

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 29, 2009

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

**Youth Sunday**

**Prelude**

Laura Harms

**Welcoming Guests and Announcements**

Grant Hill

*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.*

\* **Call to Worship/Gathering Prayer**

Amanda

Regehr

\* **Songs**

Hymn No. 546 *Guide my feet*

Hymn No. 544 *When we walk with the Lord* vs. 1,3,4

**Offering** Western District Retreat Commission

**Prayer**

Melinda Regehr

**Offertory**

Samantha Claassen and Amanda Regehr

**Children's Moments**

Samantha Claassen and Kari Thiessen

\* **Hymn No. 521** *Come, thou fount*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Katherine

**Special Music**

Praise Team

*Here I Am, Lord* (Hymn No. 395)

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

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

**Scripture Reading** Hebrews 11:1

Courtney Claassen

**Sermon-ette**

*Faith in Action*

Josh

Toevs

\* **Benediction**

Katie Regier

\* **Benediction Song** *The Lord lift you up*

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,  
the Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,  
secure in God's word, seeking God's face,  
abounding in love, abiding in grace.

Text & Music (Sing the Journey)

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**Postlude**

Laura Harms

\*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**

Leona Unruh will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 2, 2009. The Spiritual Council is suggesting that members and friends in our church help her celebrate with a card shower. Cards may be sent to her at her address: Leona Unruh, Room 32N, 3054 Ivy Court, North Newton, KS 67117. We wish her a deep sense of God's presence and grace as she celebrates this special milestone in her life.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC representatives (Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Berni Kaufman, Jacob Castro) at the Constituency Leaders Council at Amigo Centre in Michigan March 30-April 1.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN workers George and Tobia Veith request prayer for deep and lasting heart changes in emerging leaders in the Macau Mennonite Church as they participate in ongoing training for personal spiritual growth and to be effective small group leaders.

## **Announcements**

**Celebrations Singers and Praise Team:** The music schedule has changed – Praise Team will sing on April 19 and Celebration Singers on April 26.

**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:** Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

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

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Katherine

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Sara Unruh

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,841.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

***Interim Pastor: Marvin***

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## Church Events

**Today after church** Youth Group Bowling

**Monday at 8:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**Wednesday 6:10 p.m.** Kid's Meal at the church\*  
**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:40 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

\*If you are unable to attend the meal, please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948).  
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

### Joint Holy Week Services with Zion Church

**April 5 Palm Sunday evening** at 7:00 p.m. a joint service will be held at Zion Mennonite Church with Laurie Oswald Robinson as guest speaker. Laurie is a writer and former editor of Timbrel, the magazine of Mennonite Women USA. She is a frequent contributor of devotionals for the daily devotional booklet, "Rejoice", published by Faith and Life Resources. She lives in Newton and attends First Mennonite Church.

**April 9 Maundy Thursday service** will be held at Grace Hill at 7:00 p.m. The evening will be a Service of Tennebrae, extinguishing the lights, and will include the reading of Scriptures describing both the call and the fall of the disciples, the crucifixion of Christ and serving of communion. Let us be in preparation for this service of worship together.

**April 12** Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service planned by the youth.

**April 17-18** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

- DuMont Schmidt and Chris Wiebe are planning to run in the Relief Run and are looking for sponsors. Please contact them and support MCC!
- Volunteers are needed! Please see the sign-up sheets in the foyer and share your time and energy with MCC!

**April 22 6:30-8:30 p.m.** All church skating party at the Starlight Skate Center in Newton.

**April 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Canadian Mennonite University Singers: The CMU Singers will be at Grace Hill on April 29 for an evening concert. There are approximately 45 students in the choir and all need a place to stay for the night. There need to be at least 2 students per household. (If you have a gender preference, please indicate so on the sign up sheet.) Hosts should take the students home after the Wednesday evening concert and should have the students back to the church by 7:15 a.m. with a sack lunch. If you are interested in hosting, please talk to Pastor Katherine or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

## Et Cetera

**The global food crisis may seem like it is beyond your backyard, but there is something you can do!** In conjunction with the Washington Office Spring Seminar the following events are open to the public at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church (655 S. Lorraine Ave, Wichita) today: Hear from Zemedkun Baykeda Habtyimer from Ethiopia give an overview of the global food crisis from an Ethiopian perspective at 3:00 p.m. A discussion will follow. A panel discussion of different viewpoints on bio-fuels featuring Jim French (Oxfam), Dan Nagengast (KS Rural Center) and Bill Hargrove (Kansas State University) at 7:00 p.m. In addition, Zemedkun Baykeda Habtyimer will speak at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30. He will share about his experience in Ethiopia with the global food crisis and explain MCC's involvement in the process of food crisis alleviation. All are welcome to attend this informative and enriching evening.

“**Through The Desert Goes Our Journey**”, a documentary on a 19th century Mennonite emigration from Western Europe into Central Asia, will be broadcast on KPTS-TV, Wichita, at 9 p.m. April 2.

**Be a part of the 2009 Run for Relief** - either as a participant or a sponsor! All ages and abilities are welcome. If walking or running isn't for you, plan to sponsor the walkers/runners in your congregation (Chris Wiebe and DuMont Schmidt) with a pledge towards their race! The Run for Relief (5K) is held on Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m., on the paved Rice Park bike path in Hutchinson. Get a free t-shirt and New Year's Cookie coupon with each entry. To enter: Pay a \$15 entry fee (due by 4/1/09) or raise your own \$ through sponsors. See your sale contact person for entry forms or contact Angie Teeter at [theteeterfamily@cox.net](mailto:theteeterfamily@cox.net) or 620-327-4434 for more details. Join the fun and help those in need!

**Mennonite Education Agency** has a website at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS) where monthly “Prayers for Faith and Learning” can be accessed. You can also sign up for a free subscription to “Prayers.” E-mail [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org) and use “Subscription to Prayers” as the subject.

**Camp Mennoscah—We are ever so joyful! The JOY (Just fOr You) Retreat** for those with special needs will be May 24-25. Individuals 18 years and older and their families and/or caregivers are invited to join us for a wonderfully fun time. Activities ranging from crafts to a hayrack ride will be offered. A nurse will be on site for this retreat. Limited scholarships are available. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for more information. The JOY Retreat brochure can be found at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section.

**Camp Mennoscah—Don't hide your light under a bushel!** We still have openings available for cooks, kitchen staff, and one nurse. Nurses and head cooks are paid positions or can choose instead to receive a parent discount (up to full camp fees) for a camper. Kitchen staff receive a parent discount for a camper—only a fun-loving attitude and the ability to follow directions needed. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for more information.

**Camp Mennoscah—We have MVSers!** We are so utterly and completely excited that we have two absolutely stunning folks joining the Camp Mennoscah staff as Mennonite Voluntary Service workers. Michael Unruh (Tabor Mennonite, Newton) is joining us as a general maintenance genius, and Jennie Warkentine (Hope Mennonite, Wichita) will be our kitchen and office superhero. We are looking for two twin beds and two dressers—we weren't prepared to have TWO wonderful folks joining us. Questions? Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for more information.