

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 25, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Pastor Katherine

Chorister: David Janzen

Worship Leaders: Brittany Claassen, Kyle Regier, Grant Claassen

## Youth Sunday "Youth of the Bible"

### Gathering and Praising

**Prelude**     *Zephaniah 3:17*     Praise Team  
                 *River of Life*  
                 *My hope is built on nothing less*

**Welcome and Announcements**     Brittany Claassen

*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.*

### Lighting the Peace Candle

#### Passing the Peace

*The first words from the lips of the resurrected Jesus to the women and men who were his friends were words of deep comfort, grace, and love: "Peace be with you." In a world where peace is sometimes in short supply, it would be reassuring to hear those words more often and see them in action. You are invited to stand and greet those around you with the same blessing that Jesus used: "Peace be with you."*

\* **Call to Worship**     Kyle Regier

**One:** O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

**Many: Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.**

**One:** Open our nostrils to the smells of life.

**Many: Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.**

**One:** Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

**Many: Open our arms to the touch of our sisters and brothers.**

\* **Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering Songs**     *Walk in Jesus*     Remington High School Singers  
                                 *Gloria Estampie*  
                                 *Deo Gratias* - Singer Men  
                                 *Ride On King Jesus* - Singer Women  
                                 *Lord I Will Lean On You*

### Hearing

**Children's Story**     Brittany and Courtney Claassen

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

**Scripture**     based on 1 Samuel 17     Nate Carey

**Sermonette**     *Facing your Giants*     Casey Schunn

**Offering**     Western District Conference  
**Offertory**     Samantha Claassen

**Sermonette**     *Eat your Vegetables*     Daniel 1:3-21     Josh Toevs

\* **Hymn No. 395**     *Here I am, Lord*     led by Praise Team

**Scripture**     based on John 6:1-14     Philip Harms

**Sermonette**     *Timmy's Story*     Cody Claassen

### Responding and Sending

**Sharing our Stories**     Nate Carey, Emily Klassen, Cody Claassen

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**     Samantha Claassen  
There will be a stanza of prayer followed by a time of silent prayer. Then, the leader will lead with "*In your mercy,*" and congregation will respond with "*Lord, hear our prayer.*" We will close with the Lord's Prayer.

**Sending Prayer**     Brittany Claassen

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn No. 118**     *Praise God from whom*

**Postlude**     Samantha Claassen

\*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!**

**Grace Hill Youth Group:** Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Steven Harms, Paul Janzen, Kyle Regier, Katrina Regehr, Ashley Guhr, Brett Harms, Matt Hiebert, Mikayla Hiebert, Elizabeth Martin, Samantha Claassen, David Janzen, Travis Kochenower, Melinda Regehr, Nate Carey, Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen, Laura Harms, Philip Harms, Emily Klassen, Adrian Nethercot, Katie Regier, Casey Schunn, Jake Snow, Kari Thiessen, Curtis Toews, Josh Toevs.

This gifted group of young people planned the service for this morning following a series on worship on Wednesday nights. Thanks be to God for the way God is working in the lives of the young people in our congregation!

**Remington High School Singers:** Josiah Carey, Nate Carey, Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Chelsea Coats, Rachelle Hanna, David Janzen, Becca Macy, Trevor Macy, Mandy McNeill, Ellen Mosiman, Adrian Nethercot, Melinda Regehr, Katie Regier, Casey Schunn, Cisco Soto, Hadassah Tillotson, Quintina Tillotson, Curtis Toews, Eric Toevs. Directed by Kathleen Pool.

Bulletin cover designed by Courtney Claassen, Mikayla Hiebert, Emily Klassen, Elizabeth Martin, and Katie Regier.

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for the 110 year history of Deer Creek (OK) Mennonite Church as it celebrates its final worship service today. Pray for the members that will find new congregational homes and for those in leadership who are overseeing the disposition of property.

Due to health issues, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, WDC Conference Minister, will be on a reduced work load until April 27 and will have exploratory surgery on the 29th of April. A definitive diagnosis will not be known until after surgery. Dorothy will be on medical leave through the month of May. Remember Dorothy during this time and also Richard and the family. Clarence Rempel, half-time Associate Conference Minister, will move immediately to full-time in order to cover Conference Minister responsibilities during Dorothy's absence.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Don and Jan Rheinheimer have been working with a newly planted Mennonite church in Riobamba, Ecuador for more than a year. Pray that strong local leadership and experienced pastoral leaders may be found to accompany the church before the Rheinheimers' departure in September.

