

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

December 19, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Jana and Laura Harms

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

4th Sunday of Advent: Jesus and the Future Hope

*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** Travis, Lindsey and Hadleigh Harms

**Call to Worship** The Angels' Song Luke 2:8-14

Throughout Advent, we will be hearing the four Lukan Canticles read as our calls to worship. This Sunday we hear the Angels' Song from Luke 2:14 (Gloria in Excelsis)

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 201** *Hark! the herald angels sing*

**Offering our Gifts** Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre

## *Hearing God's Word*

**Old Testament Reading** Micah 4: 1-4 Matthew Hiebert

\* **Hymn No. 315** *This is a story full of love*

**Children's Story** Cody Claassen

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

**Reader's Theater: Our Future Hope**

Matthew Hiebert, Pastor Peter, Pastor Katherine

## Sermon

Pastor Peter

## *Responding to God-With-Us*

\* **Hymn of Response No. 295** *Christ is Coming! Let creation*

**Affirming Our Faith** Hymn No. 861

**Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer**

## *Sent by God-With-Us*

\* **Sending Hymn No. 318** *Joy to the world*

\* **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

Art Balzer passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2010. A memorial service was held at Grace Hill on Saturday, December 18. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

**Western District Conference:** Praise God for the \$200,000 raised in ten days by Grace Mennonite Church, Enid, Oklahoma making it possible for them to complete the parking lot for their debt-free new church building.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Members of the La Jara Mennonite Voluntary Service unit continue to grieve the death of colleague, Chloe Weaver, who was killed in October while biking. Pray for Chloe's housemates, MMN directors as they provide leadership through this difficult time, and for Chloe's family.

## Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Program practice for preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



**December 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Grace Hill Christmas Eve Program – “Sing a Song of Christmas” will be presented by the junior department. Prelude music will begin around 6:30 p.m. Offering will be for Community Playschool and Harvey County Health Ministries. There will be a time of fellowship following the program. Everyone is welcome to bring family and friends!

**No Quilting this week.** Quilting will resume Tuesday, January 4, 2011 from 1 to 5 p.m.

**December 29 at 11:00 a.m.** College-age Brunch at the home of Pastors Peter and Katherine.

**January 9** "What's the Buzz: Brain Friendly Ways to Form Christian Faith" is a workshop that Grace Hill teachers will participate in on Sunday, January 9. Come to discover how to "wake up" the adults and "settle down" the children so that learning about faith can happen. Marlene Bogard, WDC Minister of Christian Nurture will facilitate our learning.

**January 30 at 12:45 p.m.** Annual Business Meeting

## Announcements

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

**Note** - Pastor Katherine has a new cell phone number: 316-727-4986

**The Business Council** would like to begin work on the north-side development in the spring of 2011. Ninety percent of the estimated \$15,000 cost must be collected before construction can begin. To date, \$5,300 has been contributed. Another \$5,100 from memorial funds is available for the project. This leaves a balance of \$4,600 needed to fully fund the project. Please keep this in mind when considering year-end giving.

**The volunteer schedule for the Homeless Shelter** is posted on the bulletin board. Our week is January 5-11, 2011.

**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:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,667.50

**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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## Et Cetera

**Open positions—Curriculum writers** The Gather 'Round curriculum, a project of Mennonite Publishing Network and Brethren Press, is accepting applications to write for the 2012–13 year. Writers are hired for one or two quarters for a particular age unit: Preschool, Primary, Middler, Multiage, Junior Youth, or Youth. Writers produce well-written, age-appropriate, and engaging material for teacher's guides, student books, and resource packs. All writers will attend an orientation conference March 6–10, 2011, in Chicago, Illinois. For more information, visit the Job Opportunities page at [www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org). Deadline for applications: January 1, 2011.

**The Bethel College Women's Association** is planning "Welcome to Education at Bethel College" on January 15, 2011. All are welcome to attend this event which will include four presentations: *Contemplate the Lord's Prayer* with Brett Dewey, *Dig into Container Gardening* with Sharon Boese, *Explore Newton's Hispanic Culture* with Leticia Nielson, and *Experiment with "Green" Chemistry* with Gary Histan. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Forensics students will perform during the opening. Each participant will be able to attend two of the four presentations. Registration forms are available at [www.bethelks.edu/bc/affiliateorganizations/bcwa](http://www.bethelks.edu/bc/affiliateorganizations/bcwa). or you may call Valerie Klaassen at 316-799-2641 for more information.

**Western District Conference is seeking a part-time Maintenance Coordinator for Camp Mennoscah**, beginning February 1, 2011. This salaried position reports to the Camp Director and is a year-round commitment. Salary is negotiable, based on experience. Qualified applicants must have general maintenance skills and knowledge of grounds, plumbing, electrical, and carpentry. A job description and application form are available on the Western District Conference website, [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org), (click on Camp Mennoscah tab) or at the Conference office, 2517 N. Main, North Newton, KS 67117.

**Hopi Mission School** is asking for volunteers to help build the second duplex to improve staff housing. The work is building, roofing, painting, etc. Volunteers are needed for February through April. If you are interested please contact the building foreman, Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 and after January 22, 316-587-7370. See the letter posted on the bulletin board.