

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 1, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musician: Linda Harms

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Kim Claassen

Palm Sunday

Gathering our Praise

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.

Call to Worship Psalm 118: 1, 19-29

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 106** *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Story

New Testament Reading Philippians 2: 5-11

Kyle Regier

Children's Story

Drama The Donkey

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

Gospel Reading Mark 11: 1-11

Kyle Regier

Sermon

Weldon Martens

Responding to God's Story

* **Hymn of Response No. 239** *Ride on, ride on in majesty*

Time of Silent Reflection

*How have I signed on with this Jesus,
the One who came as a servant riding on a donkey?
How might the Spirit be inviting me to sign on more deeply or fully
than I have up until now?*

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

* **Sending Hymn STJ No. 44** *The love of God*

Benediction

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

Thank you to all the elementary and preschool children who assisted with collecting the penny power offering last Sunday. Your enthusiasm was an inspiration to us! Thank you to all who contributed pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and "bills" for the work of Mennonite Central Committee's work throughout the world.

John and Miriam Claassen, Ed and Marge Harms

Thank you for all your prayers. Our little Bristol's surgery went well. At some point later she may have to have it repeated, but for now she is fine. Tuesday was a day filled with anxiety, but knowing there were prayers for her helped so much.

Dean and Rita Patterson and Family

Western District Conference: Pray for the new leadership of our Bi-Conference Youth Ministry Network. Dwight Regier, Newton, has been named Network Team Leader, and Jesse Bladssel, South Hutchinson, has been named Network Event Leader.

Mennonite Mission Network: Anne Garber-Kompaore, serving with MMN, is in Nigeria assisting with a month-long workshop on the translation of the Psalms. Pray for a resolution to the Christian-Muslim violence in northern Nigeria where many have died, and for Anne's safe return to her home in Burkina Faso at the end of this week.

Announcements

Dillon's certificates to benefit Offender Victim Ministries are available this morning. Make checks to OVM. Contact Ed Harms.

Debbie Claassen is planning to run in the Relief Sale "Run for Relief" on April 14. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise funds for MCC, please see her. Checks can be made out to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Thanks!

Youth Group - MCC Sale: Due to busy schedules and sports practice, the Youth Group will NOT go to the MCC Sale as a group this year.

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: paper goods (toiletries). A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,384.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Holy Week Services: There will be a worship service this evening at Grace Hill starting at 7 p.m. as part of our joint Holy Week services with Zion Mennonite Church. The speakers for the evening will be Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen, they will present the monologue “A man called Peter.” There will be a pie reception to follow. All are welcome!

Wednesday – no programming, no meal

Thursday at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to a **Maundy Thursday service** on April 5, shared between the Grace Hill and Zion congregations, to be held at Zion. We plan to observe a traditional Jewish Seder service (including full meal) ending with the Lord’s Supper. Jewish Passovers are traditionally family celebrations, so we are planning interaction to engage all ages. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.; including the meal, plan on 1½ - 2 hours. In order to prepare adequate food, we request that those planning to attend sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board *no later than today*. The service and meal are free, although donations to help with expenses will be accepted.

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

Next Sunday at 6:50 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service: The Youth Group will lead us in a Sunrise Service Easter morning. The Social Council will be serving breakfast following the service. All are invited!

Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Work day at church, election of Hands of Friendship; Hostess & Devotions: Agnes Harder; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

April 29 at noon Fundraiser Meal for Social Council

May 6 after worship High School Graduate Reception

Et Cetera

Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert – Sunday, April 1, 4:00 p.m., Administration Building chapel; free

Chelsea Vaught will be presenting her doctoral lecture-recital on Monday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Bales Recital Hall (on the KU campus). Her topic is "The Influence of Gospel Music in Selected Works from William Bolcom's *Gospel Preludes*" The first half will be a lecture on gospel music and its connection to the pieces by Bolcom which will be played in the second half of the program. This is Chelsea's final requirement for her Doctor of Musical Arts degree! Everyone is invited to attend!

What's going on at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on April 13 & 14? Go to www.kansas.mccsale.org and learn more about the activities and auction items at this year's sale. Please become a friend of the Relief Sale on Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. If you have an item you'd like to post on the website, e-mail a picture and description to Becky at publicity@kansas.mccsale.org.

Help Needed: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale has several committee openings for 2012 Sale. Also, volunteers are needed throughout sale weekend. Can you give a little time and help in the kid's building, New Year's Cookies, Feeding the Multitude, Villages and Kansas Crafts the weekend of the sale? Check with your relief sale contact persons, Ed and Marge Harms and John and Miriam Claassen, about joining a Relief Sale committee or volunteering at the sale.

Mark your calendars, Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 20-22. Brett Klingenberg will be our speaker for the weekend. Bring your chainsaw; this year our service project will be removing trees that died in the heat wave last summer. Saturday supper through Sunday lunch will be provided. No pre-registration is necessary.

Retirees' Relaxation Retreat - Our retreat for retirees and others is coming up on April 23-25! We're taking a virtual trip to Paraguay with some of our sessions and journeying through all sorts of other topics with the rest. We'll have coffee breaks, Bible Study, singing, and lots of time for fellowship and sharing. Don't forget your talent, joke, or other skill to share for our Tuesday evening activity. Need a brochure? Give us a call at 620-297-3290 - we're happy to send you one!

Lookin' for Cookin' - Camp Mennoscah is looking for head cooks for the weeks of June 10-16, June 24-30 and July 8-12. Head cooks receive either a stipend or camper discount. We're also still looking for kitchen staff for all of our summer youth camp weeks (camper discount). We know you volunteer just for the free tee shirt, but it's also a great way to be part of our ministry to campers and staff. It's a fun time - peeling potatoes included!

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 following books have been donated to our library. Please read these and the many others.

"Just in Time" Lynn A. Miller This book includes 34 short stories related to God's extravagance.

"All Is Grace" Brennan Manning. A vagabond evangelist who desires for others the reality of God's love and grace.

"The Christmas Shoppe" Melody Carlson. An eccentric newcomer, an eccentric store, and a small town changes people's lives.

"Key to the Kingdom" Carissa Unruh. Great Granddaughter of Leona Unruh whose memorial monies have provided many books for our library. Liz learns that she can save her kingdom by risking her life - is she willing? This is Carissa's first novel.

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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