

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 26, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Katherine

## 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.*

**Choral Call to Worship** *Yonder Come Day* Celebration Singers

## \* Prayer of Invocation

## \* Opening Hymn No. 120 *Holy, holy, holy!*

**Scripture Reading** Acts 3:12-19 Valerie Klaassen

**Worship Music** *Come Unto Me* Celebration Singers

**Offering** Western District Conference

**Children's Story** Valerie Klaassen

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

## \* Hymn No. 110 *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:36b-48 Valerie Klaassen

**Sermon** *Opening Our Minds* Pastor Marv

## \* Hymn No. 593 *O Power of love*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer** Pastor Katherine

## \* Hymn No. 505 *I am thine, O Lord*

**Choral Benediction** *Peace Before Us*

Celebration Singers

## \* Benediction

Pastor Katherine

## 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!**

## For Sharing and Prayer

**In the hospital:** Waldo Balzer, Newton Medical Center  
Fred Stuart, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

Pastor Marv will leave tomorrow morning to visit their son and family in Dayton, Ohio and also attend the closing festivities at Bluffton University over next weekend. He will return on Wednesday, May 6. If pastoral care is needed during this time, please contact Pastor Katherine or a member of the Spiritual Council. He will be in the office again on May 7.

Barry Bartel, President of Bethel College, will be in our church next Sunday morning. He will have the children's story in addition to the sermon. He will also be available in the Fellowship Hall during the SS hour to share updates on life at Bethel College for all persons interested in attending.

Also next Sunday, the Remington Singers will be providing special music for us.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for all "First Immigrant" congregations in WDC that they might find a place of healing and hope among us.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Mennonite Church USA Peace and Justice Support Network is a partner in the Ecumenical Christian Peace Witness in Iraq, scheduled for this Wednesday, April 29, in Washington, D.C. Leo Hartshorn, MMN minister for peace and justice, requests prayer that this effort will lead toward ending hostile activity in Iraq.

## Announcements

**Pastor Marv will be teaching 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.

**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:** Deb Hiebert and Emily Toews

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

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

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Katherine Goerzen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Offender Victim Ministries \$1,433.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### CHURCH OFFICES

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## Church Events

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** The Canadian Mennonite University Singers Concert at Grace Hill. All are invited and bring friends!

**May 3** College Lunch at James and Deb Regier's: After church on May 3, James and Deb will be hosting college students and college-age young adults at their home. Please feel free to invite your friends! If anyone from the congregation is interested in helping with this meal, please let either Pastor Katherine or James and Deb know. Thanks!

## Et Cetera

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will present a concert this evening 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.

**Kansas MCC Ride for Relief:** Motorcyclists have a special opportunity to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by participating in the MCC Ride for Relief scheduled Sunday, May 3. The ride begins at King Memorial Park in Hesston, and the destination is Salina Mennonite Church, arriving in time for Sunday morning worship. Lunch is to be provided at the church. A donation of \$25 qualifies you to participate. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be set for May 17. To register call Lelyn Peters, 620-327-2256, or Daryl Regier, 620-345-8531, by April 30.

**The annual MCC Relief Sale Golf Tournament** is scheduled Saturday, May 9, at the Hesston Municipal Golf Course. Final registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The format is a 4-person scramble and registrants are welcome to enter as individuals or as a team. The \$60 per player or \$240 per team includes carts and lunch. Payment can be made at the final registration the morning of the tournament. Download a registration form at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) or contact Gregg Dick, PO Box 295, North Newton, KS 67117, 316-283-1366, or by e-mail at [greggd@bethelks.edu](mailto:greggd@bethelks.edu). The pre-registration deadline is May 2.

**Faith & Life Bookstore will hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dutch Blitz Tournament** on Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the bookstore, 724 N. Main, Newton. Just for fun, competitive, and life-size categories. For more information and registration forms, see the bulletin board.

**Explore the role and function of teaching Scripture in the congregation!** Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension is offering the course “Teaching the Bible in the Congregation” this summer. Professor is Doug Miller, Hillsboro. The class will be offered June 2-25 Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays, June 6 and 13, in North Newton. Register by May 12 at [www.ambs.edu/admissions/register-online](http://www.ambs.edu/admissions/register-online). Or contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plans, 316-283-7098 or [lbarrett@ambs.edu](mailto:lbarrett@ambs.edu). Or go to [www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains](http://www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains).

**A surprisingly beautiful weekend full of generous giving equaled a successful 41<sup>st</sup> Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** raising \$433,388 for Mennonite Central Committee—up a little over \$39,000 from last year’s sale. The quilt auction rose a little over \$130,000 up from \$113,000 last year. There were 34 of the 225 plus quilts that sold for \$1,000 or more. The general auction also exceeded last year’s totals raising \$57,791.50 on Friday and Saturday. The top selling items at the auction were the 1930 Model A Ford Coupe at \$10,500, 1951 8N Ford Tractor at \$4,100, 1941 Allis Chalmers Tractor at \$3,000, and the Hustler FasTrak donated by Excel Industries at \$3,800. Other notable totals include: Silent Auction \$3,000 (approx.), Ten Thousand Villages \$18,497, 12<sup>th</sup> Run for Relief \$17,716.45. The 41<sup>st</sup> annual KMRS is scheduled April 16 & 17, 2010 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). **A BIG THANK YOU TO GRACE HILL**

to the nearly 50 people who volunteered in some way through work or donated items. Also thank you for the approximately \$1,000 raised by DuMont and Chris for the Run for Relief. Thanks for all your participation!

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Dinner and Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, May 18 at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. \$10 per person at the door. Please RSVP to DuMont and Barbara Schmidt or Doug and Penny Hiebert by May 8.