

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 5, 2015  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Whitewater, Kansas  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder  
Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

## UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT Easter Sunday

Gathering Music Ellen Mosiman  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude to Worship

\*Call to Worship Hymnal 280  
*Christ the Lord is risen today*

\*Rejoicing in Words and Song

God brings forth resurrection and life.  
The shadows of Good Friday are gone,  
overcome by the light of Easter

**We rejoice . . .**  
In God's power that turns sorrow into joy,  
despair into hope, defeat into victory, evil into goodness.

**We rejoice . . .**  
That God has set us free on this day of resurrection  
to burst from the tombs that have trapped us.

***We rejoice that new life springs forth and brings grace and life  
to all through Jesus Christ, the Risen One.***

\*Thine is the glory Hymnal 269  
\*Prayer  
*Morning Song* Samantha Claassen, Ellen Mosiman

Offering  
Children's Story  
*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care*

The Light of the World  
Genesis 1:3 Jo Frye  
Isaiah 9:2 Gladys Reimer  
John 1:5 Ann Smith  
I Peter 2:9 Kris Janzen  
I John 1:7 Merrill Harms  
John 8:12 Deb Regier

## Affirmation of Faith

In the beginning was the Word,  
**And the Word was with God and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.**

All things were made through him.  
Without him nothing was made that has been made.

**What has come into being was life,  
and that life was the light of all people.**

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness  
has never overcome it.

The true light that gives light to all people  
was coming into the world.

**He was in the world, and though the world came into being  
through him, the world did not know him.**

**He came to that which was his own,  
yet his own did not receive him.**

But to all who did receive him, who believe in his name,  
he gave the power to become children of God.

***The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.***

*Longing for light* Sing the Journey 54

Scripture Lesson Doug Claassen  
Mark 16:1-8

Sermon  
*The Never-Ending Story*

\*New earth, heavens new Hymnal 299

Sharing and Prayer

The Good News of the Cross  
I Peter 2:7-10  
The Lord's Prayer  
\*Christ has arisen Hymnal 267

\*Benediction

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen***

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Church USA.

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

**There will not be any Sunday Schools classes today.**

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the gathering of Reference Council on Saturday, April 11, as members of WDC consider the Rainbow Mennonite Church resolution on how our pastors and churches minister to LGBTQ persons.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over evil and death, pray with Mennonite Mission Network personnel that God will inspire in each of us the joyful impulse of the first missionaries, the women who shared good news of God's life and love across the street and around the world.

### **Church Family News**

. . . **Edgar Harder** is staying at Wheat State Manor during the time **Agnes** is recovering from surgery on her broken arm . . . **Dean Patterson** was privileged to be chosen the 2015 Sedgwick County Farmer to present a \$2500 check from Monsanto to St Anthony's Homeless Shelter . . .

**Randy plans to leave** for South Carolina after the worship service next Sunday and be gone through the following Sunday. Sunday, April 19, worship service will include the Remington High School Singers and biblical story teller, Deryll Amstutz,

## Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth Group will meet.  
Adult Choir practice

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets.

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café in Whitewater.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Organizational Structure Task Force meets.

**Monday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Work day – tie comforter & cut quilt blocks. Election for Hands of Friendship; Hostess & Devotions: Judy Janzen; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be April 17 & 18 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Pick up a flyer in the foyer with a schedule and details about the sale. Grace Hill Bakers –** There are still a few pie plates and bread sacks that need to be filled - available on the table. **Today is your last chance** to sign-up to serve, sign-up sheets need to be turned in this week. **Questions?** Contact Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen. **Check out the Relief Sale** at the website: [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) or the Facebook page: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. General & silent auction items as well as quilts are on Facebook & the website.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Savannah Frohlich

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Camp Mennoscah \$1,457.50

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## Et Cetera

**Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 10-12.** Pastor Phil Schmidt will be our speaker for the weekend. You can come out on Friday already, although Saturday supper will be the first meal provided. Lodging for the weekend is available on a first-come, first-served basis and includes cabins, staff houses, or bring a tent. RV, or sleep under the stars. If you have any questions, contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-284-0450 or [kevinneufeld2@gmail.com](mailto:kevinneufeld2@gmail.com).

**Indonesia Interfaith Tour Benefit Concert** - Internationally acclaimed baritone Anthony Brown will present a concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Along with Brown, concert performers from the college include faculty member Ken Rodgers, student Galed Krisjayanta, the Hesston College Chorale, excerpts from the recent musical production of *Little Women*, and the Sunflower Trio. A free will offering will be taken to support the May 23 to June 8 Indonesia Tour.

**The Annual Corporation Meeting of the Community Playschool** is Monday, April 13 in Room 14 of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, at 7.00 pm. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

**Needing a Break? The Retirees Relaxation Retreat**, April 27-29, at Camp Mennoscah offers you a few days of "spring break" and great company. There will be session on Ukraine of yesterday and today, coffee breaks until your head spins, and free time to enjoy however you please. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for a registration form or more information.

**Campers need you! Camp Mennoscah** is looking for kitchen helpers and nurses for our summer youth camps. You get the dazzling fun of being with folks of all ages, the satisfaction and joy of making a camper's summer amazing, and a free camp tee shirt. Kitchen helpers can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees. Nurses receive either a stipend or a camper discount. Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 to grab your spot! Go to our Facebook page to see which weeks have openings.

**Want to Volunteer?** There are a limited number of volunteers needed to help with the new bath houses at Camp Mennoscah. If you are interested in helping, please contact Camp Mennoscah at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290. Please let us know of any particular skills that you have.

**Listen to Ervin Stutzman's presentation** for Kansas City 2015 delegates, held March 27 at First Mennonite Church in Newton at: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/>

**Dr. Frances Allen** is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday June 21, 2015. She was an obstetrician at Bethel Clinic in Newton, then became a cardiologist. She also is a painter and was instrumental in founding Carriage Factory Gallery. She will enjoy reading her cards at a June 6 party with family. Send greetings or memories to: Frances Allen, c/o Nancy Graber, 7324 SE 12<sup>th</sup>, Newton, KS 67114.

## Announcements

**Debbie Claassen** is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 18. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 15. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

**Whitewater Community Bible School** will be held June 1-5 in Whitewater. The following supplies are needed: plastic or glass jars (qt. size or smaller), paper towel tubes, clothes pins, old tee shirts (any size), yarn, plastic beads, sea shells, neck ties. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to the Bible School, please give them to Theresa Toews.

**The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries** are in need of items throughout the year. 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.

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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