Training lasts approximately 1 hour. Training dates are Wed, March 6; Thur, March 21; Wed, April 3; Thur, April 25.

**Offender/Victim Ministries** has rescheduled their Annual Dinner for Monday, March 11 at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment provided by The Book of Job. **RSVP** to 316-283-2038 or email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) by Monday, March 4.

**Mark your calendars ladies** - an evening of fellowship and inspiration is planned for Thursday, March 21, at Whitestone Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Hesston. This annual Spring Supper will feature Ruth Lapp Guengerich, Co-Executive Director of Mennonite USA as guest speaker. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (costing \$6.00 per person). There will be special music and an offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. This event is for women of all ages of South Central Conference and Western District Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 4 – see the poster on the bulletin for more details. **Please sign up today – reservations will be turned in tomorrow.**

**Comforter Blitz-** The 6th annual Comforter Blitz will be held at Journey Yoder Campus, 1 mile N of Yoder, KS. The dates are Monday, March 11 from 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 12 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. If you have attended the Comforter Blitz previously, you know what fun it is to work together. It is such a blessing to serve God in this small way and bring warmth to those in need. Last year 140 comforters were made for MCC. Check flyer on bulletin board for more details.

**Second Scrapbooking Retreat!** We had such high demand for our Spring Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp Mennoscah that we have added a second retreat on March 15-17. If you are interested in coming to this second retreat, give us a holler by email at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or phone at 620-297-3290. You can also send in a registration form clearly marked "March 15-17." Just use the form that can be found under Retreats at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)! We'll see you there.

**Needs increasing for Syrians:** Mennonite Central Committee welcomes donations to continue its humanitarian assistance and grassroots peacebuilding in Syria and nearby Jordan and Lebanon. Please make your donation at [www.donate.mcc.org](http://www.donate.mcc.org) or send it to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500, designating "Middle East Crisis." Your prayers and donations make a difference - Thank you.

**Kitchen help needed! Camp Mennoscah** needs one or two people to help out with our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat on April 22-24. Volunteers are needed for all three days, but volunteers are welcome to come for one day or part of the time. We really need your help - many of our regular volunteers attend this retreat. Please call us at 620-297-3290 if you are able to help us out.

**Sooner than you think!** We know you've been snowed in and bowled over by all this weather and that you've been dealing with shoveling driveways and knocking down icicles from your gutters. But all that means is that you'll be ready for our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat on April 22-24. The theme is A Century of Change: In Congo and Kansas. We'd love to send you a brochure. Just give us a call at 620-297-3290!