

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 6, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Diana Schunn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

## Special Music

*Swingin' with the Saints*

*Bound for Jubilee*

*All Through the Night*

DBQ

Singers

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:13-35

Donna Balzer

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Katherine

\* **Hymn of Response** *On the journey to Emmaus* (see insert)

**Sharing and Prayers of the People**

Pastor Katherine

**Choral Benediction** *Peace, I Leave with You*

Singers and DBQ

\* **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

A special welcome to the Remington Singers and the Double Barbershop Quartet (DBQ) from Remington High School. The Singers are Danielle Hanna, Amanda Zonnefeld, Caitlin Kozak, Brittany Claassen, Alexis Denoncourt and Danielle Minder. The DBQs are Shem Hatfield, Trevor Macy, Caleb Carey, David Toevs, Nate Carey, Cort Mosiman, Andrew McNary and Jason Toevs. The group is directed by Kathleen Pool.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*A special welcome to each of our guests! 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.*

**Choral Call to Worship** *He is the Rock*

Singers and DBQ

\* **Congregational Call to Worship** based on Psalm 116 Diana Schunn

Leader: I love the Lord who has heard my voice and my prayers.

**People: I will call on the Lord as long as I have breath within me!**

Leader: When I was in the depth of distress and despair I called on the name of the Lord saying:

**People: Lord, Save me!**

Leader: How kind God is! How good God is!

**People: How merciful is this God of ours!**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all this goodness to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will offer all I have promised to the Lord in the presence of all the people.**

*All: Praise the Lord!*

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Opening Song Hymn No. 102** *To God be the glory*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Offering our Gifts**

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## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Jim & Barb are attending the Western District Pastor Spouse Retreat this weekend at the Roman Nose Resort Park near Watonga, OK. They will return late this afternoon.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for all WDC pastors (and their families) that they might find joy, fulfillment, challenge, and spiritual growth in their ministries.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that the staff of Korea Anabaptist Center may be able to respond to requests for new Anabaptist materials and that publishing through Korea Anabaptist Press will grow as a self-sustaining ministry. MMN partners in this work.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Deb Hiebert and Rita Patterson

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Praise Team and Kids in Praise

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

**Offering Last Sunday:** WDC Retreat Commission \$1,505.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Bible Study  
**7:45 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**Friday - Saturday** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is nearly here. Plan to attend the sale on Friday evening, April 11, and all day Saturday, April 12, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. On Friday, the quilt display and food service begins at 4 p.m. and priced items go on sale at 5 p.m. The evening auction begins at 6 p.m. in Sunflower Building North. Musical entertainment begins at 7 p.m. at the Meadowlark Building. This year's program features Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. Saturday auctions are at 8:45 a.m. with the children's auction at 10 a.m. The quilt auction is at the Meadowlark Building, and the general auction is at Sunflower Building North. See Cal & Jo Frye and DuMont & Barbara Schmidt, our relief sale contact persons, to volunteer for work that still needs doing and for instructions for delivery of your donated items. Your willing response supports the work of Mennonite Central Committee.  
[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

**Next Sunday** Carry-in meal at noon. Guests from Poland will present a program following the meal.

**Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center in North Newton. Program: work night; Sharing: Irma Gonzales; Hostess: Joyce Stuart; Financial project: MCC.

**Bethel College Sunday is April 27.** Miriam Regier from Newton will give the message. Our Bethel students will be participating in the service. Joel Linscheid will provide music. During Sunday School Larry Friesen, professor of Social Work, will talk about his interterm in Mexico as well as the immigration issue. All are welcome for Sunday School. The Bethel College committee is planning on serving a meal following Sunday School and invites all to stay. Please sign the reservation sheet on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan on for dinner.

## Announcements

**The Jr. Youth Group** will be spending a morning at Health Ministries on Saturday, April 19. Health Ministries is in need of supplies for their Health Bags. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please place them in the church foyer. The Jr. Youth Group will take them to Health Ministries during their service visit. Items needed are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, combs, hair brushes and nail clippers. Health Ministries truly appreciates the support from our church.

