

GRACE HILL MEMNONITE CHURCH

April 12, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

*Easter Sunday*

**Prelude** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**Welcoming Guests 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** *Lamb of God* Adult Choir  
*The Lord is Risen Indeed* Brass  
Peter Goerzen, David Janzen, Kylee Schunn,  
Paul Janzen, Cole Claassen

\* **Invocation** Donna Balzer

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

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 John Klaassen

\* **Hymn No. 275** *Lift your glad voices*

**New Testament Reading** Mark 16:1-8 John Klaassen

**Children's Story** Nancy Harms

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

**Choral Anthem** *Lift High the Cross* Adult Choir  
Congregation please join on final verse and refrain:

So shall our song of triumph ever be;  
Praise to the crucified for victory.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

**Meditation** *Meeting in Galilee* Pastor Marv

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

**Offering our first fruits** Local Church Missions

**Offertory** *The Easter Song*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Marv

\* **Sending Hymn** *Sing with all the saints in glory* Sing to tune No. 71  
Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
We awaken in God's likeness, knowing ever lasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits;  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed th' eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead;  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Patriarchs from distant ages, saints all longing for their heav'n,  
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory giv'n.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!  
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament,  
Know with you, O God immortal, Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

\* **Benediction** Pastor Marv

**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!**

**For Sharing and Prayer**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Peter and Katherine Goerzen and his family on the death of Peter's grandmother, Selma Klassen on Tuesday. A memorial service was held Friday morning at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church near Goessel.

Our guest speaker next Sunday morning, April 19, will be Jessie Kaye, President/CEO at Prairie View Mental Health Center.

**Western District Conference:** Hallelujah! What a Savior!

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN worker Linda Oyer requests prayer that the Lamorlaye Mennonite Church near Paris will obtain permission to build its proposed new church building. Though the congregation is small, pray it will have a significant witness in the community.

### **Announcements**

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks next Sunday.

**Due to a change in events,** Roberta and Galen Harms have requested to not attend Columbus 09 as delegates for Grace Hill. This leaves one voting position open. Pastor Jim was initially counted as one vote. Pastor Marv is willing to represent Grace Hill, as he is already planning on attending the conference. If you are interested in representing the final vote for Grace Hill, please let Diana Schunn know by April 15, otherwise Pastor Marv will fill the final slot. Our other two votes will be represented by Ed and Marge Harms.

**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

**Monday at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at church. Evening activities: Let's get to know more about each other. Come prepared to tell or show us something about your hobbies, samples of your collections, written poetry or stories of anything you enjoy doing. We will also be knotting a comfort quilt to be given to MCC. Devotions: Alma Schmidt; Hostess: Marge Harms; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

**Wednesday 6:10 p.m.** All Church Meal\*  
**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:40 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

\*If you are unable to attend the meal, please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948).

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Wednesday 7:00 – 7:35 p.m.** Bible Study with Pastor Marv.

**Thursday at 7:30 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**Friday – Saturday** The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is nearly here. Plan to attend the sale on Friday evening, April 17, and all day Saturday, April 18, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. On Friday, the quilt display and food service begins and priced items go on sale at 4 p.m. The evening auction begins at 6 p.m. in Sunflower Building North. Musical entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Meadowlark Building. This year's program features Harder's Times Five. Come early Saturday morning, enjoy Breakfast served in Cottonwood Court starting at 6:30-10 a.m. 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 DuMont & Barb Schmidt or Doug & Penny Hiebert, 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)

- DuMont Schmidt and Chris Wiebe are planning to run in the Relief Run and are looking for sponsors. Please contact them and support MCC!



**Wednesday, April 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** All Church Skating Party at Starlight Skate Center, 130 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**April 22-28** Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board to help provide meals or to volunteer for an overnight shift. The overnight volunteer schedule has been divided into two shifts, one for 5 – 11 p.m. and the other 11p.m. - 8 a.m. You may do both shifts or you can choose to do one of the shorter shift times. Contact Donna Balzer if you have questions.

**April 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Canadian Mennonite University Singers: The CMU Singers will be at Grace Hill on April 29 for an evening concert. There are approximately 45 students in the choir and all need a place to stay for the night. There need to be at least 2 students per household. (If you have a gender preference, please indicate so on the sign up sheet.) Hosts should take the students home after the Wednesday evening concert and should have the students back to the church by 7:15 a.m. with a sack lunch. If you are interested in hosting, please talk to Pastor Katherine or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. **Please sign up to host the students by TODAY so that we can make the hosting assignments. Thanks!**

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Wednesday** "The Outrage" at Hesston Mennonite Church. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. for supper and leave at 6:25 p.m. for Hesston.

**Saturday** MCC Sale We will meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. to get to Hutchinson for our 9-11 a.m. New Years Cookies shift. Following that, we will have our Video Scavenger Hunt. Those of you with video cameras, please be sure to bring them. Thanks!

## Et Cetera

**Harvey County Homeless Shelter Training Sessions** will be held at various times this spring: April 14, April 23, May 7, May 18. All sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until about 8:00 p.m. and are held in the Shelter Staff/Volunteer quarters in the basement of the Old Axtell Hospital, 209 E. Broadway, Newton. The entrance to the shelter is on the back southeast corner of the building. Questions – call/e-mail Christa Jahay at 316-284-4205 or [christa@hchs-ks.com](mailto:christa@hchs-ks.com).

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum**, April 19, 3:30 p.m., "Looking at Protest Art." Rachel Epp Buller, Bethel College art instructor, will present an illustrated program surveying art from the Vietnam years through contemporary photographs and installation art by Palestinian artist Emily Jacir. The program is free and open to the public and caps the closing day of the current special exhibition "Hot & Cold: Images of America in Conflict." Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will present their annual spring concerts on Sunday evening, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Presser Hall on the campus of Bethany College in Lindsborg and April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus in North Newton. Offerings to support the ministry of Mennonite Central Committee will be received at both concerts. Persons in our congregation are encouraged to attend one or both of these concerts. Several men from our church are singing in the chorus.

**The Annual Corporation Meeting of the Community Playschool** is Monday, April 20, 2009, in Room 14 of the Bethel College Mennonite Church at 7.30 p.m. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

**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, May 3. The ride begins at King Memorial Park in Hesston, and the destination is Salina Mennonite Church, arriving in time for Sunday morning worship. Lunch is to be provided at the church. A donation of \$25 qualifies you to participate. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be set for May 17. To register call Lelyn Peters, 620-327-2256, or Daryl Regier, 620-345-8531, by April 30.

**The annual MCC Relief Sale Golf Tournament** is scheduled Saturday, May 9, 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 \$60 per player or \$240 per team includes carts and lunch. Payment can be made at the final registration the morning of the tournament. Download a registration form at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) or contact 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 2.

**Explore the role and function of teaching Scripture in the congregation!** Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension is offering the course "Teaching the Bible in the Congregation" this summer. Professor is Doug Miller, Hillsboro. The class will be offered June 2-25 Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays, June 6 and 13, in North Newton. Register by May 12 at [www.ambs.edu/admissions/register-online](http://www.ambs.edu/admissions/register-online). Or contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plains, 316-283-7098 or [lbarrett@ambs.edu](mailto:lbarrett@ambs.edu). Or go to [www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains](http://www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains).

**Nursery This Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Ashley Enns and Brittany Claassen  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Praise Team  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,709.30  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Offender Victim Ministries

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