

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 13, 2011

Whitewater,

Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45

a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen
Goerzen

Associate

Pastor: Katherine

Chorister: Andrew Voth
Katherine

Worship

Leader: Pastor

Musicians: Pastor Katherine & Samantha Claassen

Go and Be Reconciled – 1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering and Praising Together

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 from Psalm 85

One: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Many: I will listen to what God the Lord says, for God promises peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

One: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Many: Steadfast love and faithfulness will embrace; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

One: Faithfulness will spring forth from the earth, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Many: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

All: Righteousness will go before him, and will prepare a way for his steps.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 1** *What is this place*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Ephesians 4:1-6 Pastor Peter

Choral Anthem *Hear My Prayer* by Moses Hogan Adult Choir

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

Gospel Readings Matthew 5:21-26 Donna

Balzer

Matthew 18:15-20 Hymn No. 837

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Choral Anthem before Communion

Seed, scattered and sown by Dan Feiten

Celebrating Holy Communion

Sent by God

* **Sending Hymn No. 478** *Sent forth by God's blessing*

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 the safety of construction workers at the Camp Mennoscah swimming pool. Pray for the generous support of the "Big Splash" pool project.

Mennonite Mission Network: Four months ago, David Shenk arrived in Ecuador to serve through MMN. Pray for him as he discerns how God is calling him to serve alongside the Quito Mennonite Church in their ministries with refugees, with the youth group, and in worship.

MMN thanks Grace Hill for contributing \$33,507.62 received from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011. These gifts, along with your prayers and participation, help to create ministries of healing and hope across the street and around the world. May you experience God's blessings as, together, we seek to share all of Christ with all of creation.

<p>Outreach Tip: Talk with someone about a need in the community that our congregation could minister to.</p>
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Announcements

An offering will be taken for Wheat State Manor Auxiliary today in the adult Sunday School classes. The offering will be used to purchase items that are beneficial to the residents of the Manor. Make checks payable to Hands of Friendship. Thank you.

The offering next Sunday will be for the Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are given to Grace Hill students who attend Mennonite colleges. In previous years \$1,000 has been given per student per year. At this point, Grace Hill will have 7 students attending Mennonite colleges next year.

Western District Basketball – let Rob Schunn know if you are interested in playing basketball.

You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church" each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 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.

Church Events

Today Youth Group: This afternoon we will be going to a taping of the Channel 12 evening news. We will plan to meet at the church at 4:15 p.m., we will go out to eat together, then attend the taping together.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Bake peppernuts for Relief Sale; Hostess & Devotions: Mary Ann Wiebe and Miriam Claassen; Financial project: Mennonite Women USA.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal ó everyone is invited!

7:00 p.m. Childrens and Youth Programming

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

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

Wednesday at 7:20 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlie's in Newton.

Thursday A reminder for those who registered ó the Women's Spring Supper is this Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Journey at Yoder Activity Center, Yoder.

Wednesday, March 23 No Wednesday evening programming.

Nursery This Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Scripture Next Sunday: Genesis 37-50

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Special Music Next Sunday: Carine Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,170.00

Offering Next Sunday: Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

Blurb # 10: MONTAU (MATAWY) AND TREUL (TRYL)

Around 1715, some of the Mennonites in Obernessau (Nieszawka) moved northward along the Vistula River to the Village Treul (Tryl) with the church at Montau (Matawy). Already in 1568, a number of Dutch Mennonites moved to Montau from the Danziger Werder in the Delta. More Mennonites moved in and more villages and churches were started, with Montau a most important church center.

The cost was high for the settlers in the Lower Vistula River Valley. Countless numbers died of swamp fever during the first generation, the estimate of deaths going as high as 80% of the settlers for a time. Montau & surrounding villages also had problems with passing armies and repeated flooding of the Vistula. In 1677 especially many farms were destroyed and many people and cattle perished.

Gameo.org/encyclopedia says, "In 1727 the passing armies (Polish, Saxon, Swedish, Russian) plundered the farms to such an extent that they had to sell some of their land to pay their taxes."

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie

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Et Cetera

The Bethel College Chamber Orchestra will give a concert Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium of the Fine Arts Center, free and open to the public. **The Bethel College Wind Ensemble** will give a concert Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium of the Fine Arts Center, free and open to the public.

Men of Song Vocal Concert will be held on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Narration of "The Creation" by John McCabe Juhnke, Professor of Drama. Help us celebrate 20 years of Health Ministries " founded by Dr. Tim Wiens. Admission is a free will offering. Proceeds benefit Health Ministries Clinic. For information: 316-281-7312.

Remington Community Service Day will be April 20. If you are retired and have any jobs, such as washing windows, yard work, painting, etc. you would like to have done for free, please contact Grant Claassen or pick up a form on the table in the foyer. Please respond by April 3.

Eating for the Earth! Camp Mennoscah's Sustainable Living Retreat is April 2-3. We are focusing on food and different aspects of how we relate to food and the earth. Jon Piper, Professor of Biology, and Katherine Esau, Distinguished Chair in Plant Sciences at Bethel College, will be our main speaker. See the brochure at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section or contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Hello? Cooks? Camp Mennoscah needs head cooks, kitchen staff, and nurses for our summer camps. Head cooks and nurses receive either a full camper discount or a stipend. Kitchen staffers are volunteers and can receive a camper discount. It's a whopping good time being with campers, pranking the summer staffers, and frolicking with others. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Camp Mennoscah is a special place. Help celebrate camp and care for its future by joining fellow campers and former music directors for a Camp Sing at Memorial Hall at Bethel College on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering collected at the event will go towards the construction of a new camp pool. Funds will go through WDC Vision 2012.

What's going on at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on April 8 & 9? Go to www.kansas.mccsale.org and learn more about the activities and auction items at this year's sale.

- ◆ By working together for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we have the opportunity to share with the needy of our world. Each year, it is the sale board and supporting committee's goal to raise funds to cover the budget leading up to the sale. The purchasing committee needs cash gifts for 48 items ranging in cost from \$75 for potatoes to \$8,400 for building rentals. The sale still needs **\$29,000** to cover its expenses. This allows the money raised the days of the sale to go directly to the work of MCC. If you or your Sunday School class can support the sale budget in this way, send contributions to sale treasurer, Tim Miller, 4805 Broadacres Rd., Hutchinson, KS 67501.
- ◆ Help Needed: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale has several committee openings for this year's sale: Children's Activities Volunteer Coordinator, contact Jason Regier (620-669-7317 or jasonregier@att.net); Verenika Making Day Committee, contact Arlen & Anita Goertzen (620-367-8373 or aagoertzen@mtelco.net); New Year's Cookie Committee, contact Cedric & Becky Blough (620-345-3088 or crblough@mtelco.net); Feeding the Multitude ((Friday Night) co-chair table waiters, contact Gary and Amber Stucky (620-241-6914 or gastucky@ks-usa.net); Selling Foods-Sunflower North, contact Rod Chrystie (620-665-7406 or rac@southwind.net); and Kansas Crafts committee, contact Patty Macke Dick (620-543-6467 or dick@ourtownusa.net). Check with your relief sale contact persons for more information, DuMont & Barb Schmidt or Ed & Marge Harms.
- ◆ Be apart of making the Verenika and Bohne Beroggi for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Beroggi Making Day scheduled Saturday morning April 2 at the Moundridge High School. Verenika Making Day is scheduled Tuesday, April 5 in the Hillsboro 4-H Building starting at 8 a.m. through early afternoon.
- ◆ See the sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer.