

## 2010 Annual Study Series - Singing the Lord's Song in a Foreign Land

Worship and music play a central role in the life of the Christian community. The Bible is filled with examples and guidelines for worship and music. Unfortunately, worship preferences and musical style are too often points of division in the church. Over the four sessions, we will look at how we can worship God in spirit and in truth in what may feel like an increasingly foreign land.

Sunday Morning: Glory fills the Temple – The Old Testament is rich with imagery related to worship and music. How might the Old Testament, and specifically the Psalms, speak to us today?

Sunday Evening: Songs of the Heart – For Anabaptists during the Reformation, the New Testament offered a different view of worship. The legacy of Anabaptist and Mennonite worship and music comes to us as a gift, which we may wish to keep or exchange, but it is a gift we must carefully consider.

Monday Evening: How do iWorship in iChurch? - With technology and communication changing so quickly, what is the impact on the church and worship? What might it mean for how we worship? And what role does music play in all of this?

Tuesday Evening: Singing the Lord's Song in Our Home – We finish with a look into the future. What are our dreams for worship in the church? What are our fears? We are not alone, and there are many well-paved roads, which can help, lead us to where we would like to be as a church. We will explore some of those paths, which can help bridge our fears and our dreams.

### About the speaker

Ken Rodgers has been on the faculty of Hesston College since 1988. He teaches piano, organ, courses in music history and the humanities, and conducts the Chorale.

A native of central Kansas, Ken graduated from both Hesston College (KS) '85, and Goshen College (IN) '87, and has done graduate work in the area of Church Music at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. Since completing a Masters in Church Music (KU), Ken has completed course work towards a Doctorate in Church Music

As an organist, Ken has accompanied the Hesston College choirs on their past 13 tours of Europe. He has also given recitals in Germany and throughout the United States. During the summer of 1997, Ken was the organist for the University of Kansas Chamber Choir tour of England under the direction of Simon Carrington. In this capacity, Ken played services in Salisbury Cathedral, St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, and Canterbury Cathedral.

He performs frequently as an accompanist for fellow Hesston College faculty member Tony Brown (baritone) including a 2006 trip to Uganda, and is a founding member of the Sunflower Trio along with Hesston College faculty member Matthew Schloneger (tenor) and Matthew's wife Rebecca (violin). The Sunflower Trio was chosen to appear as Touring Artists with the Kansas Arts Commission beginning in the summer of 2004. From 1996 - 2008 he also appeared as the accompanist for the Broadway quartet On With the Show.

As needed, Ken can be found providing clinics for music organizations and churches. He is also a frequent emcee and occasional comedian at various and sundry functions.



## First Mennonite Church

*The Morning Breeze!*  
Sunday, January 17, 2010

### This Morning

Preacher: Weldon Schloneger

Greeters: Bill & Barb Thimm

Hosts: Bob & Barb Esau

Organ/Piano: Jan Reimer

Offering: General Fund

Offering next week: MMN

### Last Sunday!

Attendance: 238

Offering: \$2791 to WDC

Audio: LeRoy Janzen

PowerPoint: Austin Goossen

Video: Bill Thimm



### Upcoming Events!

Tuesday, January 19 1:30pm WMS  
7pm Church Board meeting

### Birthdays!

Today! Ron Janzen, Natalia Jantzen

Monday! Deborah Younger, Amy O'Dell

Wednesday! MacKenzie Riesen

Thursday! Benjamin Penner

**Today** is the last day to sign up in the Narthex to volunteer in 2010 for Audio, Video or power point operators. There are many spots still open, please sign up today. *(Even if you have served in one of these positions in the past, you must sign up again to let me know you are willing to serve. I do not assume based on previous service that you are willing to do it again.)*

**NEEDED 2010 Schedules!** I need volunteer schedules from organ/piano, ushers, and greeters by January 24! If you would like a schedule made for your group, please call or email Mary.



