

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 21, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Music by Rosewood Winds

Chorister: Suzy Burch

## **Baptism Sunday**

**Prelude**     *Simple Gifts*     arr. Frank Halferty  
                  *Two American Folk Hymns*     arr. Donna N. Robertson  
                  *Morning Has Broken*     arr. Harold Moyer

### **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.

**Instrumental Call to Worship**     *Be Thou My Vision*     arr. Gordon Schuster

### \* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 8**     *Brethren, we have met to worship*

**Worship in Giving**     Mennonite Relief Sale  
**Offertory**     *Cannon in D*     Rosewood Winds

**Choral Anthem**     *He Leadeth Me*     Adult Choir

### **Sharing Joys, Thanksgivings and Prayers**

**Scripture Reading**     Revelation 3:1-6     Alma Schmidt

\* **Hymn No. 87**     *Great is the Lord*

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

### **Meditation**     *Names in the Book of Life*

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white.  
I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will  
acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

### **The Service of Baptism**

Baptismal questions of confession and commitment to Christ

Statements of Faith from the baptismal candidates

Baptism

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Prayer of Blessing – The parents and mentors of those baptized are invited to come forward and lay hands on those baptized as the congregation stands and prays together.

**People:** Almighty and Loving God,  
Grant Kristen, Cory, Tara, Jana, Camille and Emily  
the fullness of the Holy Spirit;  
A clean heart,  
A right spirit,  
The joy of salvation.

Make them one in whom Christ is seen to live again.

Release their spiritual gifts to serve others

And glorify your name in all the earth.

**Brett:** May the God of peace sanctify you through and through.

May your spirit and soul and body be kept blameless  
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** The One who calls you is faithful and will do it. Amen.

Words of blessing from Pastor Jim, Pastor Brett and  
Diana Schunn, Representing the Spiritual Council

\* **Hymn No. 327**     *Great is thy faithfulness*     Verses 1 & 3

### \* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 118**     *Praise God from whom*

**Postlude**     *Gigue*     J.S. Bach

\* 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.

Hymns for this service were chosen by the baptismal candidates.

Following the worship service the congregation is invited to greet those  
who have been baptized in the foyer.

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

## **Our Baptismal Candidates**

Emily Anna Burch is the daughter of Bonita Schroeder and Kevin Burch. She is a junior at Remington High School. She is involved in sports and enjoys reading, volleyball and lounging around with friends.

Camille Erin Claassen is the daughter of Kim and Debbie Claassen. She is a junior at Remington High School. She is involved in cross country and track and enjoys reading, watching movies and hanging out with friends.

Jana Kaye Harms is the daughter of Marvin and Nancy Harms. She is a junior and is home schooled by her mother Nancy. She is involved in swimming, music and homemaking and enjoys reading, music and gardening.

Tara Harms-Becker is the daughter of Ivan and Darla Harms-Becker. She is a senior at Hesston High School. She is involved in music and theater and enjoys reading, riding bicycle, swimming and acting.

Cory James Hiebert is the son of Doug and Penny Hiebert. He is a junior at Hesston High School. He is involved in music, playing guitar and bass. He enjoys 4-wheeling, hanging out with friends and listening to music.

Kristen Lynn Toews is the daughter of Jeff and Theresa Toews. She is a senior at Remington High School. She is involved in sports and enjoys reading and playing sports.

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Special thanks to Rosewood Winds for providing worship music this morning. Members of the trio are Kristin Kliewer, oboe and piano; Amanda Friesen, flute; and Valerie Klaassen, clarinet.

**For Sharing and Prayer**

From Pastor Jim: I will be attending the Pastor's Week at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana January 22-25. The theme is Meeting Jesus in Popular Culture with speaker Rodney Clapp, author, speaker and editor. Mass media and popular culture influence every aspect of our lives, including our Christian discipleship. This seminar will examine the nature of the gospel and the nature of media to help pastors and their congregations learn how to engage popular culture as Christians.

