

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 18, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Bethel College Sunday

Prelude *Song Without Words* by Klengel Cello Quartet
Aria de Rinaldo by Handel

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 *Psalms 100* by Rene Clausen Women's Chorus

* Invocation

* **Hymn No. 26** *Holy Spirit, come with power*

Children's Story Camille Claassen and Amanda Regehr

Old Testament Scripture Excerpts from the Psalms

* **Hymn No. 582** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Offering Offender Victim Ministries

Offertory *Ave Verum Corpus* by Mozart Cello Quartet
Dona Nobis Pacem Traditional

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

New Testament Scripture Matthew 6:19- 7:5 Caleb Regehr

Sermon *Assembling our own walls: why we build* Daniel Klaassen

Special Music *Gate, Gate* by Brian Tate Women's Chorus
Children Go Where I Send Thee
arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Hymn No. 412 *We shall walk through the valley*

Prayer time – candle lighting

Blessing *Old Irish Blessing* by Linda Fletcher Women's Chorus

* Benediction

* **Closing Hymn No. 560** *In lonely mountain ways*

Postlude *Concerto for 4 cellos in C Major* by Tellman Cello Quartet

*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!

Welcome and thank you to all who are participating in
Bethel College Sunday.

William Eash is director of choral activities at Bethel and also teaches music history and conducting. He is well traveled, taking the choir on tour in the United States three of four years and to Europe every fourth year. He has conducted singing and hymn leading workshops at Mennonite conferences and in churches in several states. He will again be directing the Masterworks Concert with the Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra, college singers and community chorus on May 9 at 4 pm. This concert will include "Gloria" by Poulenc and "Symphony of Psalms" by Stravinsky.

Cello Quartet: Andrew Voth, Erica Buller, Anna Cook and Liann Meyer.

Women's Chorus: Elizabeth Akins, Leah Bartel, Ariane Bergen, Courtney Berkholz, Jenny Dai, Maggie Goering, Annika Janzen, Jenae Janzen, April Kabagambe, Ashley Klein, Audra Miller, Julia Miller, Brandi Moral, Brittney Moral, Amanda Regehr, Emma Regier, Renee Reimer, Elizabeth Shelly, Megan Siebert, Kristin Unruh, Lindsay Waltner, Miranda Weaver, Miriam Weaverdyck, Ruth Wiens, Allison Yoder.

Patty Shelly will speak about "Music in the Bible" during a combined adult Sunday School in the sanctuary. Patricia Shelly has taught at Bethel since 1985. She teaches courses in biblical studies, theology and a course in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Patty took a leave of absence from Bethel from 1996 to 2000 and lived in Jerusalem, serving as country director for MCC's West Bank and Gaza program. She takes a group of students and other interested people to Jerusalem every other year. Patty is an adjunct faculty member for AMBS and is currently serving on the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA. She has blessed many with her gifts of composition and music making.

Grace Hill Bethel College Students:

Camille Claassen, sophomore, business

Daniel Klaassen, junior, elementary education

Amanda Regehr, freshman, elementary education

Caleb Regehr, junior, business

Matthew Regier, junior, secondary education

Andrew Voth, sophomore, music

All are invited to stay for the meal following Sunday School!

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for your concerns, prayers, cards, food and visits during this past month.
Kaye Penner

Western District Conference: Pray for Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister in Texas, as he gathers young adults who sense a call to congregational leadership in Hispanic congregations. Pray for the mentoring, training workshops and seminars that he facilitates.

Mennonite Mission Network: In Mongolia, a summer of drought and an unusually severe winter have killed more than two million animals and devastated the livelihoods of nearly 40 percent of the population. Pray for wisdom for Laura Schlabach and other Joint Christian Services personnel as they discern how to respond to this crisis.

Church Events

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Choir
7:45 – 8:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Next Sunday Youth Sunday – the youth are planning and will lead the worship service.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Seekers S.S. Class is in charge.



Wednesday, April 28 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.

May 1 Catechism Retreat We will plan to leave from the church at 1:45 p.m. and return around 7 p.m. Supper will be provided. More information has been sent to your email addresses. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Peter or Pastor Katherine.

May 2 Catechism Meeting with Spiritual Council: The Catechism class will have the opportunity to share their testimonies over lunch with the Spiritual Council after Sunday School on Sunday, May 2.

May 2 On Sunday afternoon, May 2, Galen and Roberta Harms will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house here at Grace Hill from 2-5 p.m. The family will present a program at 3 p.m. No gifts please, we would be honored by your presence. Spring flowers are traditional for May Day and we invite anyone who has flowers blooming at that time to bring a bouquet for the morning worship service and the afternoon. The Flower Committee will receive and place the bouquets.

July 30 – August 2 Youth Group Summer Service Trip. More details to come!

Announcements

LOST: Children's VCR tapes used for the Low German Mennonite children's entertainment during their monthly "Mother's Day Out" meeting. They were stored in the storage closet near the Pastor's Study and are now missing. Please contact Carol Claassen (Olin) if you might know where they are located. 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: Ashley Enns and Brittany Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kathy Balzer and Kristen Toews

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,436.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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The following books have been donated to our church library.

Please enjoy them and the many others.

Blessings Every Day by Carla Barnhill and illustrated by Elena Kucharik. This book includes 3656 simple devotions for the very young.