### Prayer and Praise

- ✠ Pray that radio listeners and Web site visitors who find Third Way Media's *Shaping Families* program may find insight for the challenges they face in their own lives.
- ✠ Pray for the meeting of the WDC Texas pastors in Dallas on 1/23.

### This and That

MPSC Event! Dinner and a Movie! Sunday, February 7, 2010 5:30 – 8:30pm. There will be a covered dish meal. Movie will be "Martian Child". Please check the church website for a link regarding this movie.

Thank you!

Thank you for being a special part of my Baptism Day. Your presence, prayers and cards was very much appreciated. I am truly blessed on having a wonderful Church Family. I look forward to continuing my growth as a Christian and continue to ask for your prayers and guidance as I move forward in my journey.

Halley Keeney

*Thank you to everyone who gave me cards, gifts, words of encouragement and prayers on the occasion of my baptism. I appreciate your continued support as I walk my journey of faith. I am grateful to be a part of a great church family. Thanks again.*

Kyle Riesen



### Mother to Mother Ministry Purse Auction!

A fundraiser for renovation of our downtown building to provide additional meeting space for Mother-to-Mother team meetings.

January 17, 2009 ~ Goossen Building  
Doors open at 4pm. Lunch served 5 – 6pm. Auction begins at 6:30pm.

One of purses will contain a SURPRISE vintage pin and earring set. See it on display at Burwood Books—111 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Summer staff recruiting at Camp Mennoscah has begun. Applications and information are available at [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org). Application deadline is February 24, 2010.

Save your Best Choice labels! Camp Mennoscah is collecting Best Choice brand UPC labels. Although there are not many stores that carry Best Choice products, for every 1000 we collect, we'll get \$30. It sounds like peanuts, but think of the Mennonite Central Committee's Penny Power—every penny counts! Labels can be sent to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock KS 67111 or taken to the Western District Conference offices. For more information about this program, see: <http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html>

"Do you know youth who are passionate about the church and who desire a place in it--youth who are asking deep questions and long to share their vision, energy and hopes? \*!Explore: \*A Theological Program for High School Youth provides young people in the 11th and 12th grades in high school an experience designed to encourage the development of their gifts in leadership, expose them to the world of theological ideas, and foster in them a call to vocation in the church.

Youth who are in grade 11 and grade 12 may apply (in collaboration with their pastors) for the summer program following that year in school. The program involves an internship at their home church (100 hours, normally in the summer) and a 16-day intense program for the youth at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminar in Elkhart, IN. <http://www.ambs.edu/!explore>

What do you think? Does the Western District Conference website make sense to you? Please take two minutes and do the on-line survey so we can make it better. Go to [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

In recognition of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday, Homestead National Monument of America will show the film *Martin Luther King: I Have a Dream*. The film will be shown at the Homestead Education Center on Monday,

January 18 at 2 pm. This 60-minute documentary focuses on the Civil Rights March on Washington D.C. in August 1963 and features King's entire "I Have a Dream" speech given on the Washington Mall.

## MCC responding to Haiti earthquake

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MCC is planning its response, which will include short-term relief plus recovery efforts over the medium and long term. "We're looking carefully at how we can build peace, avoid violence and do good community development at the same time," said Yoder-Bontrager.

MCC regional disaster management coordinators Kathy and Virgil Troyer, based in Honduras, will travel to Haiti as soon as possible to help with the planning and implementation of MCC's response. The Troyers are from Orrville, Ohio.

MCC's work in Haiti over the past years has focused on reforestation and environmental education, human rights and advocacy for food security. Donations to MCC's response in Haiti are welcome. They should be designated Haiti Earthquake. Donations can be made

\* Online at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org)

\* By telephone toll free -- 1-888-622-6337 (Canada) or 1-888-563-4676 (U.S.) \* By mail -- MCC and MCC U.S., 21 South 12th Street, Akron, PA 17501 or MCC Canada, 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K9

For more information please contact Ed Nyce 717-859-1151.

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