

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 16, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

**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.*

- \* **Gathering Hymn No. 8** *Brethren, we have met to worship*  
verse 1 – men    verse 2 – women    verse 3 & 4 - all

\* **Call to Worship**

**One:** Let us receive the message of God, which I have heard and declare unto you.

**Many: God is love; everyone that loves is born of God and knows God.**

**One:** God is light; in God is not darkness at all.

When we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

**All: Let us declare the praises of God,  
who called us out of darkness into this wonderful light and this fellowship of love.**

\* **Invocation**

**One:** O Lord, our God, in this act of worship,  
we glory in your light and love made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**Many: Come, O light divine, and dispel our human darkness!**

**One:** Come, O love divine, and melt our hard and loveless hearts!

**Many: Make us mirrors of light and models of love;  
make us partners in your creative acts for all people.  
Reconcile us to ourselves, to others, and to yourself,  
as we glory in your light and life. Amen.**

**Offering** Bible School and Education

**Hearing God's Word**

**Gospel Reading** John 17:20-26

Rob Schunn

- \* **Hymn No. 401** *This little light of mine*

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

**New Testament Reading** Acts 16:16-34

Pastor Katherine

**Sermon**

Pastor Katherine

**Responding to God's Word**

**Words of Affirmation** Hymn No. 755

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

**Sharing our Stories** Caleb Regehr, Merrill Harms

**Lighting the Peace Candle**

**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. 226** *You are salt for the earth*  
Sing first verse 2, then verses 1, 3 & 4

\* **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!**

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for the many graduates who will complete high school, college, seminary and graduate school this season. Identify those graduates in your congregation and pray for God's guidance in the next step in their vocational journey.

**The Western District Executive Board** is pleased to announce that Clarence E. Rempel, Newton, has accepted the position of conference minister for Western District Conference, beginning July 1. Since last year he has served as associate conference minister alongside the current conference minister, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, who is retiring. Clarence will be commissioned July 11 at the Western District Conference assembly in Texas. Thank God for the dedicated work of the Search Committee and all who were involved in the discernment process, and pray for Clarence and his family as he moves into this new role.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Nearly 100 Mennonite Voluntary Service volunteers and staff will gather this week (May 18-21) at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Pray for safe travel, inspiration, and renewed energy for ministry.

## Church Events

**Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

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

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Business Council meets at church.

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at Charlie's in Newton.

**Saturday morning** The Home Educators Association will hold their graduation at Grace Hill.

**Next Sunday** Baptism Sunday

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

**June 13** Coming soon - Grace Hill Community Pig Roast on Sunday, June 13 at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, come and enjoy a meal, fellowship and entertainment.

## Announcements

**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:** Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Theresa Toews and Ashley Toews

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Peter

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$5,270.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Et Cetera

**Bethel College Concerts:** This evening at 7:00 p.m. – Open Road home concert, Memorial Hall, free.

**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!

**Mark your calendars for Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day,** Friday, June 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Fun for all ages includes entertainment, BBQ pork and benefit auctions. Quality auction items still are needed. Call Dee Ann Hein at 284-2900 ext. 237.

**Joining together. Investing in hope.** Rejoice with us in reaching an important milestone in the *Joining together, Investing in hope* campaign and join us at the ground-blessing ceremony for the new Mennonite Church USA offices on June 15 at 2:00 p.m., in Elkhart, Indiana. If you cannot attend, please bless the ground where you are.

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

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**Resurrection Stories from Around the World**

Provided by Mennonite Central Committee and Ten Thousand Villages:

*Linking a local artisan with a global market—a story from Peru*

Manos Amigas, which means “Hands Joined In Friendship,” works with family workshops and with small business groups and associations that make a variety of handicrafts in impoverished areas of Lima and in the Andean highlands. Manos Amigas offers training workshops and also participates in international trade fairs, thus gaining new markets for its artisans.

Alfredo Sacca is one of the Manos Amigas. He designs and creates wood accent furniture in his home workshop, located in the outskirts of Lima, Peru. Alfredo’s connection with Manos Amigas gives him access to the international marketplace and a guarantee of prompt payment and fair prices for his work. Alfredo’s skill and determination to build his business and provide for his wife and five children means positive changes in their daily lives.

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*Renters become homeowners after a tsunami—a story from Indonesia*

In the village of Ulee Tuy, Indonesia, 150 families who lost their homes in the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami celebrated the completion of their new houses, which Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) helped build by preparing a feast, performing dances and hosting government officials during a hand-over ceremony.

There have been many changes in Aceh since MCC workers arrived there in 2005. The tsunami left hundreds of thousands of people without homes. More than half of MCC’s funds in Aceh went to reconstruction projects, including 623 houses, 22 small bridges, one junior high school and numerous drainage canals and levees. In addition, MCC supported a wide variety of projects in relief, public health, education, job creation, trauma healing and peace-building. The 150 families who received houses in Ulee Tuy had been renters when the tsunami struck, and they became homeowners through the project.

MCC worker Jeff Yoder said that the physical reconstruction of Aceh has been one of the most dramatic changes over the last three years – a credit to the work of many people in Aceh and the support of organizations such as MCC. “It’s exciting to see all the things that have happened,” Yoder said. “Now, if you drive around Aceh, it’s almost difficult to tell that there was a tsunami.”

## Seniors Plans For After Graduation:

**Brittany Claassen:** Brittany plans to attend Kansas State University. She is undecided in her major, but she has an interest in both English and Fashion Merchandising.

**Cody Claassen:** Cody plans to attend Bethel to receive a Pre-medical major. He plans to sing in the Men's Ensemble.

**Courtney Claassen:** Courtney plans to attend Kansas State University for a Graphic Design major with a minor in business and leadership.

**Laura Harms:** Laura plans to attend Wichita State University with plans to pursue an Engineering degree. She plans to continue swimming.

**Philip Harms:** Philip plans to attend Kansas University to major in Finance.

**Emily Klassen:** Emily plans to attend Bluffton University to receive a Business degree.

**Adrian Nethercot:** Adrian plans to attend Kansas State University to major in Athletic Training.

**Katie Regier:** Katie plans to attend Bethel College to major in Education with a possible minor in Art or Psychology. She plans to play basketball and volleyball.

**Casey Schunn:** Casey plans to attend Bethel College. He is undecided on his major, but has an interest in Science. He plans to sing in the Men's Ensemble.

**Joshua Toevs:** Josh plans to attend Kansas State University and major in Chemistry. He plans to participate in intramural basketball and Campus Crusade for Christ.

**Curtis Toews:** Curtis plans to attend the North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit, Kansas to study Diesel Mechanics.