

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 9, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Musicians: Ellen Mosiman, Arlen Buller, Todd Shults, Pastor Peter

Bible and Bodies: Created for Intimacy

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.

Instrumental Call to Worship

Trumpet Trio

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder by Black

Old Testament Readings Genesis 2:18, Ruth 1:16b

Spoken Call to Worship

One: Come, worship the One who created us in our mothers' wombs,

Many: the One who created us for one another.

One: Come, worship the One who promises to stay by our side, to go with us wherever we will go,

Many: the One who will not forsake us.

One: Let us worship together as friends who need one another, as brothers and sisters of one family.

Many: Let us share in one another's joys and sorrows along our journey together.

All: We will give thanks for God's steadfast, abiding love.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 6** *Here in this place*

Offering Our Gifts Local Church

Hearing God's Story

Children's Story

Ashley Enns

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2: 18-25

Doug Hiebert

Worship Music *He Lives* by Ackley/arr. Boersma

Trumpet Trio

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

Old Testament Reading Ruth 1: 1-18

Pastor Katherine

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Responding To God

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 87** *Put peace into each other's hands*

Celebrating Holy Communion

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song *All Hail the Power* by Holden

Trumpet Trio

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

I want to thank my church family and Pastor Peter for prayers and concern as I was going through the transition of moving to Kidron Assisted Living. With the help of my family, I have moved out of the duplex I have lived in for the last 14 years. I've down-sized to a much smaller apartment, but there's plenty of room to sit and visit. If you come see me, call first to be sure I'm home because there are lots of activities to attend. My phone is the same: 316-283-2208, but my address is new: 3056 Ivy Court, Apt. 9, North Newton, KS 67117.

Elva Unruh

Western District Conference: Pray for the work of our Transitional and Interim Pastors currently serving – Mike Bogard, Rob Burdette, Weldon Martens, and Lee Suderman. The Transition Pastors group will be meeting for resourcing, support and prayer on March 11.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Janie and Neal Blough's decades of service through MMN. As the Bloughs near retirement, they are working with the Paris Mennonite Center's board to prepare young leaders to continue the ministry in theological education and publication for French-speaking Mennonites.

Church Events

Today 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 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.

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Library Committee will meet in the library.

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Pastor Relations Committees will meet.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café in Whitewater.

Next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Women's Book Study: Due to the weather last Sunday, we will plan to meet Sunday, March 16 at 2:30 in the church library.

Wednesday, March 19 Spring Break – no meal or programming.

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).

Join Mennonite Church USA Executive Director, Ervin R. Stutzman, as he presents information and reads from his most recent book "Jacob's Choice" based on the true historical events of Ervin's ancestor, Jacob Hochstetler, an Amish farmer whose family was attacked by Natives during the French and Indian War. Book signings/presentations are as follows and open to the public: March 19, 12:00 – 1:00 pm Faith and Life Bookstore, Newton; March 21, 7:00 pm Kidron-Bethel Village, North Newton.

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 10 to Marlene Faul at AMBS-Great Plains, mfaul@ambs.edu or 316-283-7098, ext. 215. See flyer on bulletin board.

For the Busy Retiree! We know that when folks retire, they discover so many things to do - volunteering, fixing those things that have gone undone for years, cleaning out the attic. But you need a break. We know this. You're so busy that you don't feel retired. We invite you to spend time relaxing with us at Camp Mennoscah during our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 21-23. Our theme this year is "Little Drops of Water, Little Grains of Sand" and we'll be looking at those little but significant things that change the world. Contact us at 620-297-3290 for more information. Come take a vacation from your retirement!

Remington High School Community Service Day will take place in the morning on April 23. The students are available to help the community with yard work, painting or any odd job. Contact Pam Harber at 316-799-2123, ext. 17 by April 4. If you have any questions, you can also contact Kylee Schunn.

Adventures await! Camp Mennoscah is all scurry and flurry working to get things ready for our summer youth camps. It feels weird to say this while snow coats the ground, but we have absolute faith that by the first week of camp, no coats will be in sight. Grab those registration forms and send them in! Don't forget that there is an online payment option! Check it out at www.campmennoscah.org!

Announcements

Please read last Sunday's bulletin that was in your mailbox, some announcements are not repeated in this bulletin.

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

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: Kaye Penner and Kathy Balzer

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

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