

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 16, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Musician: Matthew Graber

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

## Bible and Bodies: The Gift of Singleness

### *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.*

#### **Choral Call to Worship**

Adult Choir

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* by Robinson/arr. Kirkland

#### **New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:7b

#### **Spoken Call to Worship**

One: In our worship we recognize that all who gather here bring gifts given by the Spirit. We recognize that all are vital members of the family of God, whether we are single or married, young or old, male or female. We recognize that all gifts and all lives build up the body of Christ.

**All: *We come to worship the One who binds us together as a family of God.***

#### **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Gathering Song No. 389** *Take my life* vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6

#### **Offering Our Gifts** Mennonite Church USA

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

### *Hearing God's Story*

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 19:12

Pastor Peter

1 Corinthians 7:7-8, 25-35

#### **Sermon**

Pastor Peter

### *Responding To God*

\* **Song of Response No. 304** *There are many gifts*

#### **Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending Song** *I Will Come to You in Silence* by Hass Adult Choir

#### **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 WDC representatives to Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) of Mennonite Church USA – Clarence Rempel, Diana Schunn, and Jaime Cazares. CLC will be meeting on the Bethel College campus, March 20-22.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN thanks you for praying for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo mediation process that took place in December. Praise God for a good outcome and for the cooperation among the three Mennonite denominations in the country. Pray that church unity would continue to grow.

In two weeks (March 30<sup>th</sup>), our Sunday morning worship service will focus on sexual abuse and the scripture passage from 2 Samuel 13, the story of the rape of Tamar. Parents, you are invited to use your discretion on whether or not this would be appropriate for your children. This service will also include a time of anointing for healing and deliverance. Pastors Peter and Katherine will be available following the service to anyone who would like to visit more personally, and are always available for counseling by appointment. May God grant comfort and healing to all who suffer.

### **Announcements**

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

**The Worship Council** appreciates the comments members have shared regarding worship services. The small notebooks in the pews are available for your suggestions, both what you appreciate and what you would like to see done differently as well as comments on the sermons, music and other aspects of worship. We also ask that you sign your name so that we can follow up as needed. Comments that are not signed will not be shared with the entire council. We would also welcome volunteers for any aspect of worship: your many gifts enrich our worship. Thank you!

**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 Katie Regier  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Janzen and Jo Frye  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,366.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Church Events

**This afternoon at 2:30 p.m.** Women's Book Study will meet in the church library.

**Wednesday** Spring Break – no meal or programming.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Business Co. meets  
**7:00 p.m.** Worship Co. meets

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

**Next Sunday at 6:30 p.m.** Menno-Nite Live *Music of the Bible* "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God" (Col. 3:17). Come sing!

**April 11 & 12** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. Many opportunities to work and donate – please see the table in the foyer to sign-up. Everything from baking bread and pies to running/walking in the 5K to frying New Year's Cookies and much much more! For more information visit the website [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org).

**Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.** All church bowling party at Play-Mor Lanes in Newton! Mark your calendars for a fun evening!!

**Grace Hill and Zion** will be having two teams in the Western District Basketball Tournament. If you are interested in playing on the Division I team (more competitive), contact Grant Claassen at 316-708-0332. If you are interested in playing on the Division II team, contact Grant Klingenberg at 620-877-7606.

**Game Schedule:**

**Zion/Grace Hill (Div. II)** March 24 at 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m., March 25 at 8:30 p.m., March 27 at 7:30 p.m., additional games on March 29 TBA

**Grace Hill/Zion (Div. I)** March 27 at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., additional games on March 29 TBA.

A full schedule is available at: <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-basketball-tournament/>.

## Et Cetera

**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.

**Attention! The location for the Women's Spring Supper on March 20, 6 p.m., has been changed to Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge.** It was to have been at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, but because of the high number of registrations, a larger space was necessary. Eden is located 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge. This information is for women who have already registered to attend. Sorry, no additional registrations can be accepted.

**Mingle for the Manor – A fundraiser to benefit Wheat State Manor** will be held on Friday, April 11 at Emmaus Church. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. – dinner at 6:30 p.m. Great music, delicious food, wonderful fellowship – an exciting must attend community event! Celebrate with neighbors, family, and friends, as we thank God for blessing the mission of Wheat State Manor for the past 40 years. The evening will include special guest, Tammy Duvanel Unruh. Make your reservations by April 4 – purchase a table of 8 for \$120 or singles for \$15. Mail your payment with your list of guests names to Wheat State Manor at 601 S. Main, Whitewater, KS 67154. Please include your phone number or email address. Call 799-2181 for more information or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**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.

**The WDC Annual Assembly will be July 4-6 in Waxahachie, Texas.** Please let us know if you have interest in riding a chartered bus from Newton. We need to hear from you by June 3, at which time a determination will be made if there is enough interest. Go to: <http://mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/>, and fill out the online form.

**Have the winter storms been wearing you down?** Are you tired of being cooped up and need something fun to look forward to? Do you want a little pampering, a little spiritual enrichment (well, hopefully a lot!), and a weekend with some of your female friends? Would you enjoy someone else’s cooking for a weekend? **Women in Conversation Retreat** is scheduled for April 25-27 at Cross Winds Church Center, Hesston. Jennifer Davis Sensenig will inspire us as she speaks on the “Spirited Lives of Women.” In addition, you will have time to rest, relax, become restored and refreshed. To learn more and to register, go to <http://www.laurelville.org/programs/faith-development/women-in-conversation/>.

**Be intentional. Be transformed! Serve for a year with DOOR:** Dwell in urban areas like Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, L.A., Miami, or San Antonio. Join other young adults (ages 19-30) from many Christian backgrounds! [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve)

**Urgent Need for Pencils:** The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resources Center in North Newton, KS currently has an urgent need for pencils for school kits. Based on feedback from kit recipients, MCC increased the number of pencils in school kits from four to eight. This much-needed change has created an urgent need for pencils, since many kits arrive at our warehouse with fewer than eight pencils. Your gift of pencils or your donation of funds designated for “Central States Kits” will help us complete hundreds of incomplete kits and send them to countries including Jordan, Afghanistan and Kenya. Pencils should be sent to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117, checks should be sent to MCC U.S. PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. Questions? Call 316-283-2720 or visit [www.mcc.org/kits](http://www.mcc.org/kits).

## CHURCH OFFICES

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