

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 7, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Epiphany Sunday - *Love Reveals the Way* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

* **Invocation**

* **Hymn No. 220** *Worship the Lord in the beauty* Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

Worship in Giving Mennonite Church USA

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Merril Harms

Children's Moments Kris Janzen

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

Meditation *Searching for Answers!*

Dramatic Reading and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carl, Kris and Lucas Goossen
Candle Lighter: Rachelle Claassen

Sharing Joys, Thanksgivings and Prayers

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

* **Hymn No. 218** *As with gladness men of old* Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn No. 198** *Let our gladness have no end*

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

Special thanks to the Worship Council, youth, musicians, readers and the decoration committee for their part in our Advent Worship services.

Special thanks to children who presented the Christmas Eve service as well as the Pursuers, Mariners and Explorers Sunday School classes in their part in the Christmas Eve service.

Jill Schmidt's 5th Quarterly Report of her Mennonite Voluntary Service at Americus, Georgia is posted on the bulletin board and there are copies in the foyer.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Leadership Commission as it interviews candidates for credentialing as pastors in WDC. Pray that God will continue to gift women and men for leadership and that congregations will nurture new leaders.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the staff of MMN and Mennonite Church USA executive leadership in Elkhart, Indiana as they get settled after a recent move. Leaders were hoping to remain in the building on Main Street until the completion of a proposed new facility in 2010, but the offices have experienced nearly two dozen water leaks in the past year. Mailing and e-mail addresses and phone numbers remain the same. The new Elkhart offices are located at 1601 W. Beardsley Ave.

An Administrative Council ballot is in your mailbox this morning. Please mark and place in the offering plate today.

Church Events

Monday at 1:30 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Work project – tie comforts and cut quilt blocks; Devotions: Marie Wiebe; Hostess: Ruby Harms; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

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

January 19 High School Youth Lock-in

January 20-21 JUNIOR YOUTH - Know Jesus! 2007 at Hesston College. A weekend with speaker Marty Troyer, Live Band, Anabaptist game, worship, discipleship, and a whole lot of fun. We are making plans to go and are asking each youth to pay half or \$25 per person. Youth stay with responsible Hesston College students, and it's a great experience!

January 21 Baptism during morning worship.

Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch – Youth Fundraiser
12:45 p.m. Church Annual Business meeting

Announcements

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 15. 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 Lisa Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Cassie Klingenberg and Kris Goossen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Special Music Next Sunday: Children's Choirs

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Grace Hill Mission Workers \$1,562.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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Et Cetera

Come enjoy an afternoon with Arthur Marks on Sunday, January 7, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mary Jane Teall Theater, Century II, Wichita. This is presented as a gift to the community from Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in celebrating their 75th anniversary. They are planning a series of concerts and lectures for 2007 as part of their 75th anniversary celebration. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 316-682-4555.

Documentary On ABC Features Mennonites. *Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide*, an award-winning documentary from Mennonite Media, is airing on many ABC affiliates beginning this Sunday, January 7. The program shares inspiring family stories of survival after suicide, plus insights of theologians and mental health specialists, including a number of Mennonites in all categories. A current list of stations who have confirmed an air date may be found at <http://www.interfaithbroadcasting.com/onair.aspx>. The program is also available on DVD or VHS from 800-999-3534, or online at www.mennomedia.org/resources.

Elementary and middle school children are invited to be part of the Bethel College-Hesston College joint celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday at Bethel College's Krehbiel Auditorium on Monday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. To participate, come to a rehearsal on Sunday, January 14, at 4:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus in North Newton. More information: Jen Chappell-Deckert, 316-283-2333, jcd@bethelks.edu

The Spring Seminar 2007 of Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office - "Living with hope", a seminar to challenge Anabaptists to act and advocate in ways that are consistent with our Christian hope - even amidst a world that despairs from poverty, violence, oppression and injustice, includes plenary sessions by John Paul Lederach, Angie Lederach and Rep. John Lewis (D-GA). March 1-2, 2007; early registration is \$65; lodging options; registration at mccwash@mcc.org.