

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 19, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Chorister: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Pastor Marv

Offering Offender Victim Ministries

Congregational Sharing

Pastor

Marv

Hymn No. 353 *Lord, listen to your children*

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Marv

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

* **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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

We welcome Jessie Kaye to our church this morning. She will bring the sermon during our worship service. She serves as President/CEO at Prairie View Mental Health Center in Newton. We appreciate her ministry with us today.

Prelude

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

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

Leader: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord.

People: **May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless us from Zion.**

* Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Marv

* Opening Hymn No. 19 *Open now thy gates of beauty*

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Jo Frye

Worship Music *Will you Come and Follow Me*
by John Bell Praise Team

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

Sermon *The Least of These*

Jessie Kaye

* Hymn No. 355 *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

For Sharing and Prayer

Waldo Balzer is a medical patient at Newton Medical Center. Let us remember him and his family in our prayers during this time.

Thank you for the lovely flowers which you gave Leona in honor of her 100th birthday. She enjoyed the many cards she received and couldn't believe they were all for her! We also appreciate each of you who visit her. The Lord bless you! The family of Leona Unruh

After being in the hospital and nursing home for 3 months Pauline Schmidt is very happy to be home. She's still on the walker but hopes to throw it away soon. She thanks you for your cards, prayers and concern.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Clarence Rempel's 15 years of pastoral ministry at First Mennonite, Newton and his "yes" to serve WDC as an associate conference minister beginning May 1.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the ministry of MMN workers Byrdalene and Willis Horst who completed more than 30 years of service among the indigenous people in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that God will send new workers to join the Mennonite Team in accompanying the Pilaga and Toba indigenous churches there.

Announcements

Pastor Marv will begin an elective class during the Sunday School hour this morning, meeting in the fellowship hall. The topic is: "What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty" using the book by Bill Ehlig and Ruby Payne as a guide. The class will seek to understand the nature of poverty and what this means to us as church members. All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks today in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner.

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 7:30 p.m. Business Council meets at church.



Wednesday 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.

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.

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. The Canadian Mennonite University Singers will be at Grace Hill on April 29 for an evening concert.

Nursery This Sunday: Ashley Enns and Brittany Claassen

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Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Marv

Special Music Next Sunday: Celebration Singers

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,639.65

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon at 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 this evening 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. Several men from our church are singing in the chorus.

Mennonite Men of the Plains annual men and boys retreat is April 24-26 at Camp Mennoscah. Never attended? This is the year to go! Get your tent and your fishing pole and make plans to attend. Questions? Contact Brent Voran at bcvoran@cox.net or 316-284-2657.

The Bethel College Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet at 6:00 p.m. on May 23 in Memorial Hall. Alumni awards will be presented to J. Harold Moyer '49, Howard Brenneman '63 and Gregg Schroeder '92, with the Concert Choir singing music by Dr. Moyer. Cost \$17 per person if paying by May 8, \$19 May 11-13. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline is May 13.

MoneySkills Camp at Bethel College Students who have finished 5th or 6th grade: June 15 – 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Students who have finished 7th or 8th grade: June 22 – 26, 9 a.m. to noon. This is a one week, half-day camp that helps students learn about saving, spending, investing, and understanding money. The cost is \$75. MMA is providing four camp scholarships to camp participants. Contact Darlene Buller at 620-327-4043 or your local MMA office for Scholarship Applications. Scholarship deadline is May 8, 2009. Space is limited. Get your scholarship applications now! For more details about the camp go to www.bethelks.edu/community.

Camp Mennoscah--We still have space for the restful and retired! Our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat is April 27-29, and we invite you to join us. Our theme is Great God! Great Gardens! There will be presentations on gardening, Bible study, singing, and free time for visiting, fishing or whatever you choose to do! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information. The Retirees' Retreat brochure can be found at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section.

Camp Mennoscah--We don't want you to miss out! The early registration discount for our wonderfully amazing summer youth camps ends May 1st. Just send in your camper registration form and full payment by May 1st and receive \$10 off your camp fees. Already sent in your registration? Hooray for you! You should receive a confirmation email or postcard shortly after we process your form. Questions or problems? Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Camp Mennoscah--The April wish list is here! Have a look at some of the items we need for basic upkeep or that we think would improve camp life. The wish list can be found on the Camp Mennoscah webpage at www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html, on the bulletin board, or from Camp Mennoscah. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.

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