

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 2, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Sara Unruh

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Lisa Schmidt

Guitar: Tim and Eli Schmidt

Gathering and Praising

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** based on Psalm 30 and Revelation 5:11-14

One: I will exalt the Lord who lifts me from the depths of sin and shame!

Many: It is the Lord who heals my spirit and body!

One: All you saints, sing your hearts out to God! Praise God's holy name!

Many: It is the Lord who brings rejoicing in the morning and turns my wailing into dancing.

All: May my soul praise you forever and not be silent!

One: Join with thousands upon thousands of angels in heaven, and every breathing creature on earth, in praise to the Lamb who was slain and rose again.

Many: Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive honor, glory, and praise

One: And all the living creatures said:

All: AMEN!

One: And all fell down and worshiped.

*** Gathering Prayer**

Gathering Song *Every Move I Make* led by Junior Youth

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Hearing God's Word

Gospel Reading John 21:1-19 Donna Balzer

*** Hymn No. 352** *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

Special Music *Grace like Rain* Junior Youth
Prince of Peace

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

New Testament Reading Acts 9:1-20 Donna Balzer

Sermon Pastor Peter

Responding

*** Hymn of Response No. 299** *New earth, heavens new*

Words of Affirmation Hymn No. 853

Membership Transfers Hymn No. 794
Ashley Enns, David Enns, Kris Janzen, Russell Janzen,
Marie Regehr, Catina Wiebe

Lighting the Peace Candle and Prayers of the People

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."

Sending

*** Sending Hymn No. 76** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

*** Benediction**

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!**

This morning we receive Russell and Kris Janzen, David and Ashley Enns, and Catina Wiebe as members, and Marie Regehr as an associate member. Russell, Kris, David, Ashley, and Catina will be sharing during worship. Marie has been attending Grace Hill Mennonite Church for the last few years. She now wishes to become an associate member while retaining her membership at the Bethel Mennonite Church at Inman, Kansas, where she and her late husband, Curt L. Regehr, have been members for many years. Marie has experienced God in many instances in her life and trusts that He will guide and direct her future. Marie lives in an apartment at the Kidron Retirement Center. Among her hobbies are reading and taking part in Kidron activities.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Happy Birthday Dorothy Nickel Friesen! Pray for her ministry as she concludes this summer and for the WDC staff as they welcome a new conference minister in late summer.

Mennonite Mission Network: Our Toba brothers and sisters are concluding their annual convention of *Iglesia Evangelica Unida* (United Evangelical Church) today in Saenz Pena, Argentina. Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide the church in adapting to the changing context. Remember also Richard and Ruth Anne Friesen as they continue MMN's presence ministry that dates from the 1940s.

Church Events

Today - Catechism Meeting with Spiritual Council: The Catechism class will have the opportunity to share their testimonies over lunch with the Spiritual Council.

Today - Galen and Roberta Harms will celebrate their 50th 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.

Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. The Administrative Council will meet for a Grace Hill Visioning Retreat.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice – the Adult Choir will be singing on May 9.

Next Sunday, May 9 There will be a reception for high school graduates during the S.S. hour, refreshments will be served.

May 31 – June 4 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Community Bible School at Remington Middle School in Whitewater for ages pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. See Tammy Regehr if you have questions.

Resurrection stories from around the world
Provided by MCC and Ten Thousand Villages

Farmers are able to continue living in their home towns—a story from Ecuador

Camari helps small farmers, or “campesinos,” remain in their home communities by marketing their agricultural and handicraft products to international markets. Camari unites people, works to ensure they receive stable, fair income and enables them to carry on family traditions of working the land, as well as preserving indigenous culture through the creation of traditional crafts. Camari was initiated in 1981 as a complement to the work of a Christian development agency that assists farmers throughout Ecuador. Since 1990, Ten Thousand Villages has purchased carved tagua nut animal ornaments, jewelry, a messenger bag, and small ceramic pieces from Camari.

Announcements

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donate this month: canned fruit. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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 Samantha Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Tara Harms-Becker

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$ 2,553.00

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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

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will have a concert to benefit Mennonite Central Committee this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany College Pressor Hall, Lindsborg.

Azteca Dance Troupe at Et Cetera Shop, Wednesday, May 5 - Come celebrate Mexican heritage and culture over your lunch hour! This dazzling, well-loved dance troupe will be performing from noon to 12:30 at Newton Et Cetera Shop, 619 N. Main. Stay and shop afterward!

Mennonites will be celebrating 100 years of church life in Congo in 2012. How has God been using Congolese Mennonites over the past century to fulfill His purposes? Join us in finding some answers to this question by attending an Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission gathering on Wednesday, May 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church in Newton. Come share a light supper, listen to updates on the "Story Gathering Project" among Congolese Mennonites from Jim Bertsche and Rod Hollinger-Janzen, enjoy recent Congo photos via power point, ask questions you may have, and fellowship with friends. Please RSVP to Donovan and Naomi Unruh at dgnunruh@yahoo.com or call 316-283-4463.

The Bethel College Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet May 22 at 6 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Alumni awards will be presented to Jim Schrag '66 and Janeal Crabb Krehbiel '68. Cost is \$18 if paying by May 7, \$20 May 10-12. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline May 12.

2nd Annual Dutch Blitz Tournament: Faith & Life Bookstore is hosting the 2nd annual Dutch Blitz Tournament on Sunday, June 6 at its new location at 606 N. Main Street. There is no cost to play! Please sign up to play by calling 316-283-2210 or coming to the store by May 24. Giant Dutch Blitz will be played outside and regular Dutch Blitz will be played inside. Families, individuals, youth groups, young and young-at-heart are all welcome! Prizes for all winners!

The sixth annual 75-mile journey from Sásabe, Sonora to Tucson, Arizona will be on May 31-June 6. Walk in solidarity with migrants who have walked this trail and lost their lives. For more information, contact 520-770-1373, migrant_trail@yahoo.com, or visit: www.derechoshumanosaz.net.

It is that time of the year to place Kidron Bethel Celebration Day signs in yards around town. If you gave Tony Graber permission to place a sign in your yard last year he would like to do so again this year in the next couple of weeks. Please call Tony (283-0538) if you do not want a sign in your yard announcing Kidron Bethel Celebration Day. Additionally, if you have a prominent location and would not mind having a sign in your yard please let Tony know as well. Tony will pick up the signs the day after the event. Thanks for supporting Kidron Bethel.

Not sure what you're going to do next year? Interested in exploring service? Service Adventure still has some positions available for young adults (ages 17-20) who are interested in serving for 10 months at community-based organizations in places like Colorado Springs, Colorado, Albany, Oregon and Anchorage, Alaska. Live in community with a unit leader and work, worship, and have fun together. For more information, visit service.mennonitemission.net or call Diana at 1-866-866-2872 ext. 23064.

It only takes a spark! Plant that spark of faith in someone with a gift to our camp scholarship fund. These funds are used to help campers come to Camp Mennoscah for a week of fun, community, and one more step in their faith journey. Every year, 20-30 campers have the opportunity to come to Camp Mennoscah because of your generosity. Thank you for being part of our camping ministry. Donations marked "scholarship fund" can be sent to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock KS 67111.

Full-steam ahead! All of our staff is working hard to get Camp Mennoscah ready for all our summer youth campers and for the many groups that visit over the summer. But we need you—we still need two nurses and kitchen staff for many of our weeks, especially for June 6-12 and June 13-19. Kitchen staff need only to be able to follow directions and have a fun-loving attitude. Volunteers can receive a camper discount of up to full camp fees. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information.