

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 15, 2015

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Tara Harms-Becker

Song Leader: Matthew Graber

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Fourth Sunday of Lent

When will you call him Lord?

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

God's love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—

**We cried to the Lord in our trouble,
and God saved us from our distress.**

God sent out his word and healed us;
and rescued us from the grave.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love;
God's wonderful deeds for all humanity.**

Let us sacrifice offerings of thankfulness,
and tell of God's works with songs of joy.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love;
God's wonderful deeds for all humanity.**

Let us exalt the Lord in the assembly of the people.

*Praise Hymn

Hymnal 63

Praise my soul the God of heaven

*Prayer

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless by Titcomb

Choir

Offering

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

The Shadow of the Cross

Mark 8:11-15

Kim Claassen

Extinguishing the Light

Silent Reflection

The Light Behind the Cross

Guided Confession

O Lord hear my prayer

Hymnal 348

Herr, füll mich neu by Heizmann

Choir

Scripture Lesson Mark 8:22-30

Donna Balzer

Sermon

What's In a Name?

**He comes to us as one unknown*

Hymnal 498

Sharing and Prayer

The Good News of the Cross

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord's Prayer

**My hope is built on nothing less*

Hymnal 343

*Benediction

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen

This morning's offering is designated for the Grace Hill Youth Group.

*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 fruitful new outreach for Hanston Mennonite Church and their new pastor, Eugene Thieszen, who is being installed today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the language-learning progress that Mennonite Mission Network's Radical Journey team in Southeast Asia has made. Pray that they will use their increased fluency to share God's love in words as well as deeds.

Church Family News

. . . **The Art is Ageless Exhibit** at Presbyterian Manor will be open for public viewing March 12 - 27, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Enter through the front doors. Grace Hill artists **Rita Patterson, Marie Regehr and Virgil Penner** have entered items in the show. . .

The Mark scriptures for Lent each Sunday represent contrasting responses to Jesus. The remaining texts are:

March 22 – Mark 10:17-22; 10:46-52

March 29 – Mark 11:15-18; 11:28-34

Announcements

Hands of Friendship is giving you an opportunity to contribute to the Wheat State Manor Auxiliary through an offering that will be taken next Sunday during the Sunday School Hour. The auxiliary purchases items that are beneficial to the residents of the Manor. Make checks payable to Hands of Friendship.

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: Deb Regier and Katrina Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Jo Frye and Kris Janzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,575.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Church Events

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

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Youth Programming - TBA

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Charlies, Newton.

Thursday-Saturday Grace Hill/Zion will have a team in the WDC Basketball Tournament – Games schedule: March 19 at 7:00 p.m., March 20 at 7:00 p.m., March 21 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – all of these games are in Thresher Gym at Bethel College.

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to a special Palm Sunday worship service at Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing on March 29 at 4 p.m., as Karen Andres and Marcene Entz offer some dramatic interpretations of Passion Week. A light fasma will follow.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be April 17 & 18 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Get ready for the Relief Sale - a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Also requested are "recycled" quilt supplies and linens for Quilter's Corner. See all information and sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer. **Questions?** Contact Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen. **Check out the Relief Sale** at the website: www.kansas.mccsale.org or the Facebook page: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

Et Cetera

Rev. James Atwood will speak on “America’s Fascination with Violence,” on March 19 at 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). The retired Presbyterian pastor is a gun owner, deer hunter and NRA member who became involved in gun violence prevention after a member of his congregation was shot and killed by a robber with a “Saturday night special.” He received the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship National Committee’s 2014 Peaceseeker Award.

Dr. Beverly Rogers speaks at Kauffman Museum, on March 22 at 3 p.m., as the second program connected to the special exhibit “Sorting Out Race.” Rogers is dean of arts and sciences and professor of anthropology at Ottawa University and will speak on “Stereotypes and Realities of the 21st-Century Indian in the United States.”

On Sunday, March 22, at 4:00 p.m. Bethel College Mennonite Church will host organist Shirley Sprunger King for “*Looking Toward Easter,*” a program of Lenten and Easter music for the organ. A freewill offering will be received for BCMC’s Living Stones Organ Renovation Fund, and a reception will follow. Members of the community are invited! Prior to her retirement in 2013, Shirley Sprunger King was Dean of Academic Advising and College Organist at Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) and organist at First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. Previously she was Professor of Music at Bethel College and organist at BCMC. BCMC is located at 2600 College Ave., North Newton. For more information, see bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or call 316-283-3667.

Western District and South Central Conference Annual Spring Supper, an evening of fellowship and inspiration, will be held at the Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston on March 26 at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00, pay at the door. Deadline for reservations is due today. Contact Agnes Harder for questions.

Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert will be March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Bethel College.

The Western District Reference Council will meet on Saturday, April 11, at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. This gathering will be an opportunity to hear the latest developments from Mennonite Church USA and continue our ongoing discernment regarding the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church that will come before our Western District delegate assembly in October. The resolution deals with pastors performing same-sex unions. This Reference Council is open to members and participants of WDC congregations in addition to WDC commissions and committees and pastors. Those who will be serving as delegates to either the Mennonite Church USA Convention in July or the WDC Assembly in October are especially encouraged to attend. Register online by April 3 at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/> (or call 316-283-6300).

Three Days of Ukraine and Relaxation - Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Relaxation Retreat for retirees of all ages and busy-ness will take place April 27-29. Activities include sessions on a variety of Ukrainian issues, Bible Studies, music, and coffee breaks. This is a time to relax and fellowship with others. Brochures can be found online at www.campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290. Share a cup of coffee and conversation with us!

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for a regional Human Resources Coordinator. This position is available starting on April 1st. Location can be flexible and some travel is expected. Check out the job description at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states> or contact Melissa Waltner at MelissaWaltner@mcc.org for more information.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites applications by local nonprofits for the 2015 Local Giving Fund grants by April 10. Grants up to \$5000 will be distributed in May. See newtonetceterashop.com for information. Applicants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve at least one of the following local communities: Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead, Walton.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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