

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 4, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Cynthia Goerzen and Pastor Katherine

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter and Pastor Katherine

Easter Sunday

*Grieving all that has gone wrong, we meet Jesus
who sends us out to tell the deeper truth of God's plan to make
all things new. Like Mary, we speak in a new voice, recounting
the stories of resurrection we see around us.*

Gathering and Praising

Prelude

Open the Gates of the Temple

Finlandia

Easter Fantasy with Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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**

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Gathering Hymns No. 273** *Low in the grave he lay*

No. 265 *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

O day of peace Hymn No. 408

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25

Special Music *The Holy City*

Katherine Goerzen and Cynthia Goerzen

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

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

Sermon *First Day in God's New World*

Pastor Peter

Responding

* **Hymn of Praise No. 278** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!*

Affirmation of Faith Hymn No. 710

Sharing our Stories Caleb Regehr, Marge Harms, Lon Hiebert

Lighting the Peace Candle and Prayers of the People

Passing the Peace

The first words from the lips of the resurrected Jesus to the women and men who were his friends were words of deep comfort, grace, and love: "Peace be with you." In a world where peace is sometimes in short supply, it would be reassuring to hear those words more often and see them in action. You are invited to stand and greet those around you with the same blessing that Jesus used: "Peace be with you."

Sending

* **Sending Hymn No. 280** *Christ the Lord is risen today*

* **Benediction**

Postlude *The Hallelujah Chorus*

*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

Many thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, flowers, phone calls and many words of encouragement after my surgery. They were much appreciated.

Miriam Claassen

Western District Conference: Praise God for new life!

Mennonite Mission Network: Join the joyful praise of MMN personnel and partners around the world this Easter Sunday with a paraphrase from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: “Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Victory is ours through Jesus who loves us.”

Resurrection Stories from Around the World

Provided by MCC and Ten Thousand Villages:

A great investment—a story from Bangladesh

Snehorani Halder is an artisan working with Jobarpar Enterprise, a handmade paper workshop of Prokritee, which is based in Barisal, Bangladesh. Even though school is free for girls until 6th grade, Halder, the daughter of a poor farmer, only went to school until the age of 10. She then dropped out to help her mother with the daily tasks of cleaning, cooking and taking care of her five younger sisters. When Halder was 16, her parents arranged her marriage to a neighboring farmer. She is now 30 years old with three growing boys. She is very proud of her boys and wants them to attend university.

Six years ago, Halder’s husband became very ill and was unable to work in the rice fields. With no source of income, she needed to find work. She was fortunate to find work with Jobarpar, and has been making handmade paper for the last five years.

But that’s not all. This year, Halder took out a 5,000 taka loan (approximately \$70) from Jobarpar and bought a cow. A cow is a great investment because it’s a source of both food and income. Not only does Halder’s family drink the cow’s milk, but she is also able to sell some milk in the market. She also makes fuel patties with the cow dung, which saves a lot of money because she does not need to buy or scavenge for wood to use in her clay stove. Halder is very thankful to be working for Jobarpar, and hopes to continue to produce wonderful products for Prokritee.

Church Events

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Choir
7:45 – 8:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday at 7:20 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Monday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: "Button, Button who has the Button?" Come and find out about the history of buttons. Linda Claassen Jones, Newton, will show her collection of buttons. Devotions: Katherine Goerzen; Hostess: Elfrieda Schmidt and Elva Unruh; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury. Come and bring your friends, all women are invited.

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 on April 14, 16, 18 or 20.

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 - Our church members who are currently attending Bethel will be involved in the service. The Women's Chorus and the Cello Quartet will be providing music. There will be a joint Sunday School option for those interested. Patty Shelly, professor of Bible and Religion, will be speaking on "Music in the Bible". We

plan to enjoy a pot luck dinner following Sunday School. Please consider bringing extra food for visitors. THANKS!

Announcements

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!

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: paper goods. 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 Terry Klassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter
Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conf. \$1,253.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Et Cetera

Camp Mennoscah Last chance! Our Sustainable Living Retreat will be April 9-11 and we'll accept registrations until we're full. Don't miss out on this chance to learn about being a faithful neighbor. Five Times Harder will provide Saturday evening's entertainment and sessions throughout the weekend will focus on different aspects of being sustainable in today's world.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter Following is the schedule of Volunteer Training Sessions scheduled for April: Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.; Monday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. See Donna Balzer if you have questions.

Community Playschool Annual Meeting will be April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church Room 14. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

Men and Boys Retreat - Camp Mennoscah - April 23-25: Come enjoy a weekend with the guys at this retreat that has been a favorite for over 50 years. Start a tradition in your family or church and join us for fishing, canoes, camp fires, and fun. Bring your special vehicle for our 2nd annual car / tractor show. This is for all men, not just dads and sons. Invite a friend or group...this is a great outreach opportunity. No schedules, very few rules, and no girls allowed! Questions? Call Brent Voran @ 316-284-2657 or email at voranhomeinspections@cox.net.

The Bethel College Women's Association is sponsoring "Celebrate Women" on April 24. The theme is "Once Upon a Time: Women Share Fairy Tales, Enchanted and Otherwise". Five women will be telling about what they have found meaningful in their lives and relating their tale to a fairy tale. Each of the speakers is paired with an artist who will illustrate the story. Brochures with more information are available in the foyer. Plan a women's day out with a friend or two on April 24.

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.

Seminary Recruitment Associate - A ¼-time recruitment associate is needed for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension in North Newton, beginning later this summer. Duties will include student recruitment, church relations, and some administrative work. Application deadline is May 1, 2010. For more information, see <http://www.ambs.edu/about/employment/recruitment-associate>. Or contact Lois Barrett, director, AMBS–Great Plains, 316-283-7098, lbarrett@ambs.edu.

Thinking about what's ahead this fall? Are you a young adult interested in discovering more about God, yourself and others? Would you like to be part of a team that invests a year serving and learning together in a cross-cultural setting? Are you someone who enjoys a challenge and takes initiative to build relationships? Radical Journey may be just what you're looking for! To learn more about Radical Journey, view location descriptions, or apply now for the 2010-2011 year, visit www.Service.MennoniteMission.net or e-mail KayS@MennoniteMission.net.

Camp Mennoscah Our new sports shed is finished (mostly)! We're still missing some inside cabinets and one window, but our sports shed is almost ready for use. We are absolutely thrilled to have this new building at Camp Mennoscah. Thank you to the Harold Jackson memorial fund, our Beatrice, NE, volunteers, and the many folks who donated materials and sports equipment! Also, the old director's house (the blue house) is in the process of being demolished. Hesston College's Disaster Management class helped start the process—thank you! You can see pictures on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 to volunteer or for more information.