

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 23, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

## Bible and Bodies: Be Subject to One Another Out of Reverence for Christ

### 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.*

**Scripture Readings** Genesis 2:22-24, Ephesians 5:21, 31-33

#### Call to Worship

One: God is love and love comes from God. Every person who truly loves is a child of God. We cannot say we love God if we do not show compassion and love for others.

**Many: If we love one another, then God actually lives within us.**

One: It is a wonderful yet fearful thing to choose to love.

There is a risk in offering who we are to others in love.

**Many: Perfect love knows no fear. Fully developed love casts out all fear.**

One: Love is slow to lose patience. It looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive. It is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance. Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not rejoice in wrong or gloat over the disasters that afflict other people. On the contrary, it rejoices in the right and is glad for the good fortune of others. Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the only thing that stands when all else has fallen.

**All: In this life there are three great lasting qualities: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

#### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song No. 259** *When I survey the wondrous cross*

**Offering Our Gifts** Western District Conference

#### Hearing God's Story

**New Testament Reading** Ephesians 3:16-19

Cal Frye

\* **Hymn No. 530** *What wondrous love is this* vs. 1, 3 & 4

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

**New Testament Reading** Ephesians 5:21-33

Pastor Peter

**Sermon**

Pastor Peter

#### Responding To God

\* **Song of Response No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

#### Congregational Sharing and Prayer

\* **Sending Song No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

**Benediction** Ephesians 3:16-21

#### 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 that the WDC Basketball Tournament will be a time of fellowship and fun for those who participate this week.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for opportunities for MMN's Brian and Kelly McPhail to share Jesus' love with their students in China where they serve through Mennonite Partners in China.

Next Sunday, our 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. (A video for the children will be shown in the library during the service.) 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**

Debbie Claassen is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 12. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 11. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

Grace Hill is responsible for five Vesper Services at Wheat State Manor this year. All Sunday School groups are encouraged to take their turn and sign-up to fulfill this responsibility. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Available dates: May 4, July 13 and September 21.

**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:** Kris Janzen and Jo Frye

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,171.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Camp Mennoscah

## Church Events

**This evening 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!

**Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming  
**7:00 p.m.** Youth Programming  
**7:00 p.m.** Adult Study with Pastor Peter  
**7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Mom’s Café in Whitewater.

**Next Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of the month so there will be no Sunday School classes – refreshments will be served during the social hour.

**Next Sunday during Sunday School** Valerie Klaassen will present an update on Camp Mennoscah for whoever is interested. “Camp Mennoscah is a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. In this most sacred space, we intentionally seek the intersection of God, nature, self and others.” Come share your camp experiences, your ideas of the future of camp and your favorite activities at camp. Valerie will be sharing about the new structure of camp since it is now a non-profit, the projects that are underway at camp, the mission and vision of camp as well as some of the proposed projects for the future. All ages are welcome to join in the discussion and the dreaming about Camp Mennoscah during the Sunday School hour on March 30!

**Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at Judy Janzen’s home.

**Saturday, April 5** Attention to all zwieback bakers and those who would love to learn how: We will plan to prepare, form, and bake zwieback at church on April 5 in the morning at 9:00 a.m. for the MCC sale on April 11 & 12. You may prepare the dough at home and bring to church or come with the ingredients and mix it at church. If you have any questions concerning this, check with Pauline Toews or Alma Schmidt. Please let us know if you plan to come and enjoy this exciting venture. We need many dozens of UPRIGHT zwieback!!

**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 cooking verenike to working in the Ten Thousand Villages booth to working at Feeding the Multitudes and much much more! For more information visit the website [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org).

**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.

All games will be played at Bethel College. A full schedule is available at: <http://mennowdc.org/wdc-basketball-tournament/>.

## **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastors’ Office Hours:

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

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## Et Cetera

**Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 4-6.** Come whenever you want over those three days, but meals will only be provided from Saturday supper through Sunday lunch. Peter Goerzen will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary. You'll be able to sleep in the staff houses or cabins, or bring your own tent or RV. It's a great weekend to fellowship, go fishing, or just hang out and do nothing. We're still looking for church groups or individuals to help with meal preparation. If you have any questions, or if you want to help with meals, call Kevin Neufeld at 316-284-0450.

**Retirees' Relaxation Retreat** - It's a little announcement for a retreat with big-time relaxation. Camp Mennoscah's Retirees' Relaxation Retreat is April 21-23 on the theme of Little Drops of Water, Little Grains of Sand. Retirees of all ages and busyness are invited to spend a few days with us both relaxing and learning. Information is in the Camp Mennoscah catalog or give us a call at 620-297-3290.

**Naked Mattresses - Camp Mennoscah** used to have a lot of extra mattress pads. But now with the Bluestem house open, we find we don't have any extras. So we're looking for more twin mattress pads. As long as they are in good condition (no spots and clean), they don't have to be new. Hunt them out at your local thrift store and then give us a call at 620-297-3290. We want to cover those naked mattresses!

**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).

**Register (online) for AMBS-Great Plains courses** for summer session. "Biblical Spirituality" will be taught by Jerry Truex; meets six sessions on Tuesday evenings beginning May 27-July 1. Two or three hours credit option and \$50 fee reduction if enrolled by April 14. A special audit fee of only \$100 for this class is available. Call 316-283-7098 for forms and send check by April 14 to AMBS-GP, Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. A second summer class is "Conflict, Communication and Conciliation" taught at KIPCOR on June 10-13, 8:30 - 5:00 each day for two credit hours. No auditors but a "certificate" option is available. Call KIPCOR directly to register for this option at 316-284-5217.