

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 20, 2011

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Worship Leader: Kendall Claassen

Musicians: Sara Unruh and David Janzen

Thanksgiving For God's Goodness

Gathering Our Praise

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 light print from Psalm 95:1-7; bold print from Psalm 100

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Many: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth
worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

One: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods
in his hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also
the sea is his, for he made it
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Many: Know that the Lord is God

it is he that made us and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**Many: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with
praise. Give thanks to him, bless his holy name.**

One: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Many: For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 71** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Hearing God's Word

Psalm 65

Grant Claassen

* **Hymn No. 96** *We plow the fields and scatter*

Special Music *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Ray

Renata Goossen

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

Psalm 145

Pastor Katherine

Meditation

Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn of Response No. 87** *Great is the Lord*

Psalm 146

Pastor Peter

Meditation

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Psalm 96:1-9

Kendall Claassen

Offering our Gifts in Thanksgiving for God's Giving Local Church

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sending

Psalm 148

Pastors Peter and Katherine

* **Sending Hymn No. 50** *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

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.

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

For Sharing and Prayer

Thanks to all who brought zwiebacks, salads and pies for the Harvest Thanks meal last Sunday, to the Youth for serving and helping with cleanup, and to all who helped in any way. It was very much appreciated.
The Social Council

Also a big THANK YOU to the Social Council for the delicious meal last Sunday and for all your work!

Thank you! to everyone who provided food for the Encore last Friday night! It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed!

Western District Conference: Thank God for your pastor(s) and for the spiritual leaders of your congregation. Pray that God will energize them in leading your congregation to the fulfillment of God's missional call.

Mennonite Mission Network: Margrit Kipfer Barron of MMN coordinates the Christian education ministries of the Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray that God would provide all that is needed for her and her husband, Freddy, a Mennonite pastor, and their children as they model servant leadership.

Church Events

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens – the evening will begin with a soup sampler supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by decorating the church and ending with Christmas caroling around the Christmas tree. Ornament making is being planned for the children.

Upcoming Wednesday schedule:

November 23 – Hanging of the Greens – no regular programming

November 30 – regular programming

December 7 – meal and regular programming

December 14, 21 & 28 – no programming

January 4, 2012 – meal and regular programming

December 4 College Meal: All college students are invited to a meal at John and Valerie Klaassen's on Sunday December 4. If anyone is interested in helping provide food for this meal, please speak with either Valerie or Pastor Katherine. Thanks!

High School Youth Group

Upcoming Youth events:

December 4: Christmas party at Pastors Katherine and Peter's from 5 to 8:30! Be sure to bring your White Elephant gift for the exchange (\$5 or less please). Holiday snacks and goodies will be provided.

December 11: For All High School and Junior High Youth: Caroling with Spiritual Council and other members of the congregation.

January 7: Out of the Pew (sponsored by WDC). Please see your mailboxes for more information.

Announcements

Please get announcements for next Sunday's bulletin to Debbie Claassen by Wednesday morning. Thank you!

College Care Packages: On Wednesday, Nov. 30, the Youth Group will be assembling care packages for our college students. If you would like to contribute anything for this, please speak with Pastor Katherine. There are 27 college students that we will prepare care packages for. Thank you!

Youth and Parents: Please remember to turn in your forms for the Summer Service Trip today and your forms for Snow Camp by next Sunday, November 27. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Katherine. Thanks!

***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 4.

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: Theresa Toews and Kristen Toews
Nursery Next Sunday: Barbara Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn
Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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

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Et Cetera

Martha Becker Yoder, a pastor and artist from Parnell, Iowa, will speak about her exhibit "Reflecting on Images of Revelation" today at 4 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. The event is free and open to the public and will include a reception with the artist after the talk. Yoder's work is currently displayed in the Fine Arts Center Gallery in conjunction with the Worship and the Arts Symposium.

The Bethel College Wind Ensemble's second concert of the fall will be today at 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support music study and performance at Bethel. Valerie Klaassen and Jordan Ortman are members of the Wind Ensemble.

Articles & Bylaws - Camp Mennoscah is drafting what we hope will be a final version of the articles and bylaws for incorporation. While we are working hard to make Camp Mennoscah a separate non-profit organization by February 1, 2012, we know there are many things yet to do. These things we know: Our mission will stay the same. Our programming will keep the same goals and our staff will continue to strive to offer you the best Christian hospitality we can. Call us at 620-297-3290 if you have questions or concerns. Tell a friend and help spread the word!

Shovels, Sheets, & a Steam Cleaner - Feeling thankful for the many things you have? We are, too! But we certainly wouldn't turn down a few snow shovels, double/full-sized sheets (fitted and flat), and a steam cleaner for those grimy carpets of ours. If you want to help make us feel even more grateful with a gift of any of the above, contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290. Thank you for being part of our camp family!

Mennonite Central Committee Christmas Giving This Christmas, begin a new tradition. Share the joy with others around the world by selecting a gift from MCC. Simple gifts make a big difference. The gift of **education** provides a brighter future for children and communities. The gift of **friendship** helps MCC reach out to newcomers, showing God's love for all. The gift of **peace** helps people build understanding and harmony where they live. Explore all the MCC gift options and discover more ways to share the joy at www.mcc.org/christmas or make checks payable to MCC and send them to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117.

2011 Harvest Thanks Offering

Mennonite Church USA

Total Mission of Mennonite Church USA	\$2,710.00
Mennonite Mission Network	6,874.04
Mennonite World Conference	1,000.00
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary	600.00

Western District Conference

Total Mission of the WDC	3,575.00
Home Missions (WDC church plants)	1,600.00
Education	1,300.00
Camp Mennoscah	1,360.00
Resource Library	500.00

Other Institutions

Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre	2,150.00
Mennonite Central Committee	3,300.00
Offender Victim Ministries	1,925.00
Wheat State Manor	1,200.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	500.00

Local Church Support

Local Church Missions (undesigned)	66,792.00
Care Fund	1,700.00
Mid-Kansas Relief Sale	2,900.00
Relief Canning	4,300.00
Scholarship Fund	3,725.00
Mission and Service Inquiry Fund	225.00
North-side Development	1,150.00

Other

Gideons, for Bibles	300.00
Ronda Schmidt Mission	100.00
Union Biblical Seminary, India	10,000.00

Grand Total

\$119,786.04

2010 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$113,680.09
2009 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$107,875.09
2008 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$81,693.37