

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 10, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Andrew Voth

Worship Leader: Tara Harms-Becker

Musicians: Sara Unruh, Caleb Regehr, Eli Schmidt, Pastor Peter

Love one another as I have loved you. – 5th Sunday in Lent
Gathering and Praising Together

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.

Choral Introit *Sorida (A Zimbabwe Greeting)* by Rosephanye Powell
Soloists: Naomi Graber, Taylor McCabe-Juhnke, Renee Reimer
Congas: Micah Smith

Call to Worship

One: O Lord our God, in this act of worship, we glory in your light and love made known to us in Jesus Christ

Many: Come, O light divine, and dispel our human darkness!

One: Come, O love divine, and melt our hard and loveless hearts!

Many: Make us mirrors of light and models of love;

make us partners in your creative acts for all people.

All: Reconcile us to ourselves, to others, and to yourself, as we glory in your light and life. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song** *Sanctuary*

Offering our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:12-17 Katrina Regehr

Choral Anthem *Lord Have Mercy* by James W. Bixel
Adult Choir

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

Gospel Reading Jesus' words to his disciples selected from John 13-16
Pastor Katherine

Sermon *One in Christ*

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

Prayer of Reconciliation:

One: Let us pray to the Lord

Many: Almighty God, we confess that you have broken the tyranny of sin and given us glorious liberty as children of God.

One: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through Christ to reconcile all things to God, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the cross.

Many: Thank you, O Lord, for coming to us and restoring us to full fellowship with you.

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Many: We are grateful, O Christ, that you have transformed our inner natures and renewed us for your service.

One: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

Many: Because we now are God's friends instead of enemies, we have become partners with God in sharing the gift of peace with others.

One: We therefore are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making the appeal through us.

I implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God!

All: We accept this call, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to proclaim God's good news of reconciliation! Amen.

* **Hymn of Response No. 411** *I bind my heart this tide*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Song** *Unity*

All are invited to join hands with each other around the sanctuary as a symbol of our love for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

Western District Conference: Pray for Clarence Rempel, our Conference Minister, and Doug Penner, our Conference Moderator, in leading WDC churches to witness and invite persons to become followers of Jesus.

Mennonite Mission Network: A MMN family who has served long-term in the Arabic world asks for God's protection over Egyptian Christians. Pray that these stress-filled times may become great opportunities to share the good news of Jesus' healing and hope.

<p>Outreach Tip: Prayer is powerful. Pray for the ways our congregation can reach out to our community.</p>
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Announcements

Summer Softball: Remember to turn in softball registration forms to Cal Frye or Doug Claassen.

Need for Pies: The Youth will be serving the meal at Merrill and Gladys Harms' auction on Saturday, April 16 as a fundraiser for the MCUSA Convention in Pittsburgh this summer. If you would be interested in baking pies for this, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

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 Events

Today at noon College Meal: All college-age young adults are invited to the meal at Tim and Lisa Harms' today at noon.

Today at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Mariners S.S. Class is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet in the church basement. Program: Work projects – tie comforter, cut quilt blocks, other misc. sewing projects. Election for Hands of Friendship; Hostess and Devotions: Committee; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

Wednesday Night Youth Group: This Wednesday (April 13), instead of meeting at the church, we will be helping Allen Patterson in his field from 6-8 pm as a fundraiser for Pittsburgh. We will plan on meeting there (his field is on East Lake Road, 1 mile from K96. If you would prefer meeting at the church, please let Pastor Katherine know). Please wear long sleeves and long pants. Bring gloves if you have them. Food will be provided. Please see Pastor Katherine, Rob and Diana, or Kendall and Carol if you have any questions.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Children's Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Study with Pastor Peter
This is our last Wednesday night programming for the spring.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Next Sunday Bethel College Sunday – the service will be planned and led by our Bethel College students.

Next Sunday following Sunday School - all church carry-in meal at noon.

Holy Week Services: All are invited to the worship services during Holy Week. There will be a Palm Sunday Evening service at Zion Mennonite Church at 7pm. The Speaker will be Dr. Perry White from Bethel College. There will be a Maundy Thursday Communion service at Grace Hill on Thursday evening at 7pm. Then on Good Friday the church will be open from 7-8pm for any who wish to come and pray. Pastors will be available for anointing.



April 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All Church Skating Party at Starlight Skate Center, 130 E. 3rd, Newton. Cost is \$2.50 per person. Skates are provided or you can bring your own, rollerblades are allowed. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends.

Saturday, April 30 8:00 a.m. - ? Church work day. More details to come.

