

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 6, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Pastor Katherine

* Benediction

* **Benediction Hymn No. 218** *As with gladness men of old* Verses 1, 4 & 5

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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

In the Hospital

Newton Medical Center: Rowan Dove and Lindsey Harms

Kansas Surgery Center, Wichita: Olin Claassen

Western District Conference: Pray for Blanca Vargas, pastor at Iglesia Menonita Comunidad de Vida, San Antonio, Texas, as she is ordained today. Pray that immigrants and refugees who begin this new year in our area conference would be welcomed and treated with compassion.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray that MMN workers Lillian and Norm Nicolson will be prepared mentally, emotionally and spiritually for their return to Burkina Faso tomorrow. Lillian will be involved in Bible translation in the Siamou language and Norm will record scriptures and Christian programs.

Homeless Shelter Ministry: We share a week of service in the homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church January 30 through February 5. There is a sign-up sheet for four nights of volunteer staffing and providing a meal those evenings. The dates are: January 30 and February 1, 3 and 5. If you would like to take the volunteer staff training please contact Pastor Jim. The next scheduled training is Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter.

Epiphany – Arise, Shine! God's mystery is revealed!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to each of our guests! 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Pastor Katherine

Gathering Prayer

* **Hymn No. 215** *What child is this*

Advent Visitor *The Stargazers*

Sue Ann Jantz

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Pastor Katherine

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:4-12

Pastor Jim

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Jim

Special Music *The Lord Is God*

Kids in Praise

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

New Testament Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Emily Toews

Sermon *The Journey of Transformation*

* **Hymn No. 219** *Bright and glorious is the sky*

Announcements

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month: canned vegetables. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 20. E-mailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thanks!

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: Katherine Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Lindsey Harms

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Biblical Seminary \$1,738.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Social Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Monday, January 14 at noon. Hands of Friendship will meet at the church for a potluck dinner and a time of fellowship. For the meal bring either a salad or dessert. The committee will furnish the hot food and table service. No formal programming is planned. You are welcome to bring a past memory or craft items.

Sunday, January 20 at 12:45 p.m. Annual Business Meeting. The youth will be serving a meal prior to the meeting.

Sunday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. The performance of "**The Upside Down King**" an original musical by Doug and Jude Krehbiel (aka Road Less Traveled) and Carol Duerksen will be at Grace Hill on January 20. A five-member young adult cast and live band will present a rock and roots musical about Jesus - his message, his teaching, his disciples. A freewill offering will be received for WDC youth ministry.

SAVE THIS DATE! Sunday, February 3 – A noon meal at the church followed by a presentation from Harry Hines Memorial Hospice on advanced directives and end of life issues. More details to follow! Kaye Penner and Barb Voth

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth will be having a 5th Quarter at James and Deb Regier's on Friday, January 11. During Sunday School, Katherine will be passing around a food sign up sheet for this. Thanks so much!!!

The High School Youth will be having their Annual Lock-In on January 18 from 11 p.m. – 8 a.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. More details to come!

Et Cetera

"Pulpits & Potlucks: A Photographic History of the Churches of Harvey County from 1872-2007" will open on Saturday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Gallery at the Harvey County Historical Museum & Archives, 203 N. Main St., Newton. Grace Hill is one of the churches being featured. A special kick-off program by Photo Technician Linda Koppes is scheduled for Sunday, January 20 at 1:30 p.m. and will be repeated again at 3:00 p.m. Attendance is by reservation only. Call 316-283-2221. The program will be available after January 20 for group meetings either at the Museum or off-site by calling Debra at 273-2221 or e-mailing director@hchm.org.

Welcome to Education (WEB), sponsored by Bethel College Women's Association, will be held January 19, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Bethel College, North Newton. This event offers a variety of workshops (antiques, financial security, whole foods for a whole community, digital photography) and a brunch. The registration deadline has been extended to January 10. Mail your registration and \$20 to Valerie Klassen, 9108 SE 36th St., Whitewater, KS 67154. More information is available on the church bulletin board or call 620-367-8219.

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be having their annual meeting on January 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church, Hillsboro. Kenneth Unruh and Paul Unruh will be speaking on "Reflections of the Greensburg Tornado".

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