

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 24, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Musicians: Cynthia Goerzen, Pastor Katherine,

Lindsey Harms, David Janzen, Pastor Peter

Easter Sunday

Gather to Worship

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 from Psalm 118

Gathering Prayer

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

Offering our Gifts Western District Conference

Offertory *God so loved the world* by John Stainer

Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading Acts 10:34-43 Pastor Katherine

Special Music *I know that my Redeemer liveth* from the Messiah

Monologue *Mary* Tara Harms-Becker

* **Hymn No. 283** *Christ who left his home in glory*

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

Reader's Theater John 20:1-18

Ashley Toews, Tara Harms-Becker, Caleb Regehr

Sermon

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 275** *Lift your glad voices*

Affirmation of Faith Hymn No. 710

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Go with the Spirit

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

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Sunday School classes will not meet today.

For Sharing and Prayer

After a cold misty day on Friday the weather turned out beautiful for our sale day the 16th. We thank the youth and sponsors for serving and the many people who helped get ready. We especially want to thank Sara and Tyler for putting up with us all these months, also thanks to our many friends, relatives and the community for coming and making it a wonderful day. Thanks to all. Merril & Gladys Harms

THANK YOU to all who provided pies and came out to support the Youth Group at the auction this past Saturday!

Western District Conference: Praise God for resurrection life. Pray that the resurrection life of Jesus would flow through our congregations to the hurting and seeking persons of our communities.

Mennonite Mission Network: Linda Oyer of MMN has ministered from a base in Paris, France, for more than two decades. Linda writes, teaches, preaches and facilitates contemplative spirituality and spiritual direction throughout French-speaking Europe. Pray for wisdom and strength to continue her ministry, and healing for her eyes.

Announcements

Summer Softball: Remember to turn in softball registration forms to Cal Frye or Doug Claassen.

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: Catina Wiebe and Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Katherine

Special Music Next Sunday: Remington Singers

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Bethel College \$2,538.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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

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| <p>Outreach Tip: Peculiarity invites curiosity and faith. How can you live your faith in peculiar ways that invite questions?</p> |
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Church Events

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

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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.

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. WORK DAY: Business Council is again sponsoring a Work Day at the church on Saturday, April 30th from 8am - 12pm. There will be opportunities for all ages to participate and help keep our church facilities in "top notch" condition. We anticipate working on some roof repairs, painting, window cleaning, general cemetery maintenance, etc.

Et Cetera

Come to the River! The Retirees' Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 25-27 and all are invited. Various presentations on the theme of Retirement: Enrichment or Resignation will be offered, and on Tuesday we will enjoy a meal catered by ELMARU and an evening of Bunco. Registrations will be accepted until the retreat is full. Call us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure or more information. Resign yourself to having fun!

Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing - Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. – You are invited to Memorial Hall at Bethel College in North Newton, to sing all of those great old songs that we know and love, led by numerous song leaders from years gone by. After the singing time, enjoy games, fresh popped popcorn and watermelon, and even have the best generic pop money can buy! A free will offering to support Camp Mennoscah will be received.

The end is near! The Early Discount deadline for summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah is May 2nd. Just fill out your registration form and send it in with your full payment and we'll take \$10 off your camp fees! It's a deal that can't be missed. While you're filling out your form—go ahead, we don't mind—check one of those donation boxes and give our pool or our mattress fund a boost.

Camp Mennoscah needs kitchen staff. That's all there is to it. Many weeks have been filled with wonderful folks, but we've got some weeks still needing cooks and kitchen helpers. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 to join the crew of dedicated camp folks. Parents can receive a camper discount.

The Bethel College Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet on May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Alumni awards will be presented to John and Reinhild Janzen, Laurel Preheim and Verda Deckert. Cost is \$18.50 if paying by May 6, \$20 May 9-11. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center at 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline is May 11.

Every year, the Whitewater Ministerial Alliance sponsors children's activities at the Whitewater Fall Fest. If you are interested in helping with this event, see Pastor Peter.

Get ready for a new adventure and be a part of what God is doing around the world! Youth Venture is looking for young adults, ages 14-22, to travel and serve with teams and a leader to locations like Alaska, Guatemala, L.A., Phoenix, or Philadelphia among others. For more information about Youth Venture, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net or e-mail Jills@MennoniteMission.net.

AYUDENOS A CUMPRAR UN COCHE NUEVO: Gilberto Flores, associate conference minister for Western District Conference, spends much of his work supporting the Hispanic Mennonite Churches primarily located across Texas. Much of this work includes face-to-face time with leaders in these congregations as well as several new church plants which requires much travel. Unfortunately, Gilberto's current car is in need of major mechanical repairs. WDC, in an effort to support the Conference's work, is hoping to assist Gilberto in purchasing a newer, low mileage used car. WDC has sent a request to member congregations asking for financial assistance to support this cause. If interested in donating, checks can be placed in the Sunday offering or be sent directly to Western District Conference offices. Please write "Conf Minister Car Fund" in the memo line so it can be designated to the proper fund.

History Blurb #16: LIFE IN MICHALIN, continued

After the church was organized in 1811, they built a wooden structure. When this burned, they rebuilt on the same foundation but higher and bigger. Ca. 1859, a railroad track was built through part of the Michalin settlement and a station was built outside of Michalin and named Hollandry in honor of the Mennonites. The neighbors called the Mennonites the Hollanders. There is still a bus station today in the area of the former Michalin and the name on it is "Michalin" in Russian letters, of course. It is from the Hollandry rail station that our forefathers said farewell to Michalin and the Ukraine. The rail station is there today but named Alexandra.

MICHALIN SETTLEMENT IN VOLHYNIA, POLISH RUSSIA

