

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 13, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Musician: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

Palm Sunday

Gathering and Praising

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 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 237** *All glory, laud, and honor* vs. 1, 4 & 5

Offering Our Gifts Local Church Missions

Hearing God's Story

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9: 9-10 Kendall Claassen

* **Hymn No. 238** *Hosanna, loud hosanna*

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

Gospel Reading Luke 19: 29-40 Pastor Peter

Sermon *Chasing Donkeys* Pastor Peter

Responding To God

* **Hymn of Response No. 106** *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Hymn No. 239** *Ride on, ride on in majesty*

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

In anticipation of a growing family, Pastors Peter and Katherine have requested that the Associate Pastor position be reduced from 2/3 time to ½ time. The job description has been modified to reflect this reduction. If there are questions or concerns, please talk to Kim Claassen, church chair, or a member of Administrative Council. Action will be taken by the council at the April 30 meeting. The proposed reduction is planned to take effect when Pastor Katherine returns from maternity leave.

Martha Wedel (Nancy Harms' mother) is now living in assisted living at Kansas Christian Home due to side effects from chemotherapy. Her address is: 512 Lance Lane, Apt. A, Newton, KS 67114. Phone: 316-804-4521.

Western District Conference: Pray for Brett Klingenberg, pastor of First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, Nebraska, who will be ordained to pastoral ministry today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Rejoice with Alfonsina and Jose Oyanguren of MMN. The completed translation of the Bible into the language of the Toba-Qom people of Argentina is scheduled to be released this week. Pray that many will have a deeper understanding of God's love for them when they hear God's word in their mother tongue.

Announcements

The Worship Council appreciates the comments members have shared regarding worship services. The small notebooks in the pews are available for your suggestions, both what you appreciate and what you would like to see done differently as well as comments on the sermons, music and other aspects of worship. We also ask that you sign your name so that we can follow up as needed. Comments that are not signed will not be shared with the entire council. We would also welcome volunteers for any aspect of worship: your many gifts enrich our worship. 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.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Jane Washburn

Nursery Next Sunday: Ashley Enns and Emma Hilgenfeld

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday for Wheat State Manor Auxiliary: \$320.00

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,422.00

Offering Next Sunday: Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

Holy Week Services

This Evening: All are invited to a Palm Sunday Evening combined worship service for Zion and Grace Hill at 7:00 p.m. this evening at Grace Hill. Pastor Katherine will lead us in reflecting on how Palm Sunday helps us see the significance of Good Friday, in addition to music, Scripture selections, and viewing a theatrical rendition of Palm Sunday. Refreshments will follow.

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to a combined Zion/Grace Hill Maundy Thursday worship service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 at Zion Mennonite Church. Following a reading of the passion narrative and interpretation of several artistic renditions of it, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Easter Sunday Morning at 6:40 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Grace Hill. Breakfast will be served following the service.

Monday at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship will be meeting in the church basement for a Work Day – tie comfort and cut quilt blocks. Offering: Hands of Friendship treasury.

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

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Friday and Saturday Help needed at church on Friday afternoon April 18 and Saturday April 19. We will be working on some bad spots on the roof and on the sidewalks for the shelter house, if the weather cooperates. Talk to K. John Klaassen for more info.

Wednesday, April 23 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!

May 4 High School Graduation Sunday – reception during the S.S. hour.

Et Cetera

The Community Playschool has its Annual Meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, April 14, in Room 14 of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool.

Bethel College and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution will sponsor a Peace Lecture by Palwasha L. Kakar, winner of Bethel's 2014 Young Alumnus Award, Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Bethel College Mennonite Church invites the community to a celebration of its newly renovated 26-rank Meller pipe organ. On Saturday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m. organist Christopher Shaw will present *Raised to new life: An organ and hymn festival celebrating the Lent and Easter Season*. Shaw will perform works by Bach, Barber, Handel, Howells, and hymn-singing filled with organ introductions, interludes, and harmonizations. Shaw will be joined by Eleanor Kaufman, organ, Verlene Garber and Nancy Hilty, piano, Matthew Schloneger, tenor, and Rebecca Schloneger, violin. A freewill offering will be received to support the organ renovation. A reception will follow. Bethel College Mennonite Church is located at 2600 College Avenue, North Newton. For more information, call 316-283-3667 or see bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org.

Choral Concert at Hutchinson Correctional Facility You are invited to a choral performance at the Central Unit of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. The choir will present a varied program of sacred music, folk songs and spirituals on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. The chorus is comprised of HCF inmates and volunteer singers from the surrounding area. This concert is one of several educational and artistic components comprising the Prison Arts Project of Offender/Victim Ministries. Please contact the OVM office (316-283-2038 or email--ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) to submit your name for admission purposes by noon on Monday, April 14. Children under 18 are not permitted in the facility.

Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 21-23 at Camp Mennoscah - Retirees of all ages and busyness are welcome to join us for lots of fellowship and coffee breaks, sessions on the theme of Little Drops of Water, Little Grains of Sand, and time in God's creation. Registrations will be accepted until full. Contact 620-297-3290 for more information.

Jonathan Brenneman will share about his work with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) on Monday evening, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. First St. in Newton. Jonathan, whose home is in St. Marys, Ohio, is a member of the Peacemaker Corps and lives and works part of each year in Hebron, the West Bank. Earlier this year after returning to the US to see his family, he was denied re-entry into Israel after hours of questioning, asked to trace his family lineage (he has Palestinian heritage) and asked to prove his religion. He was informed that his work with CPT was preventing him from being able to cross the border. He will share out of his experience in working with CPT. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this special presentation to learn more about the nature of the conflicts in that area.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College in North Newton will offer six, half-day, week-long camps for children age 4-18 on topics including art, history and science. For information about all the camps including descriptions, dates, times and cost see the brochure on the bulletin board or go to www.bethelks.edu/kauffman. If you have additional questions or would like to receive a brochure, contact Andi Andres at asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Bridge the GAP between high school and college! Serve and learn for a year in Anabaptist communities through DOOR, Dwell, Mennonite Voluntary Service, Radical Journey, and Service Adventure. Info and applications at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

MCC Central States is currently recruiting for a "Office Manager/Bookkeeper" position, for the North Newton, Kansas office. This is a 0.8 FTE (Tuesday through Friday) position, which manages the North Newton office functions & also completes various financial & bookkeeping tasks for the region, as well as interacts with volunteers & constituents. Persons who are interested can send a letter of intent and resume to Melissa Waltner (melissawaltner@mcc.org) You can view the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/office-managerbookkeeper-central-states>.

Free weekly email subscriptions available for WDC communication pieces: 1) **WDC Seeds** announces what's new and good in Western District Conference ministries and congregations. 2) **WDC Sprouts** has articles from staff and information about Western District Conference and Mennonite Church USA events. To subscribe, email wdc@mennowdc.org.

In your mailbox this Sunday is an invitation to subscribe to *Mennonite World Review*, the independent newspaper covering the worldwide Anabaptist movement. *MWR* is a nonprofit ministry of Christian journalism serving diverse groups in the Anabaptist-Mennonite family of faith.