

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 29, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Musician: Sara Unruh

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Transformed in Christ  
*Gathering our Praise*

## 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

*On My Way to Jordan* - Jay Althouse

Singer Men

*How Can I Keep from Singing* - Greg Gilpin

Singer Women

## Call to Worship (from Romans 12)

One: By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice

**Many: Let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds.**

One: Let love be without hypocrisy; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

**Many: Let us love one another with mutual affection.**

One: Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

**Many: If our enemies are hungry, we feed them; if they are thirsty, we give them something to drink.**

One: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**All: Holy Spirit, transform us by the renewing of our minds!**

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 425** *Come, come, ye saints*

## Worship Music

Remington Singers

*I Will Lift My Eyes* - Mark Hayes

*Swing Down the Chariot* - Glenda Franklin

*Never Gonna Sit Down!* - Vicki Courtney

## Offering Our Gifts

 Mennonite Voluntary Service

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

## Hearing God's Word

**Gospel Reading** John 3: 1-21

Tara Harms-Becker

## Sermon

Leah Bartel

## Responding to the Gospel

\* **Hymn of Response No. 389** *Take my life*

## Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

## Sent to Proclaim the Good News

\* **Sending Song No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

## Benediction

## Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

**There will be no Sunday School classes today.**

Welcome to the Remington Singers and director Kathleen Pool. Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us this morning!

## For Sharing and Prayer

The rosebud this morning is in honor of Hunter Blaine Martin, born to Sara and Dustin Martin on April 24. Congratulations to Sara and Dustin, and to grandparents Bonita and Ron Schroeder!

To all who volunteered or participated in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we thank you. The gift of your participation will benefit people worldwide as MCC continues to serve in the name of Christ.

John and Miriam Claassen, Ed and Marge Harms,  
Grace Hill Relief Sale Contact Persons

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the seven active Pastoral Search Committees in WDC – Beatrice Mennonite, Bethel Mennonite-Inman, Goessel Mennonite, Kingman Mennonite, Tabor Mennonite, West Zion Mennonite, and Zion Mennonite.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for spiritual protection for pastors and their families in Mongolia. Ask God for trustworthy friends and mentors for church leaders who may be lonely and misunderstood in their communities.

### **Church Events**

**Today** Fundraiser Meal for the Social Council. Due to an increase in activity, Social Council expenses have gone up. Please help replenish the Social Council treasury! Everyone is invited to stay!

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study with Pastor Peter.

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

**Next Sunday after worship** High School Graduate Reception. There will be no adult Sunday school classes.

**Next Sunday at noon** Administrative Council retreat at church.

**May 27 Baptism Sunday.** There will be no Sunday School on this day. A Memorial Day service will follow worship.

## **Announcements**

**Offender Victim Ministries** Dillon's certificates will be available from Pauline Toews next Sunday, May 6.

**Emily Burch** will be serving this summer on an International Service Team in La Preciosita, Mexico. A letter is posted on the bulletin board with details about her trip. Emily would greatly appreciate support during this opportunity! Any monetary donations would be helpful, as she is in charge of funding the project herself. Checks can be made out to Kansas State University with a memo that says "IST-Emily Burch" so they can be put in an account set up for Emily. Please give checks to Bonita Schroeder. Thoughts and prayers are also welcome! Feel free to contact Emily at [eburch@ksu.edu](mailto:eburch@ksu.edu) or 316-251-2322.

**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:** Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Bethel College \$1,356.15

**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](mailto:pastor@gracehillmc.org)

***Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen***

*E-mail:* [youthpastor@gracehillmc.org](mailto:youthpastor@gracehillmc.org)

***Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen***

*Secretary's E-mail:* [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert** – Today 4 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; free.

**Jordan Ortman** will be giving a joint Junior recital with Landon Bartel on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel College Chapel. Selections include works by Bach, Hadyn, Chopin, and Ives.

**The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies at Tabor College** is sponsoring two events on Saturday, May 5. A local Mennonite History Tour and lunch, May 5, 11:45 - 5:00, will begin at Tabor's Historic Church and circle through the Marion County region, visiting various Polish, Russian, and Swiss Mennonite sites (cost \$25). The CMBS Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, May 5, 6:30 p.m., Wohlgemuth Lobby (cost \$15), will feature "The First African-American Mennonite Brethren Church" by Dr. Terry Hunt, North Carolina District Minister of Lenoir, North Carolina. Reservation required. Please call Peggy Goertzen at (620)947-3121, ext. 1211 or 1212.

**Hey, everyone! It's the second annual Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing!** We have horrible mattresses but great musicians. Our 20-year-old mattresses have finally bit the dust and we're ready to replace 'em. Please join us Sunday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, for "*Mattress Melodies.*" Camp song leaders from years past will lead us in favorite camp songs as we raise funds to replace cabin mattresses. Please note the youth group who raises the most money (\$500 minimum) for the cabin mattresses will earn a pool party at Camp Mennoscah!! Be ready to test your knowledge of Camp Mennoscah with a fun trivia game, sing favorite camp songs, and have a good time! Camp style popcorn and generic pop will be served outside the building following the Camp Sing.

**Part-Time Job Openings @ Et Cetera Shop:** Newton Et Cetera Shop is accepting applications for two part-time, paid positions - Assistant Manager and Sorter/Clerk. Daytime and/or evening hours (5-9 pm) may be available. Applicants must submit a job history, 3 professional references and cover letter by Monday, May 7, via e-mail ([newtonetc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:newtonetc@sbcglobal.net)). Job descriptions available upon request. Spanish-language fluency a plus; Saturday availability required.

**Calling all youth groups, Sunday school classes, schools, families and friends:** Recent shipments of relief kits to Syrian refugees in Jordan have depleted the supply that Mennonite Central Committee keeps in reserve; please help us restock to be able to act quickly in a crisis or disaster. To see how many towels, tubes of toothpaste and other items are needed in each kit, and to find a drop-off location, visit [www.mcc.org/kits/relief](http://www.mcc.org/kits/relief) or call the Central States office at 316-283-2720. Also, your gifts of money are urgently needed to respond to the crisis in the region, along with your prayers for peace. See [www.mcc.org/middleeastcrisis](http://www.mcc.org/middleeastcrisis).

**The Western District Conference** will be held July 6-8 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. If you would like to read the policy regarding resolutions, and resolutions and background, they are available on the conference website at [www.mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/](http://www.mennowdc.org/conference-life/annual-assembly/).

**The Board of Community Playschool** wishes to announce that Bonnie Krehbiel will be retiring this May as a Director. Friends as well as current and former teachers, parents of students and students are invited to share memories with Bonnie in a card or letter, sent in care of Community Playschool, PO Box 364, North Newton, Kansas 67117. While Bonnie is retiring from directing, she will continue as a volunteer teacher. Thanks, Bonnie, for 29 years of fun-packed and creative learning experiences!

**Mennonite Education Agency** has a website at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS) where monthly "Prayers for Faith and Learning" can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at [www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe](http://www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe).