

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 28, 2010
Kansas

Whitewater,

Worship 9:30 a.m.
a.m.

Sunday School 10:45

Pastor: Peter Goerzen
Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine

Keyboard: Linda Harms
Reimer

Chorister: Gladys

Worship Leader: Russell Janzen

1st Sunday of Advent: Jesus' Resurrection

Gathering in Immanuel'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.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Katrina Regehr

Call to Worship *Mary's Song* Luke 1:46-55

Throughout Advent, we will be hearing the four Lukan Canticles read as our calls to worship.
This Sunday we hear Mary's Song (the Magnificat).

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 178** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Offering our Gifts Western District Conference

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:2-5

Casey Schunn

* **Hymn No. 184** *Hark! The glad sound!*

Reader's Theater on the Resurrection

Russell Janzen, Casey Schunn, Pastor Katherine

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

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

Pastor Peter

Sermon *This Jesus God raised up*

Pastor Peter

Responding to God-With-Us

* **Hymn of Response No. 265** *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*
This hymn ties together God's salvation in the exodus with God's salvation in the resurrection.

Affirming Our Faith Hymn No. 847

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Celebrating Holy Communion

Sent by God-With-Us

* **Sending Hymn No. 185** *Hail the Lord's anointed*

* **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!**

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen
Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for the faithful and fruitful service of our WDC staff. Give thanks for the churches of WDC who serve as beacons of God's kingdom light in their communities.

Mennonite Mission Network: Martin Wiens, assistant principal of Christopher Dock High School in Lansdale, PA, is completing the second month of an eight-month assignment with MMN in Philipstown, South Africa, where he is serving the Grace Community Church. Pray for Martin and the Grace congregation as they work to break down racial barriers in the community.

Nursery This Sunday: Barbara Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$4,395.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Grace Hill will host a Community Christmas Sing Along featuring "Five Times Harder". Tom and Lois Harder and their daughters will lead the Advent Hymn Sing. A chili supper and fellowship hour will follow the program. Free will offering for the chili supper. You are encouraged to invite friends and family to this event!

All are invited to come make and bake peppernuts this afternoon at the church before the Christmas Hymn Sing!

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal ó everyone is invited!
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Program practice
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday - High School Youth Group We will be doing our annual Angel Tree Shopping. We will plan to leave from the church at 6:45. We ask that every youth brings \$10 to purchase clothing and toys. We will also be stopping for ice cream afterwards (please bring money for this as well). We will plan to return to the church around 8:45 p.m.)

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Next Sunday - College-Age Meal: We will be hosting a meal for all college-age young adults. If you would be interested in providing food for this, please speak with Marianne Eichelberger. Thank you!

For all college-age young adults, you are all warmly invited and encouraged to invite friends as well! Please let Pastor Katherine know if you are planning to attend and whether you will be bringing others so that we have enough food. Thank you!

Monday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church for a Christmas Luncheon ó bring salad or dessert. Hostess & Devotions: Elaine Patterson and Marge Harms; Financial Project: Adopt a Family through Salvation Army and Mitten Tree.

December 12 Everyone is invited to Christmas carol with the Junior and Senior High Youth and Spiritual Council on Sunday, December 12. Be at the church by 1:30 p.m. The caroling groups will be assigned and leave to carol at 1:45 p.m. returning to the church at 5 p.m.

December 12 Spiritual Council will meet following Christmas caroling at the home of Merrill and Gladys Harms (approximately 5:30pm).

Announcements

Mittens/Gloves - Hands of Friendship are inviting you to bring new mittens and gloves to decorate the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall by December 12. They will be donated to the Salvation Army, Newton. All sizes are welcome.

Salvation Army Christmas Project. Help Hands of Friendship provide for families this Christmas with donations. Make checks payable to Hands of Friendship and bring to Hand of Friendship meeting or give to Joyce Stuart or Agnes Harder by Sunday December 12.

Church Pictorial Directory!!! We are about to begin photography for our new church directory, and we need YOU to make it complete. There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after photography. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Sign-up dates will be Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. A price sheet will be available at the time of sign-up. Picture dates are December 7, 17 & 18. We look forward to seeing you in the directory!

College Care Packages: On Wednesday, December 8, the Youth Group will be assembling care packages for our college students. If you would be interested in providing goodies for this, please see Pastor Katherine. Thank you!

Only a few people have contributed to the Grace Hill Cookbook. Lots more recipes are needed. You may enter your recipes at www.typensave.com. Group login in: gracehill67154 Password:73kqy If you are unable to enter your recipes on the computer, give them to Donna Balzer. Deadline is March 1.

***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.

You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church" each Sunday morning from 9:00 ó 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.

Et Cetera

Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market will be held Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Menno Hall, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Residents and employees will offer for sale their handmade arts and crafts creations and food gifts.

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary—Great Plains students, faculty, and other interested people are invited to a forum on family systems theory on Monday, December 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Great Plains classroom, 2505 Main Street, North Newton. Keith Harder, core adjunct faculty in church and ministry, will present the application of Bowen Family Systems Theory to self, family, church, and society. A discussion time will follow. A short worship service, led by students from the Anabaptist History and Theology class will precede the family systems presentation.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter, Inc. extends to you an invitation to attend our most prestigious event of the year. Our 5th Annual Christmas Dinner Theatre promises to be as great a success as it has been in the years past. A festive atmosphere and the company of friends and family adds to the delight of the unspeakably scrumptious meal provided by a team of local culinary artists. The expertise of the Newton Community Theatre caps off the evening with "The Quilt Maker's Gift," a musical of whimsical and thought provoking entertainment. Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10 ó doors open at 6:00 p.m., meal served at 6:30 p.m., theatrical performance to follow at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 South Main, Hesston. Cost per seat \$20, cost per table sponsor \$300 (includes table for eight and company recognition at the event), cost per event sponsor \$500 (includes table for eight and company recognition in all publications). For more information or to make a reservation contact

Darla or Christa at Regier Construction 316-283-3729 or event@hchs-ks.com.

Thank you sincerely for your recent generous gift to Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Your support is real encouragement to us and demonstrates your loyalty to and appreciation for the seminary. Thanks for your partnership with us in preparing leaders for the church.
---Ron Ringenberg, Vice President AMBS