

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 14, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

* **Hymn No. 43** *Christ is our cornerstone*

Worship in Giving Local Church Missions

Children's Moments

Katherine Claassen and Pastor Jim

Anthem *Walk an Extra Mile*

Celebration Singers

Sharing Joys, Thanksgivings and Prayers

Scripture Reading Revelation 1:1-9

Melvin Klaassen

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

Sermon *A Revelation Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*

* **Hymn No. 592** *Love divine, all loves excelling*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *Blessing*

Celebration Singers

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.

Choral Call to Worship *We Know*

Kids in Praise

* Gathering Prayer

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

People: We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even of the dark tunnel of death.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

People: Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in this service of worship and in our whole beings, as women and men claimed by the Light. Amen.

For Sharing and Prayer

In the Hospital

Allen Patterson, Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center, Wichita

Next Sunday six persons will be baptized in Christ: Emily Burch, Camille Claassen, Jana Harms, Tara Harms-Becker, Cory Hiebert and Kristen Toews. Remember them in prayer as they prepare for this public expression of their faith in Christ.

I plan to attend the Pastor's Week at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana January 22-25. I will leave next Sunday afternoon, January 21 and return January 26 or 27. Pastor Jim Voth

New Address: Vladimir Yevseyenkov
711 N. Pine Island, Plantation, FL 33324
Cell phone: 785-317-3270

Western District Conference: Pray for our Junior High youth as they gather for the "Know Jesus" event sponsored by WDC and South Central Conference on the Hesston College campus January 20-21.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Pat and Rad Houmphan thank God for the land purchased to build a church in Borabu, Thailand. Pray for a smooth and quick transfer of the land title so that construction can begin this month.

Church Events

Monday Quilting Monday afternoon on the MCC quilt.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

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 Tammy Regehr (799-2911) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

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

Friday 10:00 p.m. – Saturday 6:00 a.m. High School Youth Lock-in this Friday! The Lock-in begins at Grace Hill at 10:00 p.m. and goes till 6:00 a.m. Each student needs to bring a snack item and money for Druber's. This will be a joint event with Zion Mennonite.

Saturday-Sunday JUNIOR YOUTH - Know Jesus! 2007 at Hesston College. Meet at the church on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch – The youth group will be holding their annual fundraiser on January 28 right before the Annual Business meeting. All proceeds will be going towards the trip to San Jose, CA for the biannual Mennonite Youth Conference. The youth will need to raise around \$25,000 for the trip. Right now we are about \$12,000 short of that goal.

Sunday, January 28 at 12:45 p.m. Church Annual Business meeting

February 17 - Church Babysitting Night

The youth group will be opening the church building for all parents who would like to drop off their kids for the evening and go on a much needed date! This will be a free service from the youth. More details coming soon.

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.

Hands of Friendship have posted a sign-up sheet for snack foods to be sent in care packages to Voluntary Service workers and college students.

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen as soon as possible. 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: Cassie Klingenberg and Kris Goossen

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Hiebert and Courtney Claassen

Music Next Sunday: Rosewood Winds

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,397.25

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

CHURCH OFFICES

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Secretary's E-mail: kimdebc@wheatstate.com

Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>

Et Cetera

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

Et Cetera Shop Special Mennonite Central Committee Promotion
The Newton Et Cetera Shop will be holding a one day 50% off storewide sale on Wednesday, January 24. All profits will go to MCC for relief kits.

The Bethel College Spring 2007 Life Enrichment schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

On February 17, Hesston College, will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Mennonite Mutual Aid and our local faith community. Among the courses available is the **Good Sense Budget Workshop**. This popular course, based on the nationally acclaimed *Good Sense* ministry, explores what the Bible and our culture say about the four uses of money. You will learn practical ways to implement biblical principles - and leave with a personal spending plan. For more information or to register, contact MMA at (800)348-7468, Ext. 296, or visit our Web site (www.StewardshipUniversity.org).

Ten Thousand Villages, Newton is looking for volunteers to help with the Women's Fair (Feb. 16-18) and the Wichita Garden Show (Feb. 28 – March 4). Volunteers are needed to staff the booth during show hours and will receive a free pass to enter the show. Volunteers do NOT need to have prior experience volunteering in a Ten Thousand Villages store. Both events will be held at Century II in Wichita. Anyone interested in helping with these events, or for more information, please contact the event volunteer coordinator, Janet Zook at 620-327-4349, or the store at 316-283-0061. More details are posted on the bulletin board.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals are scheduled Sundays, February 25 and March 4. Please pick up a form, fill it out and return to your contact persons Brad & Suzy Burch or Cal & Jo Frye or mail to Marvin and Marjorie Stucky (address is listed in brochure) by no later than January 28. The adult meals are \$15 each and children (6-12) are \$6. Children under 6 are free. Checks should be made payable to: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and handed in or sent in with the form. Gift Certificates are available.

List your quilt in the Quilt Auction Buyer's Guide for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. To ensure listing, quilts and quilt-related items should be brought to the March 1 sale meeting; given to a quilt committee member, or taken to the MCC Center in North Newton by March 9. For more information, get in touch with our relief sale contact person, or contact Ruth Vogt, quilt committee, at 620-327-4570. Starting mid-March, quilts will be displayed on the sale website: www.kansas.mccsale.org/.

Share your financial resources with the larger church! Are you and others in your congregation willing to share your financial resources to help other adults and families attend San Jose 2007? The opportunity to make a contribution of 10% (\$17.50) will be given when you register for San Jose 2007. Please help make it possible for others to attend!

Western District Conference Vision 2012 It is time to put a full fledged effort toward promoting the Western District Conference Vision 2012 campaign. The purpose of this funding is to meet the many needs of the conference, such as the camping ministry and the physical needs of Camp Mennoscah, ministerial and congregational leadership, church planting, scholarships for seminary, pastoral study, and Spanish language materials and translation for many new churches. It is the wishes of the conference that this vision will raise \$1,500,000. You will receive in your mail boxes an envelope and a folder with instructions on how to make your contributions. In order to present the details of this campaign this small committee of two persons would wish to visit each Sunday School class for a short time to express these needs and answer questions.