Just Above a Whisper by Lori Wick. An indentured servant in Tucker Hills, Mass, had a difficult life but finds comfort in her faith and her friends.

White Chocolate Moments by Lori Wick. A contemporary story of reconciliation and true love.

Daughter of Twin Oaks by Lauraine Snelling. Bk.1 of Secret Refuge Series. A young woman tries to save her family's legacy.

Courage & Compromise by Stephen Bly. Bk 2 of Homestead Series. Setting is in the early pioneer days in northern Kansas.

Arkansas by Christine Lyxwiller. Four stories of four brothers in the Ozark Mountains.

Empowering the Patient by Glen E. Miller M.D. The book gives information on how to reduce the cost of healthcare, improve its quality, and relate to your doctor in a new way.

Resurrection Stories from Around the World

Provided by MCC and Ten Thousand Villages:

Preschool students get nutritious lunches - a story from Vietnam. In the districts of Binh Xuyen, Thanh Thuy and Tam Nong, kindergarten is required for all children, but since the government doesn't pay for it, many families have trouble affording it. In the past, parents put their children in preschool so they would have more time to work in the fields, but they're beginning to see that their children do better in grade school when they have enough food to eat and attend preschool. Mennonite Central Committee partners with schools to supply nutritious subsidized lunches at preschools in three districts, while parents help out by tending school gardens that produce vegetables for the children to eat. MCC Vietnam will continue to help build kitchens and purchase needed equipment so the preschools can better meet children's learning needs.

Et Cetera

Prayer Service: All are invited to a Prayer Service for the healing and prevention of Child Abuse on Wednesday, April 21 at 5:15 p.m. at the Shalom Mennonite Church sanctuary. April is child abuse prevention month, and we lament the abuse that still happens in our communities. We will pray together for the healing of families and survivors of abuse, and pray for wisdom and patience for all caregivers of children. All are welcome to stay afterward for a meal at 6:00 p.m. (please call the office at 283-7395 if you plan to eat with us).

Reasons you should attend the Men & Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 23-25: -For boys, sleeping in the tent with dad for the first time...how fun is that? -For dads, starting traditions that your boys will always remember. -You only need one change of clothes, and showers and toothbrushes are optional. Contact Brent Voran for details or a poster: bcvoran@cox.net or 316-284-2657. Sponsored by the Mennonite Men of the Plains. See poster on bulletin board.

The Bethel College Women's Association is sponsoring "Celebrate Women" on April 24. The theme is "Once Upon a Time: Women Share Fairy Tales, Enchanted and Otherwise". Five women will be telling about what they have found meaningful in their lives and relating their tale to a fairy tale. Each of the speakers is paired with an artist who will illustrate the story. Brochures with more information are available in the foyer. Plan a women's day out with a friend or two on April 24.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-Kauffman-Museum, April 25 3:30 p.m., "Paraguayan Utopia and Reality." Dr. Cal Redekop of Harrisonburg, Virginia, will discuss interactions between native peoples of Paraguay and German-speaking Mennonite immigrants. Redekop will provide observations about the current situation based on his January 2010 trip to Paraguay. The presentation is the final program for the "Images of Paraguay" art exhibition that is co-hosted by Kauffman Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery. Admission to the program and exhibition at Kauffman Museum is free on the afternoon of the Redekop lecture. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

The Prison Arts Choir of Offender/Victim Ministries will be presenting a program of folk songs, hymns, and spirituals on May 1 in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility auditorium. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please arrive at the Gatehouse by 7:00 p.m. Your name must be on the admission list so phone OVM by April 29 to be included. Choir members are inmates together with community volunteers. Join us for an enjoyable evening and show your support for prison arts.

May 3 Volunteer Training for M-2 The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries seeks new volunteers to be involved in prison visitation at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Ministry in prison requires a training session given by both prison staff and the M-2 director. The upcoming training will be Monday, May 3 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at HCF. M-2 is a supervised in-prison friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be a crucial element in a successful life following incarceration. 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. No special skills are needed to be a friend. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) or email (ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) for further information or to submit your name and other required information so that clearances may be obtained for admission to training. Please contact us by April 26. Training for new volunteers takes place each month.

The Bethel College Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet May 22 at 6 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Alumni awards will be presented to Jim Schrag '66 and Janeal Crabb Krehbiel '68. Cost is \$18 if paying by May 7, \$20 May 10-12. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline May 12.

2nd Annual Dutch Blitz Tournament: Faith & Life Bookstore is hosting the 2nd annual Dutch Blitz Tournament on Sunday, June 6 at its new location at 606 N. Main Street. There is no cost to play! Please sign up to play by calling 316-283-2210 or coming to the store by May 24. Giant Dutch Blitz will be played outside and regular Dutch Blitz will be played inside. Families, individuals, Youth Groups, young and young-at-heart are all welcome! Prizes for all winners!

Not sure what you're going to do next year? Interested in exploring service? Service Adventure still has some positions available for young adults (ages 17-20) who are interested in serving for 10 months at community-based organizations in places like Colorado Springs, Colorado, Albany, Oregon and Anchorage, Alaska. Live in community with a unit leader and work, worship, and have fun together. For more information, visit service.mennonitemission.net or call Diana at 1-866-866-2872 ext. 23064.