

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 13, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Leader: The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

People: **The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

* **Hymn No. 106** *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

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

* **Gospel Reading** Matthew 3:13-17 Pastor Jim

Scriptural Reflection *The Voice of the Lord*

Special Music Katherine and Peter Goerzen

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 Merril Harms

Sermon *The Servant is announced!*
Before new things spring into being God announces them to us

Thoughts for Silent Reflection from Acts 10:34-43

- ✦ God accepts men and women from every nation who fear Him.
- ✦ God has sent us the good news of peace through Jesus Christ.
- ✦ Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

* **Hymn No. 311** *The church's one foundation*

* **A Good Pronouncement from God to you**

* **A Closing Hymn of Praise No. 76** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

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!**

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.

Gathering our offering for the Lord Local Church Missions

Sharing and Praying together one for another Pastor Jim

* **The Psalmist calls us to worship** Pastor Katherine
Excerpts of Psalm 29 – a psalm of David

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

People: **The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

People: **The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

People: **The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

For Sharing and Prayer

In the Hospital

Newton Medical Center: Kris Janzen

St. Francis Hospital, Wichita: Donna Klaassen

Our Lady of Lourdes Rehab Center, Wichita: Olin Claassen

Our heartfelt thanks for your many prayers and expressions of concern during our baby's illness and hospitalization. She is doing well for which we are so grateful. The family of Rowan Dove

Western District Conference: Pray for the Leadership Commission as they interview pastoral candidates for credentialing on Friday and Saturday (18-19). Thank God for raising new leaders for the Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service participants, John Neiswander, Laura Rheinheimer and Carrie VanderHoek, work in Harlingen, Texas, with people who have fled the dangers and struggles in their home countries to seek refuge in the U.S. Pray that God will give them compassion as they listen to these people's stories.

Roy Walls, Jr., former pastor of Peace Mennonite Church, Aurora, CO, suffered a heart attack and died on January 5. He served as pastor of Peace Mennonite from 2000-2003.

A birthday to add to your calendar: Dustin Martin, January 30

Announcements

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

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.

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: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Hiebert and Rita Patterson

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Keyboard Next Sunday: Jana Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,806.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Monday 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.

Wednesday at 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal*

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

*To make or cancel reservations for the meal please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

Cost of the meal: Adults and High School \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. Business Council will meet at church.

Saturday at 10:00 a.m. A Bridal Shower/Brunch for Becky Voth in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend.

Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Annual Business Meeting. The youth will be serving a meal prior to the meeting. This will be the youth group's annual fund-raiser.

Next Sunday 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. ***Refreshments will be served following the musical. The Social Council asks that each family bring 1 dozen cookies to share.***

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.

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth will be having their Annual Lock-In on Friday, January 18 from 10:30 p.m. – 6 a.m. at the church.

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Birds of a Feather..." Joyce Lent, naturalist at Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita, will bring a live bird and give a presentation about that bird's life habits. Free and open to the public. All ages welcome. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is having a **50% off storewide sale** on Wednesday, January 16. All profits will be directed to AIDS Care Kits through Mennonite Central Committee.

Jeff Stetson's play, *The Meeting*, which depicts a hypothetical encounter between Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, will be presented at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility on January 19 at 7:30 p.m. The performance is sponsored by the Prison Arts Project of Offender/Victim Ministries in celebration of the life of MLK and directed by John McCabe Juhnke, chair of the Communication Arts Department of Bethel College. The actors are incarcerated individuals in the Central Unit (maximum security) in Hutchinson. For more information and to get your name on the guest list, call Offender/Victim Ministries: 316-283-2038 by Wednesday, January 16.

"Pulpits & Potlucks: A Photographic History of the Churches of Harvey County from 1872-2007" opened yesterday 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. 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".

A GI Rights Training Workshop will be held February 2-3, 2008 at the Manhattan Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship in Manhattan, KS. The Manhattan Alliance for Peace & Justice, along with the Manhattan Mennonite Church, Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Manhattan Friends and the Unitarian/Universalist Social Action Committee are sponsoring the workshop with the goal of educating interested persons about the complex issue of military law as it applies to GI rights. The Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild will present the material. Information covered will include education and appropriate responses concerning issues of discharges, Delayed Entry Program, hazing, discrimination, sexual orientation, AWOL/UA, harassment and conscientious objection. Cost for the workshop will be on a sliding scale ranging from \$20-\$100. Home hospitality will be provided for out-of-town participants. For more information or to register, contact Anne Cowan at 785-537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

John McCutcheon, nationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and peace activist, will perform at Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, Saturday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. This concert headlines KIPCOR's 35th annual Peace Lecture Series and is free and open to the public.

There is still time to join the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus for the spring concert. If you have questions contact Willard Wiebe.