**Chris Wiebe and DuMont Schmidt** will be running in the Relief Sale Run on April 12 and are willing to "go the extra mile". They are inviting others to sponsor their run to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee. If you would like to sponsor Chris or DuMont, please contact them. Checks can be made to KS Mennonite Relief Sale and labeled Run for Relief on the memo.

**Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month:** paper good (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.

## CHURCH OFFICES

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Camp Mennoscah We're putting the dam back in!** With our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat and the Men and Boys Retreat coming up, it's time to get our fishing holes back and clear out some of that sand. We'll be putting the dam back in this afternoon, as long as weather permits. If anyone is interested in joining us, we'll start sometime around 1:30-2:00 p.m. Should there be questionable weather, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 before starting your journey.

**The Bethel College Concert Choir** will present its home concert tonight, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus. The concert is free and the public is warmly invited.

**Camp Mennoscah Retirees' Relaxation Retreat** Retirees of any age are invited to join us for our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 14-16. We don't care if you've been retired 6 months or 60 years or if you're only semi-retired—everyone is welcome! Come take a rest after the hustle-bustle of the Kansas MCC Sale. There will be a musical program provided by Ann Dunn, sessions on the theme of Caretakers of Creation, and opportunities to share pictures of your latest trip, project, or grandchild. Did we mention great food and company? Please register by April 9. Questions? Comments? Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers April 17, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. More than 50 men are waiting to be matched. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than April 14 so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**Men & Boys Retreat at Mennoscah (April 25-27)** Picture yourself sitting by a camp fire with friends, fishing and playing in the river, flying kites, star gazing....all that and no girls! Mark your calendars for the last weekend in April for the annual retreat and campout, sponsored by the Mennonite Men of the Plains. This is a great opportunity to start a tradition with your son or invite someone to "church" in a relaxed atmosphere. Don't put it off another year...come see why this event has been successful for over 50 years! Questions? Email [bcvoran@cox.net](mailto:bcvoran@cox.net) or call 316-284-2657 and ask for Brent.

**Stewardship Workshop Opportunity** Stewardship theologian, author, and speaker Lynn Miller will lead a workshop at Shalom Mennonite Church on Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to noon on THE POWER OF ENOUGH. It's designed for anyone interested in learning how to find real contentment by discovering what "enough" means in your life. It will include practical help and useful exercises you can apply to your own situation. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken. A morning coffee break will be provided and childcare will be available. Please RSVP with Shalom Mennonite Church, 283-7395, or email the church office at [office@shalomnewton.org](mailto:office@shalomnewton.org). Don't miss this unique opportunity!

**Kansas MCC Ride for Relief:** Motorcyclists have a special opportunity to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by participating in the MCC Ride for Relief scheduled Sunday, April 27. The ride begins at King Memorial Park in Hesston, and the destination is Kingman Mennonite Church, arriving in time for Sunday morning worship. Lunch is to be provided at the church as a youth group fundraiser. A donation of \$25 qualifies you to participate. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be set for May 18. To register call Lelyn Peters, 620-327-2256, or Daryl Regier, 620-345-8531, by April 23.

**The annual MCC Relief Sale Golf Tournament** will be held Saturday, May 10 at the Hesston Municipal Golf Course. Final registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The format is a 4-person scramble and registrants are welcome to enter as individuals or as a team. The \$55 per player fee includes carts and lunch. Payment can be made at the final registration the morning of the tournament. Please pre-register your team by contacting Gregg Dick, PO Box 295, North Newton, KS 67117, 316-283-1366, or by e-mail at [greggd@bethelks.edu](mailto:greggd@bethelks.edu). The pre-registration deadline is May 6. Our goal is to have 18-24 teams again this year.

**Camp Mennoscah Summer Camp** We are gearing up for our summer camps! For first-time campers going into 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we invite you to try out our First Camp, June 5-7. Come play in the river, stay in the cabins, and see what Camp Mennoscah is all about. And for all our other returning and new campers, we can't wait to see you at camp this summer! Bring a friend, a flashlight, and maybe some clean socks! Our theme this summer is "The Bible: Digging for Treasure." Confirmation cards should be arriving for those campers who have already registered. Please check the cards for any inaccurate information. Questions? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).