Memorial services for Katharina Fehr (Tina) were held Friday, January 19th, at the Reinlander Mennonite Church, Sublette, Kansas. Tina passed away last Monday evening. Please pray for her husband, Wilhelm, and the children as they experience this time of grief and readjustment without their wife and mother. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Wilhelm Fehr, 10165 W. River Rd., Holcomb, KS 67851.

Pastor Jerry Moore died Monday, January 15. He served as pastor at Greensburg Mennonite Church and Inman Mennonite Church, in addition to serving in other denominations. Services were held at the Buhler Mennonite Church on Friday, January 19.

Lawrence Hart, pastor of Koinonia Mennonite Church, Clinton, OK, had quadruple by-pass heart surgery on January 12. He is making a very good recovery. Cards may be sent to: 2501 E Modelle, Clinton, OK 73601. Your prayers for his healing are requested.

Hannah Klaassen's quarterly report is posted on the bulletin board and copies are available in the foyer.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for pastors attending the AMBS Pastors' Week (Elkhart) and EMS Leadership Week (Harrisonburg) that they will be refreshed and renewed.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Service Adventure leaders are meeting January 24-28 in San Antonio. Pray that this will be a time for encouraging one another as they lead teams of young people in communities across the United States.

## Church Events

**Monday** Quilting Monday afternoon on the MCC quilt.

**Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:45 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir  
No Adult Bible Study this week

**Next Sunday 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.

**Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m.** Church Annual Business meeting

**Fellowship Meals** The Spiritual Council invites you to participate in fellowship meals to be shared in our homes. You are invited to register as either a host or a guest for one of the following Sundays: February 4 at noon; February 11 at noon; or February 25 at 6:00 p.m. Hosts are asked to provide a meal for 6-10 persons. Hosts will be notified one week ahead of the meal as to how many will be attending. Forms are available in the foyer, please return them to the designated box in the foyer by January 28.

## Announcements

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

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin  
**Special Music Next Sunday:** Remington Colt Singers  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,093.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Et Cetera

### **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.

**Plan to attend a concert by Tony Brown**, internationally-renowned baritone, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, January 27, at First Mennonite Church, Newton. Sponsors of the free concert are the church and Hesston College, where Brown serves as artist-in-residence and part-time professor. Featured in the concert will be selections from Brown's new CD *Each Other's Light: Songs of Peace, Hope, and Justice*. The CD will be available for purchase for \$15; 10 percent of the CD proceeds will be given to Peace Connections, a Newton organization that promotes peace in simple, everyday ways.

**Erica Shinya of Hiroshima, Japan**, will speak on her memories and reflections on growing up in a country scarred by war at Peace Connections, Newton on Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. This event is planned as a kick-off for the Season of Nonviolence, which runs January 31 - April 4, bracketing the assassinations of Dr. King and Gandhi. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 316-284-0000, email: [info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org) or stop by 612 N. Main, Newton.

**A Celebration in Song!** The Music and Worship Task Force of the Western District Conference is sponsoring a **Hymn and Choral Festival** on Sunday, February 4, at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Prelude music will begin at 3:15 p.m., with the program following at 3:30 p.m. R. Paul Crabb, director of choral activities at the University of Missouri, Columbia, will be the guest conductor. The program will include anthems sung by a choir made up of members from 12 area churches, congregational singing, and reflections by contributors to the book "Eden Peace Witness." For more information, contact Berneil Rupp Mueller, 2808 Acacia Avenue, North Newton, KS 67117-8046; 316-283-1663; [tabco@cox.net](mailto:tabco@cox.net).

**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.

**Camp Mennoscah** Two upcoming retreats at Camp Mennoscah: *Explore the Night Sky Retreat* - March 16-18 at the Retreat Center; *Retiree's Relaxation Retreat* - April 23-25. For information, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290; [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**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. In your mail box you received 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.

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