

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 3, 2009

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Peter Goerzen

**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.*

**\* Call to Worship**

**\* Prayer of Invocation**

- \* Opening Hymns No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*  
**No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

**Offering** Mennonite Church USA

**Worship Music** *Trust His Heart* Remington Singers  
*Jordan's Angels*

**Children's Story** Barry Bartel

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

**Scripture Reading** John 13:1-17 Donna Balzer

**Sermon** *The Cloak of Service* Barry Bartel

- \* Hymn of Response No. 449** *Jesus took a towel*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

**Worship Music** *Esto Les Digo* Remington Singers  
*Everything That Hath Breath*

- \* Sending Hymn No. 410** *Lord of light, your name outshining*

**\* 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!**

A special welcome and thank you to Barry Bartel, President of Bethel College, for sharing with us this morning. He will be leading a combined adult Sunday school session in the sanctuary today. All are welcome to attend.

Also welcome to the Remington High School Singers and their families. We appreciate you sharing your voices with us this morning! Singer members are Danielle Hanna, Rachelle Hanna, Amanda Regehr, Chelsey Thiessen, Amanda Zonnefeld, Brittany Claassen, Alexis Denoncourt, Hadassah Tillotson, Angela Thiessen, Margo Regier, Cody Claassen, Zach Entz, Nate Carey, Trevor Macy, Adrian Nethercott, Casey Schunn, David Janzen, Cisco Soto, Curtis Toews, and Cort Mosiman. Director is Kathleen Pool (who could not be with us this morning).

**For Sharing and Prayer**

**In the hospital:** Waldo Balzer, Newton Medical Center

Pastor Marv is in Ohio this week and 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.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission as it discerns a WDC budget proposal for 2010.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN worker Steve Dintaman at LCC International University, Lithuania, has accepted the role of LCC mission representative in addition to his teaching load. Pray for him as he communicates the vision and Christian mission of LCC International.

## Announcements

**High School Youth & Parents:** Conference Health Forms - This is just a reminder to all youth who are planning to attend the convention this summer to turn in your health forms to Pastor Katherine by May 17.

**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 Marv  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Katherine Goerzen  
**Special Music Next Sunday:** Adult Choir

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,537.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### CHURCH OFFICES

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### Church Events

**Today at noon** College-age lunch at James and Deb Regier's home. All college students and college-age young adults are welcome.

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

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Adult choir practice.

**High School Youth:** There will be NO 5th Lap on May 8.

**Next Sunday** Graduation Sunday: The Spiritual Council would like to invite everyone to attend a graduation celebration in the Fellowship Hall May 10 during the Sunday School hour. This will be a time of fellowship and a time to congratulate our three high school seniors who are graduating this year: Emily Toews, Amanda Regehr and Grant Hill.

**Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.** Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor. Mariners S.S. class is in charge.

**Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at Peace Connections in Newton for program and tour. Devotions: Myrna Krehbiel; Hostess: Committee; Financial Projects: Peace Connections.

**May 16** AARRGGHH! The Pirates are pulling into port early for a showing of the *Veggie Tales Pirates Who Don't Do Anything* movie. Join us for popcorn and the movie on Saturday May 16 at 2 p.m. - here at church.

✠ Ahoy, ye hearty Shipmates! Thank you for agreeing to shepherd a group of kids during VBS! After the movie (or about 3:30 p.m. on May 16) join us for a little training. If you can't make it talk to Tammy (799-2911) or Ashley (799-1972 or [adenns@hotmail.com](mailto:adenns@hotmail.com)).

**May 25-29 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.** Bible School at Grace Hill.

**August 9** Mark your calendars...the Grace Hill pool party is scheduled for August 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Newton Public Pool!

### **Et Cetera**

**Celebrate Fair Trade Day** with a variety of activities on Saturday, May

9. Stop by Ten Thousand Villages, 625 N. Main, Newton, to participate in the Big Bang! drum circle and take advantage of one gem of a jewelry sale. Prairie Harvest is featuring a local food meal at 5:45 p.m. for \$15, but participants can save \$5 by presenting a receipt from Ten Thousand Villages for a purchase of \$25 or more. Reservations are required, please call 316-283-6623. Then join us at Bethel College at 7:00 p.m. for a free screening of the documentary "Black Gold". This film follows the story of Ethiopian coffee growers trying to get a fair price for their coffee beans. Visit [www.newton.tenthousandvillages.com](http://www.newton.tenthousandvillages.com) for more information.

**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.

**The Bethel College Alumni Association** invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet at 6:00 p.m. on May 23 in Memorial Hall. Alumni awards will be presented to J. Harold Moyer '49, Howard Brenneman '63 and Gregg Schroeder '92, with the Concert Choir singing music by Dr. Moyer. Cost \$17 per person if paying by May 8, \$19 May 11-13. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline is May 13.

**Western District Conference Annual Conference** will be held on the Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church campuses on Friday and Saturday, August 7-8. Reserve the dates. Pray for God's leading in all of the preparations and for the gathering.

**Carrot cutters, potato mashers, and pranksters needed!** We need kitchen staff (only rudimentary skills needed) for most of our summer youth camps. These folks are the lifeline of the healthy food and wonderful treats that keep our campers fed. Bring a friend and join us for "kitchen camp!" Kitchen volunteers receive a parent discount of full camp fees. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for available weeks.

**TP Camp Mennoscah!** This summer is the summer of toilet paper. We invite you to take the toilet paper challenge and "TP" Camp Mennoscah. Bring one roll (or more) of toilet paper with you and drop it off in the designated location. We'll use these rolls throughout the year and spend the money saved on much more interesting things.