

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

December 2, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Bradley Kauffman

Worship Leader: Matthew Hiebert

Musicians: Redfa Titihalawa & Hesston College Bel Canto Singers

Advent I

Hesston College Sunday

Gathering

Prelude

Redfa Titihalawa

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.

Choral Call to Worship *This is the Day* Aaron Garber

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candle

Bethany Regehr

One: We wait for light, and lo! There is darkness;
We long for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

All: *As we prepare to greet the Light, let our eyes be opened,
for Christ is the light to those who sit in darkness.*

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 172** *O come, O come, Immanuel* vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Hesston Moment in Mission Update

Dallas Stutzman

Listening

Children's Story *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey: Part 1*

Kim Claassen, Alia Enns, Ashley Enns, Tara Harms-Becker

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

Worship Music

Hesston College Bel Canto Singers

Of the Father's Love

13th Century Plainchant, arr. Paul Wohlgenuth

Calling My Children Home Doyle Lawson, arr. Joseph Jennings

Bonita Garber, alto; Alisa Murray, soprano;

Levi Miller, tenor

City Called Heaven Josephine Poelinitz

Emerencia Dudas, alto; Redfa Titihalawa, piano

Old Testament Reading Psalm 25:1-10

Deb Hiebert

Sermon *Waiting in the Journey*

Kenzie Intemann

Responding

* **Song of Response Hymn No. 178** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Offering Our Gifts Mennonite Church USA

Offertory *Make me a Pallet* traditional American

Alisa Murray, violin; Cory Bowman, banjo;

Bradley Kauffman, guitar

* **Sending Song Sing the Journey No. 54** *Longing for light*

Benediction

Postlude *This is the Day* (reprise) Aaron Garber

*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!

Today we welcome Bradley Kauffman and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, and Kenzie Intemann, a Hesston College Pastoral Ministries Student, who is bringing this morning's message, along with all others from Hesston College who are joining us this morning. It is a joy to worship together today!

Bel Canto Singers

Soprano

Deni Brummer, Hutchinson, KS
Kayla Kauffman, Hutchinson, KS
Janae King, Gordonville, PA
Alisa Murray, Orrville, OH
Rebecca Rhodes, Arthur, IL
Emily Taylor, Buhler, KS

Alto

Kaci Diener, Harrisonville, MO
Emerencia Dudas, Toledo, OH
Rebecca Eichelberger, Geneva, NE
Bonita Garber, Bainbridge, PA
Kaedi LeFevre, Hesston, KS
Morgan Martin, New Holland, PA

Tenor

Neal Brubaker, Goessel, KS
Broxton Busenitz, North Newton, KS
Levi Miller, Hesston, KS
Redfa Titihalawa, Paupa, Indonesia

Bass

Alex Bargerstock, Massilon, OH
Joshua Booth, Goessel, KS
Cory Bowman, Millersburg, IN
Cameron Ponce, Elkhart, IN
Jeffrey Smoker, Harrisonburg, VA

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Marlene Bogard, Minister of Christian Formation, and for the WDC Year of the Bible Planning Team as they begin to imagine fruitful ways of expanding Biblical Literacy for all ages and all congregations in 2013 and beyond.

Mennonite Mission Network: Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of MMN are working with Mennonites in Burkina Faso to discern how they can best serve the church. Pray that Bruce and Nancy and their two children may continue to be blessed by the communities where they live, work, and go to school, even as God's blessing flows through them.

Announcements

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

Donated food items will go to the Potwin & Whitewater Food Pantries this month. Suggested items may include canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, canned meals, boxed meals, soups, crackers, and other nonperishable items. Cash donations are accepted. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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 16.

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 Katrina Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen
Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$917.00
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. All church carry-in meal. Everyone is welcome to stay!

Tuesday afternoon Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Junior Dept. Programming
7:00 p.m. Youth – Angel Tree Shopping
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. Adult Study

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Business Council meets.

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

Monday, December 10 at 11:30 a.m. Hands of Friendship will have a Christmas Luncheon at church. Bring a salad or dessert, main course will be furnished. Program: "My Tea Cup Memories" by Alma Schmidt. Hostess: Gladys Harms and Alma Schmidt. Offering: Cash for Adopt a Family and mittens or gloves, given through the Salvation Army. Donations for Adopt a Family may be given in advance to Joyce Stuart or Agnes Harder.

December 19-25 Grace Hill/Zion week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. The volunteer and meal sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Sunday, January 20 at 12:45 p.m. Annual Church Business Meeting

Upcoming Youth Events:

Dec. 5: Angel Tree Shopping

Dec. 9: Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dec. 12: Caroling at Kidron Bethel

Et Cetera

Behold the Star: A Christmas Journey to the Light of Christ You are invited to participate (either by singing or speaking) in a Christmas cantata. Practices will be Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Emmaus Church. The presentation will be December 25 at 10:00 a.m. If interested, contact Leland or Sharon Entz at 316-799-2362.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum December 9 at 3:30 p.m. at Kauffman Museum auditorium – Isaias McCaffery, Independence Community College, will present “Rural Kansas Women at Work (1850-1900).”

Night In The Barn, the annual living nativity event by the youth of Tabor Mennonite Church, is December 15-16, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the farm of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen between Goessel and Hillsboro. The program will include unique perspectives on the Christmas story and Christmas carols. The menagerie of animals will be hanging out in the barn, and hot drinks will be available to enjoy around the bonfire. This event is by donation and a fundraiser for the youth group. Directions from Goessel: 3 miles north on Hiway 15, 4 miles east on 150th, ¾ mile north on Falcon. Directions from Hillsboro: 4 miles south on Indigo, 3 miles west on 150th, ¾ mile north on Falcon. (Follow these directions...do not follow your GPS.) Call 620-367-8432 or 620-386-0709 if you have questions.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is looking to fill a full-time general manager position. Available immediately with some evening and weekend responsibilities. Qualifications include, but are not limited to: general administration management, promotion of the store, and ability to manage a large volunteer team. Good knowledge of retail business is helpful. Application deadline: December 10, 2012. For job description and application contact marleneb@hesston.edu.