

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 30, 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: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Bible and Bodies: Lamenting and Healing

Gathering and Lamenting

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.

New Testament Reading Romans 8:22-23

Call to Worship

One: To you, Creator of humanity, truth, and beauty, we pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of abuse and sexual violence among the church, among the world, among us gathered today. Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and who will suffer at the hands of those who take advantage of their vulnerability. Hear my voice when I beg you to instill into the hearts of all human beings a vision of peace and a longing for justice in this broken world. Hear my voice, for it cries out in lament for all who have experienced violence, exploitation, and abuse. Hear my voice, for it cries out in anguish for all who have had your image denied within them.

Many: Lord, give us courage and strength to speak out on behalf of all who have suffered at the hands of others. Give us a voice to break the silence.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song No. 377** *Healer of our every ill* vs. 1 & 2

Offering Our Gifts Camp Mennoseh

Hearing God's Story

Old Testament Reading Psalm 22:1-2, 6-7, 11, 14-15 Kylee Schunn

* **Song of Response Sing the Story No. 84** *So much wrong* vs. 1-3

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

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 13: 1-22

Pastor Peter

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding To God

Song of Response *Have mercy on us, Lord*

Pastor Katherine

Service of Anointing and Healing

Old Testament Reading Psalm 22:3-5, 9-10, 22, 24-31

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Song No. 377** *Healer of our every ill* vs. 3 & 4

Benediction

One: We believe that beyond the violence,

Many: There can be love.

One: That beyond the despair,

Many: There can be hope.

One: That beyond the torment,

Many: We will find rest.

One: That beyond our brokenness,

Many: There can be healing.

One: That beyond our agony,

Many: We will find joy.

One: God, transform us through your healing presence and gently carry us from darkness to light.

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

A video for the children will be shown in the library during the service today.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the flourishing of our church plants – Iglesia Camino de Santidad, Liberal; Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Gladewater, Texas; and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, Wichita.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayers of protection for members of the Colombia Mennonite Church as they engage in human rights ministry and provide support for displaced people.

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.

Hands of Friendship is giving you an opportunity to contribute to Wheat State Manor Auxiliary through an offering that will be taken next Sunday, April 6 during the adult Sunday School hour. The offering will be used to purchase items that are beneficial to the residents of the Manor. Make checks payable to Hands of Friendship. Any questions contact Agnes Harder or Joyce Stuart.

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: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson
Nursery Next Sunday: Jackie Moore and Rachelle Claassen
Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,155.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Church Events

Today is the 5th Sunday of the month so there will be no Sunday School classes – refreshments will be served during the social hour.

Today during the Sunday School hour 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!

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming
7:00 p.m. Youth Programming
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Peter

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Administrative Council will meet.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council will meet at Judy Janzen’s home.

Saturday at 9:00 a.m. 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!!

Next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The Women's Book Study will plan to meet next Sunday, April 6 at 2:30 p.m. in the church library.

April 11 & 12 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. Many opportunities to work and donate – please see the table in the foyer to sign-up. Sign-up sheets will be turned in this week – please sign up now and help make the sale a success! For more information visit the website www.kansas.mccsale.org.

Wednesday Night Programming Schedule:

Wednesday, April 9 – last evening for Wednesday programming
Wednesday, April 16 – Holy Week - no programming
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!!

CHURCH OFFICES

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen
E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen
E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen
Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Would you like to see Mennonite Disaster Service stories shared with the next generation? Join us for an evening of listening to MDS stories being shared by Paul Unruh on March 31 and April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Northlawn Theater on the Hesston College Campus. We'd like an audience mixture of both students and adults. This is part of a joint project between Hesston College and MDS to get some stories on video. The seating is very limited. Please contact Becky Koller at 620-345-8320 or 620-386-0010 if you would like to be a part of this project.

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.

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.

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.

The second film in the KIPCOR spring film series is the 85-minute documentary *Climate Refugees*, about “the human face of climate change”; April 6 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College; talk-back session with Jon Piper, professor of biology, following.

Bethel College Mennonite Church invites the community to a celebration of its newly renovated 26-rank Möeller pipe organ. On Saturday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m. organist Christopher Shaw will present *Raised to new life: An organ and hymn festival celebrating the Lent and Easter Season*. Shaw will perform works by Bach, Barber, Handel, Howells, and hymn- singing filled with organ introductions, interludes, and harmonizations. Shaw will be joined by Eleanor Kaufman, organ, Verlene Garber and Nancy Hilty, piano, Matthew Schloneger, tenor, and Rebecca Schloneger, violin. A freewill offering will be received to support the organ renovation. A reception will follow. Bethel College Mennonite Church is located at 2600 College Avenue, North Newton. For more information, call 316-283-3667 or see bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org.

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/>.

MCC Central States is currently recruiting for a "Young Adult Program Coordinator" position. This is a full-time position, working with the young adult programs for Central States, as well as leadership development. The location is open within the Central States region, with a preference for an urban setting. Persons who are interested can send a letter of intent and resume to Melissa Waltner (melissawaltner@mcc.org). You can view the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/young-adult-program-coordinator-cs>.