

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 15, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

Worship Leader: Russell Janzen

Choral Anthem

Adult Choir

Kyrie Eleison by Antonio Lotti

Readers' Theater

Russ Janzen, Marianne Eichelberger, Peter Goerzen

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

Hymn No. 163 *Obey my voice*

Sermon *The Law – My Friend*

Pastor Marv

* **Hymn of Response No. 487** *Teach me, O Lord*

Offering Grace Hill Youth Group Missions

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Hymn of Sending No. 546** *Guide my feet*

* **Benediction**

Leader: God of heaven and earth, your perfect teaching inspires us,

All: your Holy Spirit enlightens us,

Leader: your Son Jesus confronts us,

All: Our lives are in your hands.

Leader: Send us into the world you love and we love as representatives of a crucified love and a living Savior.

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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Prelude

Welcoming Guests 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.

Choral Call to Worship

Adult Choir

My soul is filled with joy by David Haas

* **Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, do not worship the idols of power, prestige, and money. Order your lives to reflect God's will and way.

People: Spirit of Truth, guide us as we stumble toward your kingdom. Clear our distortions, correct our mistakes, and mend our hearts.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we gather today assured of God's guidance and mercy,

People: that even God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom!

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Gathering Hymn of Praise No. 366** *God of grace and God of glory*

Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Russell Janzen

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Zehr will be in Cleveland, Ohio this week to attend meetings of the Mennonite Health Services Alliance Board and the Mennonite Health Assembly. He will leave on Tuesday and return Sunday afternoon. Consequently he will not be in the office at all this week. Contact Pastor Katherine or a member of the Spiritual Council regarding pastoral care needs. In case of emergency his wife, Jeannie, may be called for information on how to contact him in Cleveland.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the High School Youth Group! We are excited about our trip to the MCUSA Convention in Columbus OH this summer! We will be taking a charter bus there with the Zion Mennonite Church youth group. We will also be visiting Bluffton University and Goshen College on our way there. The cost is looking to be a little less than \$700 per person to be able to go, which puts our grand total at a little more than \$19,000. Because of your generosity, we already have a little over \$16,000 worth of funds available to us, which leaves a little less than \$3,000 that we need yet to be able to go! Please bear this in mind for the offering today, as it goes towards the Youth Group. Thank you again for your generosity!

Western District Conference: Pray for the musicians in your congregation. Thank them for their ministry and leadership.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for strength and wisdom for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants serving in the Hutchinson, Kansas community: Erica Stoltzfus, attendant at Mennonite Manor and Alex Richert, home technician with Interfaith Housing Services.

Wednesday There will be no meal or education activities this Wednesday, March 18 so that everyone can enjoy spring break.

Sunday, March 29 Youth Sunday

Announcements

If you have a church event that you would like to have publicized in the newspapers please contact Judy Janzen at 316-799-2659 or janzenj@powwwer.net.

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.

Preaching Next Sunday: Peter Goerzen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Nursery This Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$3,675.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

Explore, Embrace and Enjoy Singing! It's not too late to join with dozens of other Mennonites on Saturday March 21 from 2-5 p.m. at the Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge and be resourced as we explore the Hymnal Supplements Sing the Story and Sing the Journey with Director Ken Nafziger and accompanist Ken Rodgers. Special pricing for groups makes this very affordable! See registration form at: www.mennowdc.org/HowCanIKeepFromSinging.pdf. THEN, come back on Sunday, March 22, all are welcome to attend a Hymn Sing at 2 p.m., also with Ken at Eden. An offering will be taken. This event sponsored by WDC Music and Worship Task Force and Eden Mennonite Church.

"From Reality to Hope: Road Signs for the Church's Journey", an interactive consultation with Conrad Kanagy, author of *Road Signs for the Journey: A Profile of Mennonite Church USA*, will be held March 20-21 at Journey at Yoder (a campus of the South Hutchinson Mennonite Church). Sponsored by South Central Conference, South Hutchinson Mennonite Church, and Hesston College. Weekend includes performance of Ted & Company. For more information/registration see <http://www.mennowdc.org/ConradKanagyMarch2009.pdf>.

Gift Annuities provide life income and meet charitable giving goals. Everyone is invited to a free seminar on March 26 at 3:00 p.m. to hear Mike Miller of Mennonite Foundation present the options and benefits of annuities. The seminar will be held in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive in North Newton. For more information contact Ron at 284-2900 ext. 226.

Match Two (M-2) Training March 28 at Hutchinson Correctional Facility The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries seeks new volunteers to be involved in prison visitation. Ministry in prison requires a training session given by both prison staff and the M-2 director. The upcoming training will be March 28 from 7:00 – 11:00 am. M-2 is a supervised in-prison friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. More than 70 men are waiting to be matched. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) or email (ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) for further information or to submit your name and other required information so that clearances may be obtained for admission to training. Please submit your information no later than March 23.

Numerous small contributions to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale have resulted in large amounts used to assist needy people in many ways. This year's Penny Power collection before and during the sale will

support MCC Food Basket Projects promoting Food for Today, for Tomorrow and for All. Let us remember the families in Haiti that can only provide their children with one meal a day or the 1 in 10 U.S. households doesn't always know if they will have food for their next meal. The Penny Power project at the Kansas Sale raised a little under \$23,000 last year. Let us help end hunger through our spare change. **There are many opportunities to help at the Relief Sale** – see the sign-up sheets in the foyer.

Camp Mennoscah - Hooray for volunteers! Thank you to everyone who came to Camp Mennoscah for our spring cleaning days! Scrap metal was loaded up, bunks were fixed, buildings cleaned, and (hopefully) much fun was had. We had folks from Grace Hill, Eden, Rainbow, and First Mennonite Church of Christian. An especial thank you to our concrete heroes from First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE, who replaced the ceiling on the storm cellar and fixed cracks under the dining hall shelter! We greatly appreciate the time all of you spent at Camp Mennoscah.

Camp Mennoscah - There are too many fun things going on! We are very excited about all the opportunities happening in the area on March 21 and 22—did you know that Ken Nafziger and Ted & Company will be in the area? We regretfully announce that, due to all this fun, we are canceling the Sustainable Foods & Farming Retreat. Don't worry! We'll review our notes and hopefully offer this retreat again next year. If you have any questions, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org. Have fun!

The 14th House Against Hunger is currently under construction in Inman located at 604 Church Drive. This 1,500 square foot home features three bedrooms, two bathrooms, vaulted ceiling, two-car garage and an unfinished full basement with family room, third bathroom and two additional bedrooms. Willard Koehn of Goertzen Homes is serving as General Contractor. What is a House Against Hunger? The Hunger House is a home constructed using donated and discounted materials and services. The house is sold with the profits donated to Mennonite Central Committee via the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Individuals or companies interested in donating services to this project, please contact Richard Ediger, Committee Chairperson at 620-543-2787; Verbie and Bruce Thiessen at 620-585-2282; or Gail Wiens at 620-585-2433. Monetary donations may be sent to House Against Hunger Project, c/o Richard Ediger, PO Box 488, Buhler, KS 67522. To purchase the home, please contact Richard Ediger.