

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

December 26, 2010

Whitewater,

Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45

a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine

Goerzen

Musicians: Tara Harms-Becker & Pastor Katherine

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Worship Leaders/Scripture Readers: Pastor Peter & Pastor Katherine

A Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols

**Gathering in the Joy of God-With-Us**

**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** *Hope and Fear*

Doreen Harms

**Gathering Hymn No. 191** *O little town of Bethlehem*

**Offering our Gifts** Western District Conference

**Offertory** *Sing we now of Christmas*

**Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer**

**Hearing God's Word: Lessons and Carols**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 63:7-9

**Hymn No. 209** *Oh, how joyfully*

**Second Lesson** Isaiah 11:1-9

**Hymn No. 172** *O come, O come, Immanuel* Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

Verses: Tara Harms-Becker Refrain: Congregation

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

**Third Lesson** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Hymn No. 206** *Infant holy, infant lowly*

**Fourth Lesson** Luke 1:26-38

**Carol** *Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella*

**Fifth Lesson** Matthew 1:18-25

**Hymn No. 193** *Silent night, holy night*  
Verses 1, 2 & 4: All Verse 3: Tara and Katherine

**Sixth Lesson** Luke 2:1-7

**Hymn No. 190** *'Twas in the moon of wintertime*

**Carol** *Helpless and Hungry with What Child is This*

**Seventh Lesson** Luke 2:8-20

**Hymn No. 197** *Angels we have heard on high*

**Eighth Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12

**Carol** *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*

**Hymn No. 199** *The first Noel* verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

**Ninth Lesson** John 1:1-18

**Carol** *O Holy Night*

**Sent by God-With-Us**

**Sending Hymn No. 212** *O come, all ye faithful*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Gesu Bambino*

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**

Thank you to my Pastors and church family for again surrounding me and my family with your love and prayers these past weeks.

Rita Patterson

A travel itinerary for Pastors Peter and Katherine's trip to Jerusalem is available on the table in the foyer. John and Marcia Yoder-Schrock will be on-call pastors January 3-24. For any pastoral care needs during this time, please contact Merrill Harms, who will arrange for pastoral care.

**Western District Conference:** Praise God for the gift of his Son our Savior, Jesus. Pray for boldness in joining the shepherds in spreading the word of what we know about this child.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that those whom God is calling to teach at LCC International University in Lithuania (through MMN) will say, "Yes!"

### **Church Events**

**Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** College and Career Brunch: Pastor Peter and Katherine would like to invite all college-age young adults to a brunch at our house on Wednesday, December 29 at 11 a.m.

**Sunday, January 9 at noon** All church carry-in dinner.

**Sunday, January 9 at 12:45 p.m.** Teachers, does your teaching style match with your students learning style? Attend "What's the Buzz: Brain Friendly Ways to Form Christian Faith" on Sunday January 9 to discover ways to identify both teaching and learning styles and why they matter. This workshop will be led by Marlene Bogard, WDC Minister of Christian Nurture. Zion is also invited to attend.

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

## Announcements

**Several complimentary 2011 calendars** are available on the table in the foyer for anyone who is interested.

**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 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.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Kaye Penner and Brittany Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre \$1,175.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## CHURCH OFFICES

PastorsqOffice Hours:

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

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## Et Cetera

**Camp Mennoscah Christmas Wish List** - Hey, folks! It's the Christmas season and sometimes that means gifts that you don't want. Check out our latest wish list at [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) If you get one of these items for Christmas and don't want it, we love re-gifting. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 for more information. Merry Christmas!

**Fix-it Folks!** The application and job description for the Maintenance Coordinator position at Camp Mennoscah can be found at [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) We can't wait to hear from you!

**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.

**Discernment re: location of Mennonite Church USA's 2013 convention.** You may be aware that leaders of Mennonite Church USA have been discerning whether or not to hold the 2013 convention in Phoenix as planned. Across the church, people have raised concerns that Arizona's new immigration law (SB 1070) will mean that some constituency groups would not feel safe traveling to the convention. In response, Mennonite Church USA leaders have sent a delegation of church leaders to meet with city and convention officials and church leaders in Phoenix; invited feedback from all parts of the church; and arranged for discussion of the issue in various settings, recognizing that the underlying issues call us to work more diligently on growing toward the biblical vision of being one people from all tribes, languages, peoples and nations gathered together by Jesus. The Executive Board, which anticipates making a final decision at its January 7-9 meeting, has released an update on the process and the current direction and invites your prayers in this final period of discernment:

<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Portals/0/Convention2013/UpdateAndCallToPrayer.pdf>. Thank you for your support and prayers!

—Executive Committee of the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA