

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 28, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Pastor Katherine

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

We're invited to accept Jesus as our pattern even in the way of the cross,
to follow the one who emptied himself and became obedient.
Are we willing to stand with Jesus, to become an empty vessel?

Gathering and Holding On

Prelude Vocal Quartet: Valerie Klaassen, Curt Regehr,
Pastor Peter and Pastor Katherine

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.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Pastor Peter

* **Call to Worship**

One: We bear witness to Jesus who became obedient unto death.

Many: May we, too, become obedient.

One: We lift up Christ who emptied himself and became a servant.

Many: May we, too, become servants.

All: We celebrate Jesus, our model!

* **Gathering Prayer**

One: From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: To heal the sick,
to mend the broken-hearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: Today, to this place, to us,

All: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn No. 237** *All glory, laud, and honor* vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5

Confession of Faith Hymn No. 714

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Casey Schunn

Processional of the Branches Children and youth of the congregation
Heri ni jina (Blessed be the name) sung by the Praise Team
Congregation is invited to join in singing once you feel
comfortable to do so

Special Music *When I Survey* Women of Praise Team

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

New Testament Reading Luke 19:28-40 Pastor Katherine

A Sermon as we enter into Holy Week Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn of Response No. 530** *What wondrous love is this*

Letting Go

Prayer of Confession

Be gracious to us, God, for we are in distress, we waste away
from grief. We do not take up our cross, even though you called us to
follow. Forgive us, in your mercy.

Silence.

We trust you because you are our God. Save us in your steadfast
love. Amen.

Words of Assurance Hymn No. 709

Offering our Gifts Western District Conference
Hymn No. 536 *Take up your cross* sung by Quartet

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 258** *Man of sorrows*

* **Benediction**

Postlude Hymn No. 105 *Christ we do all adore thee* sung by Quartet

*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

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Willmar Harder, pastor of Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman, as he is farewelled today. He and his family will begin a three-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in Bolivia beginning with orientation in April. Praise God for First Mennonite Church, Halstead, as it celebrates its 135th anniversary today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that God would open the minds and hearts of MMN personnel in their commitment to become an anti-racist agency.

Church Events

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: Tonight we will have a worship and anointing service at Grace Hill at 7:00 p.m. to prepare us for the week to come. The speaker will be Wes Bergen. There will be a time of fellowship and pie following the service.

Maundy Thursday: A Maundy Thursday worship service will be at Zion Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Communion will be celebrated. All are invited to participate in both worship services as we prepare for the celebration of resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunrise Service: This service of celebration for Christ being raised from the dead will begin on Easter morning at 6:55 a.m. at church. Weather permitting, it will be held outside on the hill facing the east. All are invited. A light breakfast will follow.

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

Wednesday No programming this week to encourage attendance at Holy Week Services.

April 14 – 20 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer or help with meals.

April 16-17 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

Chris Wiebe and DuMont Schmidt will be participating in the Run for Relief – if you would like to sponsor them please talk to them or sign the sheet on the Relief Sale table in the foyer. Checks should be made to the KS Mennonite Relief Sale and labeled Run for Relief on the memo.

Youth: MCC Sale: Saturday, April 17 we will go to the MCC Sale to help with New Year's Cookies and help sell cherry moos. Following lunch, we will have a video scavenger hunt on the grounds. We will plan to leave by 7:45 a.m. from the church building to arrive in Hutchinson by 9 to begin our shift.

April 18 Bethel College Sunday – there will be an all church carry-in meal following Sunday School.

Youth: Youth Sunday is April 25. We will prayerfully plan this service together as a youth group on Wednesday nights.

Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah: Our weekend retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be October 16 and 17. If anyone is interested in helping to plan this retreat, please talk with Pastor Peter or Katherine or any member of the Spiritual Council. Thank you!

Announcements

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: Kathy Balzer and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Cynthia Goerzen and Pastor Katherine

Offering Last Sunday: Youth Group \$2,182.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

You are invited to attend a farewell reception for the Pastor Willmar Harder and family this afternoon from 1:30-4:00 at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman. A time of sharing will be at 1:30. Pastor Willmar and family are leaving for a MCC assignment in Bolivia.

Easter Egg Hunt There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Wheat State Manor on Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. All children from preschool to grade 3 are invited to participate.

What does it mean to be good stewards of God's Creation? Come enjoy Camp Mennoscah as we explore together how we can be good stewards by living more sustainably. Join us April 9-11 to hear from Bethel College Professor Emeritus Dwight Platt, music from Five Times Harder and more! We will be accepting registrations until the retreat is full. Contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information. The brochure can be found at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section.

Remington High School Community Service Day is April 21. If you have a job such as yard work, painting, or cleaning - Remington students would be glad to help. Contact Pam Harber by April 9th at 799-2123.

Western District Conference will be held on July 9-11 in Waxahachie, TX (Dallas) at the Lakeview Camp and Conference Center. Plan now to send delegates and youth. Resolutions are to be submitted to the Executive Board for their next meeting. Send substantive resolutions to wdc@mennowdc.org by April 5.

Summer seminary courses in June and August. May 25 to June 12, take Reading Genesis, taught by Patricia Shelly, Ph.D. August 3-21, study the Gospel of John with Jerry Truex, Ph.D. Check out these and other courses for credit or audit, at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension, North Newton, at www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains. Register for the May-June class by May 11; for the August class by July 13. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plains, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone 316-283-7098; email: lbarrett@ambs.edu.

Thank you for the wonderful response to the Haiti earthquake. However, due to a decrease in general giving in the last two years, Mennonite Central Committee has been forced to make cuts to vital programming around the world. As part of these budget reductions, the MCC Central States offices, workroom and warehouse in North Newton will be closed on Fridays, effective April 2010. An "After Hours Donation Drop-Off" room is always open for you to leave material aid donations. Please consider giving a "where needed most" donation to support MCC's work. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or donate on-line at mcc.org.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe.

The 2010 Comforter Blitz was a huge success! On Monday, 165 people came together at South Hutchinson Mennonite Journey at Yoder Campus and on Tuesday there were 168 people. In total, 213 comforters were completed over two days! This surpasses last years total by over 100 comforters. The Kansas Friends of MCC group, who organizes this event, reports that all the comforters and supplies they had were used up by the end of Tuesday! What a blessing to come together around colorful, warm comforters to help others around the world. Mark your calendars now for March 7 and 8, 2011 and start making 60x80 inch tops! Thank you to everyone who came and worked to make the 2010 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz such a wonderful event!