

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 4, 2014

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: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Josh Patterson

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

One: How glorious it is to hear of Jesus' resurrection.

Many: At his death, our hearts cried out and we felt lost.

One: But he comes to us and walks with us, even now.

Many: In the holy word, in the music, in the prayers, he is present with us.

One: Open your hearts to the Lord.

All: Lord, help us to be ready to receive you into our lives.

AMEN.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Songs

Sing the Story No. 90 *Oh, how good is Christ the Lord*

Hymn No. 278 *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Scripture Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-24, 32-33, 37-39 Debbie Claassen

* **Sing the Story No. 39** *Will you come and follow me*

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

Sermon

Heidi Wiebe

Prayer of Response

"Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love" (The Book of Common Prayer).

* **Song of Response Sing the Journey No. 106** *Just a closer walk with thee*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Song Sing the Story No. 90** *Oh, how good is Christ the Lord*

Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Following the worship service there will be a reception for the high school graduates in the fellowship hall, refreshments will be served. There will be no Sunday School classes today (adult as well as children) so that everyone may celebrate with our graduates.

For Sharing and Prayer

The rose bud is in honor of Nathan Luke Goerzen, born to Pastors Katherine and Peter Goerzen on Thursday, May 1, 2014 weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. Everyone is doing very well. Thank you for your prayers!

Last Sunday Pastors Katherine and Peter announced their resignation to the congregation. Their last Sunday will be July 27. Pastor Peter has accepted the position of Campus Pastor and Director of Church Relations at Bethel College. Pastor Katherine is looking forward to staying home with the children for a year or so, before seeking another ministry position in the area.

Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance for Beatrice Mennonite Church, Nebraska, in the loss of their pastor Bob Beecher, on April 7. Pray God's comfort for Bob's wife, Cindy, and wisdom for decisions to be made.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, MMN's Partner, DOOR Denver, is holding its annual *Cinco de Mayo* community celebration and fundraiser. Pray for the members of DOOR's three participant churches in the city who throw this party that mixes food and entertainment from Anglo and Latino cultures to share the gospel.

Grace Hill High School Graduates

Lucas Goossen – *Berean Academy*

Sara Harms – *Newton Home Educator's Association*

Emma Hilgenfeld – *Wichita Trinity Academy*

Alex Carr, Rachele Claassen, Hunter Hill, Madison Janzen,

Eli Schmidt, Kylee Schunn – *Remington High School*

Grace Hill Junior High Graduates

Alston Cunningham, Jacob Hilgenfeld – *Remington Middle School*

Grace Hill College Graduates

Katie Regier, Casey Schunn – *Bethel College*

Matthew Hiebert – *Hesston College*

Brittany Claassen, Courtney Claassen, Grant Hill, Josh Toevs

– *Kansas State University*

Philip Harms – *Kansas University*

Laura Harms – *Wichita State University*

Camille Claassen – *Master of Accountancy from Kansas State University*

Church Events

This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The Year of Biblical Womanhood book study will meet in the church library.

Today at 5:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – no one is signed up at this time. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at The Breadbasket in Newton.

Next Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Grace Hill Night at the Movies... to be announced.

Announcements

Have you experienced new questions in your focus of Bible reading during this Year of the Bible? You are invited to share the passage which you would like additional input for further understanding. Simply write it on a sheet from the comment pads in the pews, sign your name (for clarification purpose), and put it in the comment box in the foyer. Pastor Peter is planning a “stump the pastor” theme for the last two Sundays in May and welcomes your requests. Please share your suggestion by May 11.

The Harvey County Food Pantry is in need of items throughout the year. 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: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,043.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Memorial Hall on the campus of Bethel College this evening at 7:00 p.m. Another concert will be at Presser Hall on the campus of Bethany College in Lindsborg on Sunday, June 8, 4:30 p.m. in a joint concert with Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus.

Concert by Woven, Bethel College a cappella women's ensemble, will be on May 9 at 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. The concert marks the release of Woven's second CD, *Wander Free*.

Concert by Open Road, Bethel College a cappella men's ensemble, will be May 11 at 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. Open Road members: Cody Claassen, Matthew Graber, Riley King, Ben Kreider, Carl Lehmann, Chase Stucky, Taylor Stucky, Aaron Tschetter and Braden Unruh.

Mennonite Central Committee is in need of a large quantity of new or used (clean, unstained) T-shirts and neck-ties. These will be upcycled by volunteers at the Material Resource Center in Ephrata, PA into scarves and tote bags to be given away at the Mennonite World Conference and Mennonite Church USA convention in 2015. Bring your T-shirts and neck-ties to the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th) by May 9th.

Get Real! Summer is sneaking closer each day and Camp Mennoscah is REALLY ready for some REALLY big fun. Our summer theme is Get Real: Finding Your True Self in Jesus. Registration forms can be found at www.campmennoscah.org under Camps. Scholarships are available. We want everyone to come to Camp Mennoscah!

Summer heroes needed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for summer heroes to work in the kitchen and super nurses to apply bandages, comfort the homesick, ohh and ahh over minnows caught, and have fun. Kitchen staff needed July 27-Aug. 1, June 22-28, and June 8-14. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for weeks nurses are needed and for more information. Summer volunteers get a free tee shirt!

Family Camp for ALL ages! Camp Mennoscah's Family Camp is July 26-27 and you should expect gobs of fun and gazillions of activities - all led by our wonderful friends Ruth Harder and Jesse Graber! It's going to be a blast! And a hoot! Grandparents, bring your grandkids. Families, pack that car full. Everyone is invited! More information is coming--make sure to save this weekend for Camp Mennoscah!

Join the urban gardening movement! Service Adventure's newest placement is looking for volunteers to join a team of people committed

to providing food to urban and rural communities! Ages 17-20 can apply today at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.