

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Service of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2013

Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



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

No. 670

* Hymn 273

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

Offering to God

Mennonite Church USA

* Doxology – No. 119 (*vs. 1*)

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts as we open the pages of your scriptures that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

* Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Offering to God

Penny Power - MCC Sale

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare

Sermon

“We Are Witnesses”

Reading

“Speak to All the World...”

No. 755

* Hymn 401

“This Little Light of Mine”

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Hymn 353

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

* Sending Hymn – No. 430

“God Be With You”

* Benediction

Postlude

* *All who are able may stand*

Preacher: Weldon Martens

Worship Leader: Curtis Regehr

Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Scripture Reader: Deb Regier

Audio: Brett Harms

Bulletin: Debbie Claassen

Nursery: Jackie Moore and Rachele Claassen

Ushers: Dean Patterson & Terry Klassen

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens

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

Western District Conference: Pray that Congress would shape a fair and just immigration policy that would be helpful to our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

Mennonite Mission Network: Connexus, an English-language elementary school in South Korea, works in tandem with the Korea Peacebuilding Institute to help students develop the skills they need for conflict resolution. Pray for MMN's husband-and-wife team, Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher, as they provide leadership for these institutions.

Adult Sunday School Elective - "Journeys of Paul through Greece & Rome" Weldon will be sharing during the Sunday School Hour in the sanctuary. The S.S. presentations will take place on: April 7, 14, 28, and May 12. (Note change of date – May 12 instead of May 5)

Announcements

Chris Wiebe and Willard Wiebe are planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run and Walk on April 13. If you would like to sponsor them and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to them by April 12. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled “Run for Relief” on the memo.

The Harvey County Food Pantry is 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.

Nursery This Sunday: Jackie Moore and Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Camp Mennoscah \$1,677.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet in the church basement. Program: Work day at church & tie comforts; Hostess & Devotions: Kaye Penner; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury. Also election for Hands of Friendship.

Wednesday **7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming
 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Youth Programming
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Weldon

Friday evening & Saturday Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. For more information, go to www.kansas.mccsale.org or see Ed & Marge Harms or John & Miriam Claassen.

April 21 Bethel College Sunday – carry-in meal at noon

April 24 at 6:30 p.m. All Church Bowling Party at Play-Mor Lanes, 1105 Washington Road, Newton! Cost is \$2.75 per game and \$1.00 for shoes. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends!

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor Weldon will be in the church office on Wednesday afternoons.

Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens

Church Secretary: Debbie

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

Et Cetera

The Annual Corporation Meeting of the Community Playschool is Monday, April 8 in Room 14 of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, at 7.30 pm. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution presents their spring film series! The first film in the two film series is a documentary titled “We Women Warriors” and follows the stories of three Colombian women who use nonviolent resistance to protect and defend their tribespeople. The film showing will be held at Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus on Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. A “talk-back” session will be held directly after the film by former Colombian MCC worker Jennifer Chappell Deckert. This film is free and open to the public, and all are invited to attend!

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Bethel College Memorial Hall, North Newton, on Sunday, April 21 at 7 p.m. They will also be in concert at Central Community Church, 6100 W Maple St, Wichita, on Sunday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

A community packaging event for NUMANA is planned for Saturday, April 27. These 60,000 meals will be distributed through a network of churches in Vietnam, providing an opportunity for them to meet needs and reach out to their local communities. To complete this project, we need 250 volunteers to work 2 hour shifts and \$7500 in remaining donations. Volunteers must register online at <http://www.numanainc.com/upcoming-events> under “Whitewater Community Event”. Donations can be made on the website or mailed to: Attn: Whitewater Community Event, NUMANA, P.O. Box 572, El Dorado, KS 67042. Contact Norman Tillotson (250-1681) or Bill Carey (799-2671) for more information.

The 6th Annual Relay for Life Dinner will be April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Remington High School. Dinner, raffle, entertainment, live and silent auction. Tickets: \$10.00/adult, \$5.00/child. Entertainment by Steve Bowman. Menu: pulled pork, roll, beans, potato salad, cake, tea/coffee. Raffle: Visual Land Prestige 10 Android 4.0 10” Tablet. Raffle tickets: 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. For more information call Callie Hill 799-2614 or Carla Ryan 323-4649.

Camp Sing 2013! Camp Mennoscah's Camp Sing will be held on Sunday, May 5 at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, at 7 p.m. The Camp Sing will be raising funds for new bathhouses - and it's a competition between the boys' side and the girls' side! Popcorn and our favorite (or cheapest) generic pop will be served. Tee shirts can be ordered by calling Kara at 620-983-9003 or through the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page.