

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 23, 2008

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

Easter Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to each of our guests! 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

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna

Adult Choir
Arnatt and Wren

* Congregational Call to Worship: (Katherine)

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**People: This is the day the stone is cast aside,
and the mantle of darkness is cast away!**

Leader: Be glad and rejoice -
God has swallowed up death forever.

People: This is the day of salvation.

Leader: The Lord of light has come and reigns forever.
Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia! Amen!**

* Praying for God's Presence

Pastor Katherine

* Hymn No. 269 *Thine is the glory*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Offering our Gifts

Western District Conference

Pastor Katherine

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43

Pastor Katherine

Children's Moments

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

Choral Anthem *Lift High the Cross*

Peter Goerzen: Trumpet

Nicholson, arr. Sateren

Adult Choir

Hearing the Gospel Story John 20:1-18

Levi Goossen

Sermon *Run! Wipe your Eyes! See the Lord!*

Pastor Jim

* Hymn of Response No. 273 *Low in the grave he lay*

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

Easter Choral Reading by Ryan Ahlgrim

Taken from Jn 1, Mk 15, Mt 27, Lk 24 and 1 Cor 15

Daniel Klaassen, Caleb Regehr, Matthew Regier

* Hymn of Joy No. 280 *Christ the Lord is risen today*

Trumpet: David Janzen, Peter Goerzen Trombone: Katherine Goerzen

* Benediction

Pastor Katherine

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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

I would like to thank everyone for your concerns, thoughts, prayers, visits and phone calls due to my knee surgery and recovery. Thanks to Pastor Jim for his visits during surgery and at the hospital.

Gerald Wedel

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the Good News. Jesus Christ is risen today!

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for MMN workers and believers around the world who worship together the resurrected Christ this Easter day. Pray that Christ's message of hope in the midst of brokenness may resound across our streets and around the world.

GRACE HILL SONGS FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST. What are the hymns and songs of Grace Hill? What are your favorite hymns? Email them to me or stick a note in my mailbox at church and we will seek to incorporate some of them in worship in the coming weeks. If you wish, you might give a short explanation as to why you either consider the hymn a Grace Hill hymn or why it is special to you.

Thanks! Pastor Jim

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

March 31-April 5 Western District Basketball Tournament

April 4-5 Western District Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, April 5 Grace Hill Social Council invites you to a Community German Supper (Verenike, ham gravy, sausage, vegetable, zwiebach, cherry moos and cake) on Saturday April 5. Serving time 5-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets, adults \$10.00, children age 6 and under \$5.00, and age 3 and under free. No reservations are needed. Proceeds from the supper will go to local and area needs.

Listen up! Vacation Bible School is May 26-30 at 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing. The program will replace VBS on Friday the 30th. We are excited to use the Mennonite Press curriculum "*Listen-up*" *Studying the Prophets* with an experiment focus. Children age 4 – 6th grade are encouraged to bring their friends. A separate class will be held for ages 2 & 3.

Announcements

Chris Wiebe will be running in the Relief Sale Run on April 12 and is willing to "go the extra mile". He is inviting others to sponsor his run to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee. If you would like to sponsor Chris, please contact him. Checks can be made to KS Mennonite Relief Sale and labeled Run for Relief on the memo.

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: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Special Music Next Sunday: Lindsey Harms

Keyboard Next Sunday: Katherine Goerzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Biblical Seminary \$1,769.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Retreat Commission

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

The Annual Meeting of Wheat State Manor will be held on Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Manor. After the abbreviated business meeting, Lori Seifert, Administrator, will report on the activities of 2007 and opportunities for future growth. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Coming Sunday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. – Dave Roeber Live! Comedian and Evangelist. Remington Middle School, Whitewater. Sponsored by Swiss, Federated and Palmyra Baptist Churches. All are welcome! Offering for the Roeber Team.

The Annual Corporation Meeting of the Community Playschool is Monday, April 1 in Room 14 of the Bethel College Mennonite Church at 7:30 p.m. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

Camp Mennoscah—The Retirees' Relaxation Retreat will take place April 14-16. Our theme this year is "Caretakers of Creation." Come join us for three days of relaxation and community in a small bit of God's creation. Relax and get away from everyday activities - enjoy the river, go fishing, or share pictures, hobbies, music, or stories. There will also be presentations on grassland birds, recycling, and birding. Brochures have been sent to those who attended last year's retreat and also to your churches. Please pre-register by April 9. We look forward to a peaceful time with you at Camp Mennoscah. If you have questions, please contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

All women are invited to a retreat April 18-20 at the Wichita Airport Hilton to hear speaker Carolyn Holderread Heggen. The retreat is designed especially for women and will explore "women's unique way of experiencing the Divine." Weekend includes workshops, worship, pampering and fellowship! "Women in Conversation: Daring to Let Your Spirits Soar" retreat is co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. To register, e-mail info@Laurelville.org or call 800-839-1021, or go to: www.Laurelville.org/Program/WIC.html. Registration deadline is March 28.

Men & Boys Retreat at Mennoscah: Mark your calendars for April 25-27 for the annual retreat and campout, sponsored by the Mennonite

Men of the Plains. The theme is "Wrestling With God", and will feature music, food, fellowship, fishing, and just plain fun. This is a great opportunity to start a tradition with your son or invite someone to "church" in a relaxed atmosphere. Don't put it off another year...come see why this event has been successful for over 50 years! For more information, contact Brent Voran 316-283-1072.

Stewardship Workshop Opportunity Stewardship theologian, author, and speaker Lynn Miller will lead a workshop at Shalom Mennonite Church on Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to noon on THE POWER OF ENOUGH. It's designed for anyone interested in learning how to find real contentment by discovering what "enough" means in your life. It will include practical help and useful exercises you can apply to your own situation. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken. A morning coffee break will be provided and childcare will be available. Please RSVP with Shalom Mennonite Church, 283-7395, or email the church office at office@shalomnewton.org. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

Retail Manager: Et Cetera Shop Newton is receiving applications for the position of full time manager. Et Cetera Shop Newton is a non-profit, retail thrift shop business dedicated to reselling donated items. This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills and managing a large group of volunteers. Must be able to lift, bend and be on your feet much of the day. Should be able to work independently and as part of a team and be available on occasional evenings or weekends. Please bring your resume to the shop located at 619 North Main in Newton, during the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If unable to come by in person you may submit your resume by regular mail, or by email at newtonetc@sbcglobal.net. The application deadline is 03/28/08.