History Blurb #14, **MICHALIN DECLINE AND REVIVAL**

Thus discouragement, tensions, and worries in the colony caused about 90% of the Michalin settlers to leave.

- ◆ A large percentage moved to a settlement just starting further west in the Ukraine called Karolswalde.
- ◆ Some moved to South Russia.
- ◆ About 20% of them moved to a nearby village Heinrichsdorf. Apparently quite many of the Heinrichsdorf people joined the Michalin church after it was founded in 1811.

Thus by 1800, Michalin was very weak and depressed. From 1802 to 1806 new groups of Mennonites came from villages in the Lower Vistula Valley of Poland, bringing new life and vitality to the colony. Adalbert Goertz, a Polish/Prussian Mennonite historian, notes names and birthdates of 45 persons listed on page 9 in the Montau-Gruppe Mennonite church book as having migrated there. In addition, families from other Mennonite churches in the Lower Vistula River area, including Tragheimerweide/Stuhm, also migrated there.

The newcomers, instead of renting land as the earlier settlers were required to do, bought land from Potocki and his proprietors and this solved many problems. It also raised new ones. Elder G. N. Harms wrote for Grace Hill's 50th anniversary that the new landowners did not have to pay taxes but the renters did, and this caused some hard feelings between the newcomers and the original settlers. But despite this, the colony revived and prospered.

Et Cetera

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concerts will be this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Bethel College and April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Buhler High School, Buhler. We sing that others may live! Free will offerings are taken at the concerts to help alleviate worldwide poverty and hunger through the Mennonite Central Committee. The Bethel College Men's Ensemble will perform along with the Men's Chorus this evening.

Hesston College students to host labor auction and ice cream social Members of the Student Committee for Hesston College's Erb Hall Renovation Project have organized a labor auction that will raise funds for the renovation of the 42-year-old dormitory. The silent auction will be from 7-8 p.m. April 11, in Bontrager Student Center on the Hesston College campus. Students have volunteered to donate labor for tasks such as washing windows, cleaning out flower beds, and other miscellaneous household work. The event will include a free ice cream social, and members of the local community are encouraged to attend. Those interested in bidding but unable to attend the auction may email a maximum bid, along with type of labor desired and contact information, to Vi Dick at vidi@hesston.edu by noon April 11.

Open House - Saturday, April 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. 25 Lakewood Circle in Campus Woods Estates in North Newton: 2,061 sq. ft. 2-bedroom, 2-bath, Walnut floorplan with sunroom and bonus room.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton.

The WDC Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 16 and 17. Doug and Jude Krehbiel will lead music and worship. There will be opportunities for fun and games, fishing, or just relaxing. It's a fun time for men and boys of all ages! Do you have an old car, truck, or tractor that you like to talk about? Bring it out for our third annual car show, although please keep in mind that we will be unable to provide shelter for vehicles in case of bad weather.

The Rock Castle Chorus will present a concert of sacred choral works, folk songs, and spirituals on Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility Central Unit. Shalom, a Hutchinson area men's quartet, organized by our choir director, Lyle Stutzman will share in the concert. In order to attend you must phone OVM at 316-283-2038 no later than Wednesday, April 20. Arrive at HCF by 7:00 pm with an official photo ID in hand.

Sing a Song! The Camp Sing fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah's new swimming pool is only a month away! Camp Sing is a hymn sing but with all your favorite camp songs. Grab your camp tee shirt and join us on Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall at Bethel College. After singing, there will be games, popcorn, and the best generic pop money can buy—just like at Camp Mennoscah! Order your special edition Camp Sing t-shirt at: http://mennoshirts.com/Shirts/Camp_Sing.html. Proceeds from t-shirt sales will go toward the new swimming pool at camp. What could be better than joining former camp song leaders, Nathan Stucky, Rachel Dirks, and Blakely Bunning Good in singing *Trio*?

Oops. There's nothing we can do but admit it. The Camp Mennoscah Retirees' Relaxation Retreat brochure has the wrong dates on the INSIDE of the brochure. The correct dates are Monday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 27. Retirees of all ages are invited to join us for a variety of presentations on "Retirement: Enrichment or Resignation." Call us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure or more information. Don't miss out on the Tuesday evening catered meal and Bunco extravaganza!

Every year, the Whitewater Ministerial Alliance sponsors children's activities at the Whitewater Fall Fest. If you are interested in helping with this event, see Pastor Peter.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Ashley Enns, Emma Hilgenfeld

Preaching Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr
Scripture Next Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 26-27

Keyboard Next Sunday: Amanda Regehr
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,781.00
Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College