

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 30, 2014

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

***O that you would rend the heavens and come down. . .***

***Isaiah 64:1***

## **Reveal Your Hope Advent 1**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

Ellen Mosiman; Valerie Klaassen

*O come, O come Emmanuel* (Shuster)

\*Call to Worship

Isaiah 64:1-4

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!

**As fire sets the brushwood ablaze,  
as fire causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies.  
Cause the nations to quake before you!**

When you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

**Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you -**

***The One who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.***

Caroling

*Come thou long-expected Jesus*

Hymnal 178

*Oh, how shall I receive thee*

Hymnal 182

*It came upon a midnight clear*

Hymnal 195

Greensleeves (Davis)

Ellen and Valerie

Waiting In Hope

Isaiah 40:1-9

Kris Goossen

Prayer

Silent Waiting

Mark 1:1-8

Regehr Family

The Hope of John

Candle Lighting

*Bless'd be the God of Israel*

Hymnal 174

Offering

*Still, still, still* (Davis)

Ellen and Valerie

Children's Story

Laurie Dove

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

Reflecting on Hope

*Learning to Play Second Fiddle*

Sharing and Prayer

\*Sending Hymn

Sing the Story 4

*Rejoice, rejoice the Savior*

\*Benediction

Postlude

This morning's offering is designated for Harvest of Love  
and the local food banks.

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Today following the worship service everyone is invited to the Advent Hymn Sing. No Sunday School classes will meet. See insert for program.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for David Stevens who will be installed as pastor today at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Nearly 50 participants are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments, a Christian Service program of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for these young adults as they adapt to life in community and work in fields that include public health, immigration law, and home repair.

## Church Events

**Today** Care packages for college students will be boxed following the Christmas carol sing-a-long. We will need help putting these together and money for postage. Thanks for helping to bring smiles to tired faces during finals week! See Jo Frye if you have questions.

**This afternoon from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** Please join us in celebrating the marriage of Caleb and Berk-Leigh Regehr at an open house this afternoon from 2-5 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. - Curt and Tammy Regehr

**Today at 5:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service - Mariners S.S. class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo. Randy is leading the Bible study at Wheat State on Wednesday.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir practice.  
Youth Group will meet.

**December 5, 7 & 9** Grace Hill week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

**Monday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at church for their Christmas Luncheon. Bring salad or dessert. Program by the Rosewood Winds. Hostess & Devotions: Gladys Reimer, Joyce Stuart and Miriam Claassen. Financial Project: Mitten Tree & Mennonite Women USA.

## Announcements

You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items during this holiday season to be donated to the Whitewater and Potwin Food Banks and Harvest of Love in Newton.

**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 14.

**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:** Joyce Wedel and Quinn Dove

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kaye Penner and Rita Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,565.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Transition Pastor: Randy Smith**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

Secretary's E-mail: [secretary@gracehillmc.org](mailto:secretary@gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**Christmas Events at Bethel College - December 3** – Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, 11 a.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, with Bethel College soloists, conductors and instrumentalists; scores provided, and all are welcome. **December 5** – Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*. **December 6** – 5 Places of Christmas, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., *Luyken Fine Arts Center and Kauffman Museum* on the Bethel College campus. FAC: Bethel College Women's Association presents a variety of Christmas collections (Santas, angels, stars, books, villages, trees and other symbols of the season) from 25 local contributors. A candy and bake sale as well as a gift shop of BCWA memorabilia will be available. KM: indoor scavenger hunt with a chance to win an entire crêche; museum director Annette LeZotte speaking on "Nuns and Nativity Cradles" at 11 a.m. Free admission to all "5 Places." **December 7** – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria.

**The Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner** hosted by Remington High School will be Friday, December 5 at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Reservations are due by December 1 – please include name, address, and phone number with \$3.50 per person or call Lola Coats at 316-799-2123, ext. 103. Mail reservations to: Lola Coats, Remington High School, 8850 NW Meadowlark Rd., Whitewater, KS 67154.

**Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market** will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to noon in Menno Hall Chapel, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. Artisan arts and crafts creations and food gifts, peppernuts, zwieback, wheat marquetry, woodturning, quilting, holiday décor and more!

**You are invited to Mennonite Central Committee's Christmas Open House** on December 9 from 4-6 p.m. at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th). Join us to meet the new people in MCC Central States, visit with MCC alumni and at 4:30 p.m. hear a reflection from Carol Duerksen about her recent MCC Learning Tour to Palestine/Israel. We'll have lots of Christmas goodies for you to enjoy while you're here! Drop by MCC on the 9th to enjoy some Christmas cheer!

**Look! Bathhouses!** Work has begun on the new bath houses at Camp Mennoscah. Block is being laid and the bath houses are beginning to actually look like buildings. Take a peek on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page.

## **Advent Hymn Sing**

Two French Carols – Ellen and Valerie

O Come, O Come Emmanuel – Carine and Tara

#178 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#191 – O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1, 2, 3

#202 – The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

#206 – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

What Child is This – Roberta

#174 – Bless'd be the God of Israel

#201 Hark the Herald Angels Sing v. 3, 4

#209 Oh, How Joyfully; v. 1 German, v. 2 and 3 in English –  
Samantha flute

Advent special

#196 While Shepherds Watched v. 1, 2, 3, 4

#210 Good Christian Friends Rejoice

#212 O Come All Ye Faithful; v. 1, 2, 4 – Valerie clarinet

O Holy Night – Samantha

#197 Angels we have Heard on High

#199 The First Noel , v. 2, 4, 5

#318 Joy to the World