

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 20, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Jana Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music by the Praise Team

## 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.*

**A Reading from the Psalms** Psalm 40:1-3 Pastor Jim

\* **Call to Worship** *Come, let us worship and bow down*

\* **Gathering Prayer** Pastor Katherine

\* **Hymns of Praise**

*How majestic is your name* Hymnal Page 112

*How can we be silent* – see bulletin insert  
verse 1 all, verse 2 men, verse 4 women, verse 5 all

*Trading my sorrows*

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,  
I'm laying them down, For the joy of the Lord  
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down, For the joy of the Lord

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

I am pressed but not crushed, Persecuted, not abandoned,  
Struck down, but not destroyed;  
I am blessed beyond the curse, For His promise will endure,  
That His joy is gonna be my strength.  
Though the sorrow may last for the night,  
His joy comes with the morning.

**Offering** Mennonite Relief Sale

**Gospel Reading** John 1:35-42 Pastor Katherine

**Children's Moments** *Cephas, Peter, the Rock!* Pastor Jim

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer** Pastor Jim

**Words of Assurance** Psalm 40:4-5 Pastor Jim

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

**Reading from the Epistles** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Doreen Harms

**Words of Proclamation** Psalm 40:9-10 Doreen Harms

**Sermon** *The Gift of Strength*

\* **Hymn No. 299** *New earth, heavens new*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn** *Benediction* Patricia J. Shelly  
The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,  
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,  
Secure in God's Word, seeking God's face,  
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

## 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**

St. Francis Hospital, Wichita: Donna Klaassen

Tyler Ellis and Rebekah Voth will be united in marriage here at Grace Hill Saturday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. As they prepare for their wedding and their life of marriage please keep them and our families in your prayers.

It is so encouraging when God surrounds us with family and friends in times of special needs. Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and caring during my surgery and recovery.

Olin Claassen

Thank you to the church family and Pastor Jim for your prayers and caring concern at the time of my recent knee surgery. The visits, cards, telephone calls, flowers and wonderful food were so much appreciated.

Joyce Stuart

Pastor Jim will be on vacation this week. For pastoral needs please contact Pastor Katherine or a member of the Spiritual Council.

Next Sunday Pastor Katherine will bring the morning message in the absence of Pastor Jim.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Vision 2012 prayer and funding campaign as it reaches the midway point of the three year effort. Praise God for generous donors and faithful pray-ers.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Give praise to God that Tim Foley has joined MMN's International Ministries team as the new director for Europe. Tim is Irish, currently living with his family in Northern Ireland and has been associated with Mennonite ministries in the United Kingdom for many years.

## Announcements

**Attention Men:** We will sing for worship on Sunday, February 3. Practice will be after Sunday School today and next Sunday, January 27.

**Please Sign Up Today for the 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 this 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 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:** Deb Hiebert and Rita Patterson

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Adult Choir

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Ben Lichti and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$7,890.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor:** James Voth

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**Church Secretary:** Debbie Claassen

**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

## Church Events

**Today at 11:30 a.m.** The youth will be serving a meal. This is the youth group's annual fund-raiser. All are invited to stay for the meal.

**Today at 12:45 p.m.** Annual Business Meeting.

**This evening 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. 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.***

**Monday at 1:30 p.m.** Quilting on the MCC quilt, Monday afternoon from 1:30-5 p.m. All quilters are welcome.

**Monday at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

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

**Thursday at 7:30 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**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.

## Et Cetera

**Wheat State Manor Auxiliary** will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the Manor. All are welcome to attend.

**Resource Library Extends Hours:** Remember, the Conference Resource Library at 2517 N. Main St., North Newton, is now open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday nights. On January 24, 7:00 p.m. library director Marlene Bogard will present a 20-minute topic on resources to use during Lent. Come to discover DVD's, devotional books, prayer practices and more.

**You're invited to "Make Christian Fellowship a Gift to the Needy"** by participating in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale's annual Fellowship Meals on Sundays, February 24 and March 2. Forms are available in the foyer. Registrations are due January 28.

**The Western District Conference** fiscal year ends January 31, 2008. In spite of generous donations in December, the annual budget still lags nearly \$50,000. Send your offering or contribution to WDC, Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 soon. Also, see the web site for up-to-date information, photos, and giving options: [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

**Library Sleepover!** A Mother / Daughter Sleepover will be held at the Conference Resource Library on Friday, February 8, from 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, February 9, 8:30 a.m. Minimum age of 5 years old, no more than two daughters per mom (or grandma). Cost: \$10 per person. Featuring storytelling, crafts, snacks, giggling, evening prayers, morning praise and breakfast. Space is limited - sign up by January 31 by calling Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

**Brett & Cassie Klingenberg** have a blog page on the internet and updated their blogs on January 12, with pictures and descriptions of their Christmas and New Year experiences as well as a long parcel-retrieval report. See [www.brettandcassie.blogspot.com](http://www.brettandcassie.blogspot.com). They request no packages be sent to them because to retrieve 2 parcels from the post office recently, they had to travel by bus to the capital city, spend 9 hours and \$50 in parcel fees plus the travel and meal costs enroute.

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

**The Western District Conference Executive Board** has appointed Olivia Bartel, Kansas City, KS as Director of Camp Mennoscah beginning February 1, 2008. Olivia has been a camper, counselor, staff member and former interim director of Camp Mennoscah. She is a graduate of Bethel College and the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and a member of Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City, KS. Please welcome Olivia to WDC and pray for this time of transition at Camp Mennoscah. (Check out the WDC website-- [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org)-- to see new building photos and the 2008 camping schedule.)

**Camp Mennoscah's** new director's home is progressing in spite of the weather! Thank you for the generous donations to Vision 2012 and the time of volunteers. The house is enclosed and windows have been placed. Generators are being used for electricity but the hope is to have a line placed in the next two weeks. The plumber and electrician will begin work soon. Roofing and siding materials are ready when weather permits and volunteers are available. Can you help? Can you supply meals for the workers? Call Galen Waltner, building committee chair: 620-345-2626 (work), 620-345-8598 (home), 620-386-0287 (cell); email: [galenwaltner@hotmail.com](mailto:galenwaltner@hotmail.com). Follow progress on Western District Conference website: [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).