

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 7, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Doug Claassen

Chorister: Andrew Voth

Musicians: Caleb Regehr, Pastor Peter, Daniel Klaassen

Tom Harder (CD prelude/postlude)

Gathering in God's Presence

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 Matthew 4:17-23

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

Offering our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Hearing the Good News

Choral Anthem *Two Fishermen* Grace Hill Choir
Choir Accompanist: Joshua Powell

Gospel Reading Mark 9:33-37, Mark 12:28-31, John 15:9-17
Doug Claassen

Scripture through Song *Blessed are the persecuted* Women's Ensemble

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

Gospel Reading Pastor Katherine
Luke 6:27-36, Luke 9:23-27, Luke 4:16-19, 21, 43

Sermon *Jesus came proclaiming the good news of God* Pastor Katherine

Responding to the Good News

Anointing Service

with **Hymn No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant* and
Hymn No. 377 *Healer of our every ill*

Litany of Response

One: The Spirit of God is upon us, to bring good news to the
oppressed
to heal the brokenhearted
to announce freedom for prisoners and captives

All: God has anointed us!

One: God has called us to comfort those who mourn,
to give food and drink to those who hunger and thirst
to be peacemakers, children of God

All: God has anointed us!

One: Once we were no people, now we are God's people,
sent by God
to rebuild what has been destroyed
to proclaim the good news of reconciliation

All: God has anointed us!

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by Jesus

* **Sending Hymn No. 226** *You are salt for the earth*

* **Benediction** Matthew 28:18-20

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.

**The Adult Sunday School classes will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Next Sunday is Harvest Thanks, a time when our congregation offers gifts to our church and to other ministries. Next Sunday, you will also be given slips of paper with which to write down a gift that you feel God has given to you (such as the gift of prayer, or the gift of teaching, or the gift of music, and so on). Throughout this week, we invite you to prayerfully consider what these gifts might be so that you can write down your gift(s) on this slip of paper and also place it in the offering as a way of rededicating this gift(s) to God.

Western District Conference: Pray for Amanda Rempel who will be commissioned today as the Pastor of Senior Ministries at Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman.

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, Mark and Mary Hurst with MMN are sharing in North American congregations about their ministries through the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray that the Hursts may be renewed even as they inspire others.

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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Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Announcements

Christmas is right around the corner. The following classes are responsible for the Christmas Eve program this year: Mariners - Christmas tree, decorations, and candy sacks; Pursuers - program; and Explorers - reception.

We as a congregation would like to host a college-age meal on December 5. If anyone is interested in hosting this in their home or providing food for this, please speak with Pastor Katherine.

***The Mennonite* subscription list is being updated.** The church has a group-rate policy and each subscription costs the church \$37.00. If you are not receiving *The Mennonite* and would like to, or if you are currently receiving it and would like to discontinue your subscription, please contact Debbie Claassen by December 5.

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: Kris Goossen and Rachelle Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Scholarship Fund \$4,228.25

Offering Next Sunday: Harvest Thanks

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will host Mary Eilerts, well-known Newton quiltmaker, who will present a quilt trunk showing and presentation, on "What I Have Learned Along the Way." Bring a friend!

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday There will be a 5th Quarter this coming Friday at Countryside following the theatrical production. There will be a sign-up sheet for food by the coffee and drinks for our fellowship time/Sunday School. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Next Sunday, November 14 Harvest Thanks Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship: Sermon by Del Hershberger

10:45 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary: Input by Del

Noon Harvest Thanks Dinner prepared by the Social Council

6:00 p.m. All church pizza, veggies and soda party in the fellowship hall, with input by Ron Moyo.

For the noon meal: If you have not already done so, please check the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer for pies and salads for the Harvest Thanks Day noon meal. We still need several more. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

November 28 at 4:00 p.m. The music for both the prelude and postlude today was performed by Tom Harder, co-pastor at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. On November 28, at 4 p.m., he and his wife Lois Harder and their daughters ("Five Times Harder") will lead an Advent Hymn Sing here in our sanctuary. You are encouraged to invite friends and family to this event.

On January 9, Marlene Bogard will be leading a workshop at Grace Hill on equipping people to be teachers. As Christians, all of us find opportunities in our lives to teach; come and learn the basic concepts of teaching from our Conference's Minister of Christian Nurture.

2011 dates for Grace Hill/Zion weeks at the Homeless Shelter - January 5-11, April 6-12, July 6-12, October 5-11, December 28-January 3, 2012.

Et Cetera

The Bethel College Men's Ensemble and the Bethel College Women's Chorus will present their fall concerts this afternoon in the Administration Building chapel, the men at 2 p.m. and the women at 4 p.m.; admission is free. **Susan Gaeddert, Madison, Wis., and Karen Bauman Schlabaugh**, professor of music at Bethel College, will present a recital of piano music for four hands Sunday, November 14, at 3 p.m. in the Administration Building chapel. Program includes works by Mozart, Schumann, Husa, Hindemith, Barber and Mendelssohn; admission is free.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) will host "A Conversation with a Radical Christian: What our apostolic roots look like in the 21st century" at 7:00 Monday evening, November 8, at Kaufman House (2515 College Avenue) on the Bethel College campus. Our speaker and conversation leader is Frank Cordaro, a lifetime career activist for peace and justice who resides as a member of the Des Moines (Iowa) Catholic Worker community which he helped found in 1976. He has subscribed to a long tradition of civil disobedience as a model and means for effecting social change. Come to learn and share. Refreshments will be served.

First Mennonite Church in Halstead (427 W. 4th St., Halstead) is having a Mission Supper on November 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The proceeds will be split between Camp Mennoscah and Circles of Hope, a non-profit organization working to end poverty. A traditional German meal of sausage, fried potatoes, sauerkraut, cabbage soup, relishes, homemade breads, and homemade pies will be served. Cost by donations.

The annual meeting of Region III Mennonite Disaster Service will be held November 19 and 20 at Roach, Missouri. A van will leave Hesston Friday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m. Call State Coordinator Gordon Unruh at 620-747-0835 for more information or if you want to share a ride to Missouri. Also, check the bulletin board for registration and other information.

Plan to attend the 5th annual Comforter Blitz for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at Yoder, March 7 & 8, 2011. Start making tops

now: 60"x 80" is the preferred size with material for back 4" wider on all sides. Call Eileen Burkholder (620) 465-3808 or Debra Selzer (620) 628-4629.

The following books have been donated to the library:

Yukon Cowboy by Debra Clopton

Once Upon a Family by Margaret Daley

A Daughter for Christmas by Margaret Daley

The Lawman's Christmas Wish by Linda Goodnight

His Holiday Bride by Jillian Hart

A McKaslin Homecoming by Jillian Hart

A Mother's Gift by Arlene James & Kathryn Springer

Dreaming of a Family by Arlene James

The Mommy Wish by Kathryn Springer

Their First Noel by Annie Jones

Thanksgiving Groom by Brenda Minton

Mistletoe Prayers by Marta Perry & Betsy St. Amant

The Bodine Family Christmas by Marta Perry

The Gingerbread Season by Betsy St. Amant

Winter Reunion by Roxanne Rustand

Seeking His Love by Carrie Turansky

Hometown Promise by Merrillee Whren