

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 20, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Aaron Tschetter

Musician: Matthew Graber

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

## Easter Sunday

### *Gathering and Celebrating*

#### 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 Call to Worship

*Wondrous Love* arr. Christiansen

Adult Choir

#### Moment of Silent Reflection

#### Gospel Reading Luke 24: 1-12

#### Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Many: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Rejoice, O earth! Sing, O heavenly choirs!

Give glory to God for our God has triumphed!

God has become our strength and salvation.

Christ, who was put to death on the cross,

has been raised by God to new life and we are all witnesses!

**Many: Therefore, we shall not die, but we shall live  
and proclaim what the Lord has done.**

One: We have been raised to new life with Christ  
and we know that when he appears,  
we shall appear with him and share his glory!

This is the day of God's victory!

This is the day of the resurrection!

Alleluia! Christ has risen!

**All: Alleluia! Christ has risen indeed!**

#### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 273** *Low in the grave he lay*

**Offering Our Gifts** Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

#### *Hearing God's Story*

**New Testament Reading** Acts 10: 34-43

Jeff Toews

#### Worship Music

*Praise the Lord, His Glories Show* by Williams/arr. Vree

Adult Choir

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

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 28: 1-10

Pastor Peter

#### Sermon

Pastor Peter

#### *Responding To God*

\* **Song of Response No. 275** *Lift your glad voices*

#### Congregational Sharing and Prayer

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

#### Benediction

One: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Many: This is the day that the stone is cast aside and the mantle of darkness is torn away.**

One: God has swallowed up death forever and has brushed our tears away.

**Many: This is the day of salvation!**

One: Be glad and rejoice! The Lord of Light has come and reigns forever! Christ is risen!

**Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

#### 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 personal and spiritual well-being of our pastors and their families. Pray for the Pastor-Family Retreat that will be meeting next weekend at Camp Mennoscah.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mary Raber of MMN requests prayer for the churches in Ukraine that are dividing over the current political conflict. In general, the north and west lean toward Ukraine while the east and south are sympathetic to Russia. Pray that churches will be able to live in Christian unity.

## **Church Events**

**Wednesday 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!

**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café in Whitewater.

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

## Et Cetera

**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.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will be in concert at Central Community Church 6100 West Maple St., Wichita, Sunday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. They will also be in concert at Memorial Hall on the campus of Bethel College on Sunday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. The third concert will be at Presser Hall on the campus of Bethany College in Lindsborg on Sunday, June 8, 4:30 p.m. in a joint concert with Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus.

**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](mailto:melissawaltner@mcc.org)). You can view the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/office-managerbookkeeper-central-states>.

**Can't miss summer fun! Camp Mennosciah's** summer youth camps for those 3rd grade through high school begin June 8 and run through the end of July. We don't want you to miss out! Grab a registration form at [www.campmennosciah.org](http://www.campmennosciah.org) and send it in. Scholarship forms are also available on the camp website.

**Too old to be a camper?** That's no reason to miss out! Camp Mennosciah needs kitchen staff, a couple of nurses, and a head cook for our summer youth camps. Kitchen staff is needed for June 8-14, June 15-19, and July 27-August 1. A nurse is needed for June 15-19 and July 13-19, and a head cook is needed for June 15-19. Want to help out or know someone who would be perfect? Contact us at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290. Parents can receive a camper discount.

**Good news from AMBS - Great Plains!** We have been approved to continue offering graduate level courses in Kansas under a "step-down" accreditation provision called "ongoing course offering site" beginning July 1, 2014. Therefore, there will be one course per session (fall, interterm, spring, summer) at the Kansas site in the next academic year. We will celebrate the past 34 years of the Great Plains Extension and the new, simpler structure on Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Please mark your calendars and join in this service of thanksgiving.

## Announcements

**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 Emma Hilgenfeld

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$6,741.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

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