## Resurrection stories from around the world

Provided by MCC and Ten Thousand Villages

### *A boy gets help paying for school—a story from India*

When his father died, Norbu Sherpa's widowed mother worried about the future of her three children. It was the assurance and educational support Global Family provided that helped Norbu's mother experience God's presence during the sadness and hardship of their loss. Without this assistance, Norbu could not have continued his education.

At home, Norbu helps his mother sell tea and snacks in their small teashop, which is the front portion of their two-room home. He took a basic mountaineering course from the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, and went on to successfully climb the Himalayan Mountains early this year.

## Church Events

**Youth Bowling:** Following the meal in the fellowship hall today, high school youth are welcome to meet us for bowling at Eastgate Lanes in Newton. The bowling alley opens at 2 p.m. and we have lanes reserved for this time. The cost is \$2.50 per game (this includes shoes).

**Today at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Seekers S.S. Class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.



**Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** All Church Skating Party at Starlight Skate Center, 130 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 - 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.

**Next Sunday - 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.

**Next Sunday -** On Sunday afternoon, May 2, Galen and Roberta Harms will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**May 23** Baptism Sunday

**June 13 Coming soon - Grace Hill Community Hog Roast** on Sunday, June 13 at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, come and enjoy a meal, fellowship and entertainment.

## **Announcements**

**The Peace and Social Concerns** bulletin board has moved to the area outside the pastor's office. Current postings feature Child Abuse Prevention Month, with two articles from Jeanette Harder. Stay tuned for future postings!

**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:** Kathy Balzer and Kristen Toews

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

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Peter

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Sara Unruh

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Junior Youth

**Offering Last Sunday:** Offender Victim Ministries \$1,455.00

**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***

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## Et Cetera

**A great crowd with giving hearts combined for a successful 42<sup>nd</sup> Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** raising \$459,021 for Mennonite Central Committee and its programs—up over \$25,000 from last year's sale. The general auction exceeded last year's totals raising \$80,032. The top selling items at the auction were the 1929 Model A at \$16,500, John Deere H at \$8,000, Mercury Comet at \$3,300, and the Hustler Sport donated by Excel Industries at \$4,500. The quilt auction generated \$103,795. Other notable totals include: Silent Auction \$4,790, Children's Auction \$1,195, Ten Thousand Villages \$19,805, 13<sup>th</sup> Run for Relief \$15,497. The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual KMRS is scheduled April 8 & 9, 2011 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. For more information about this year's sale and updates on next year's sale, log on to [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org). The Grace Hill Committee would like to thank everyone who participated to make it a success. Chris Wiebe and DuMont Schmidt would also like to thank all those who contributed to their "Run for Relief".

**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 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will have two concerts to benefit Mennonite Central Committee: April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel College Memorial Hall and May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany College Pressor Hall, Lindsborg.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Hey, folks! Camp Mennoscah's JOY (Just fOr You) Retreat** for those with special needs and friends and family is May 23-24. Our theme this year is JOY-ful Living! And what fun we're going to have—crafts, nature walks, hayrack rides. Scholarships are available. See the brochure at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section or contact Camp Mennoscah at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290.

**The 2010 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is over and we thank all the volunteers who helped in anyway make it a success! Please come to the Annual Dinner & Meeting when we will give our check to Mennonite Central Committee which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a meeting to follow. Cost: \$10 per person at the door. Please RSVP to Barb Reeves ([reeves@buhlerks.net](mailto:reeves@buhlerks.net)) by May 16.

**Mark your calendars now for July 9-11**, when persons from all congregations will gather at Lakeview Camp and Conference Center near Waxahachie (Dallas), Texas, for Western District Conference's annual conference session and fellowship opportunity. A Program Committee is putting the finishing touches on planning details, promising an inspirational and educational experience. Programs and activities will also be included for children: infants through senior high.

More details to follow in coming weeks. A charter bus from the Newton area is being considered if there is sufficient interest.