

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 22, 2006



Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: James Voth  
Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg  
Keyboard: Kaye Penner  
Chorister: Suzy Burch

## Mennonite World Sunday

*Bringing Peace  
in Difficult Times*

**Prelude** *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* Harm. by D. Johnson

### 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** *O Sing to the Lord* Celebration Singers

**Why World Fellowship Sunday?** Pastor Brett

\* **Invocation** Pastor Brett

\* **Hymn No. 81** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

**A picture of Asia** Pastor Jim

**Offering** Western District Conference  
Offertory *Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants* Cruger

### Sharing and Congregational Prayer

**A Peace Story from Indonesia** Pastor Brett

\* **Hymn No. 411** *I bind my heart this tide*

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9:1-7 Travis Harms

**Choral Anthem** *Joshua's Battle* Celebration Singers

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

**Sermon** *Look for the Bigger Picture – the Greater Hope!*

\* **Hymn No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

\* **Benediction** Pastor Jim

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

### 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

Lisa Schmidt's step-father Larry passed away Monday, January 16 in Missouri. Funeral services were Saturday morning. Let us remember Lisa, Tim and Eli along with Lisa's mother during these days.

Thank you to everyone who contributed casseroles and money to the Jr. High Youth Group. We raised more money than we expected. What a blessing!

A special note of thanks to all who participated in the recliner project for Wheat State Manor. Six recliners have been purchased and delivered. The residents appreciate them very much.

Thank you! A special note of thanks to the seven women and young girls who made prayer shawls for women in the Gulf States Mennonite Conference. These shawls will be presented to these women from the Hurricane Katrina-affected area at their annual retreat in February.

Barb Voth

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Ministerial Committee as it discerns pastoral credentials, decides on seminary scholarships, and plans for continuing education opportunities for pastors.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Service Adventure leaders' annual retreat will be held January 26-29 in San Antonio. Pray that this may be a time of building relationships, prayerful support and rejuvenation as leaders gather together.

***Some Facts About Mennonites Across the World***

Continent	Membership	Countries	Organized Bodies
Africa	451,959	16	25
Asia & Pacific	208,155	11	24
Central & South America	133,150	23	94
Europe	53,272	13	22
North America	451,180	2	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,297,716</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>200</b>

**The dove and the fish logo** was used by the GKMI (Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia) conference in Indonesia for its general assembly in 2004. Peacemaking Community is the theme of the conference for 2004-2009. The logo's three integral parts, the dove, the fish and the text, illustrate the unity of networking in a community. The dove and the fish, in simple art line, reflect simplicity. The dove is carrying the "Peacemaking Community" text as a universal symbol of peacemaking in the community. The fish symbolizes the Christian Community. In short, the logo means "by the love of Christ, the Christian Community brings peace to people in the world."

**Reminder:** Please complete your Congregational/Pastoral Review and place it in the box in the foyer by next Sunday, January 29. If you did not receive a survey or have any questions, please contact Kim Claassen, Judy Janzen or James Regier.

**Parents of 7th and 8th Graders:** Please contact your middle school principal and give them the final alert that your offspring will be attending Snow Camp and missing school Friday, February 10. School officials will be expecting your call.

**Reports for the church yearbook** – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen. 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:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms  
**Special Music Next Sunday:** Kids in Praise  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,895.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Relief Sale

### CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor: James Voth** *Pastor's Study:* 283-2644 *E-mail:* jvoth@cox.net  
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**Church Website:** <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>

### Church Events

**Today** after Sunday school, the High School Youth Group invites you to the meal that will be served by the youth group. Come and enjoy good food prior to the business meeting. This is our annual fundraiser, so there will be an opportunity to contribute to the youth group.

**Today at 12:30 p.m.** Church Annual Business Meeting.

**Monday** Quilting on the MCC quilt each Monday afternoon until it is completed.

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council will meet at church.

**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

**Tuesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Hill** Grace Hill and Zion will co-host a forum on the State of our Values in response to the U.S. State of the Union address. Sponsored by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee the evening will include watching the State of the Union address and follow-up discussion and refreshments.

**Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Book discussion - KATYA by Sandra Birdsell, the daughter of a Russian-born Mennonite, who lives in Regina, Sask. This is a historical novel which vividly imagines one family's life before and after revolution in Russia. Marie Wiebe will lead the discussion. The library committee.

### High School Youth Group

#### SNOW CAMP

The Jr. Youth and High School Youth will be attending Snow Camp this year at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Snow Camp features winter recreation, late night fun, praise and worship time, and four sessions of Bible and Faith exploration. The Jr. Youth dates will be February 10-12; the High School dates will be March 17-19.

**Et Cetera**

**Have you developed your estate plan?** Should your estate plan be reviewed? Kidron Bethel is pleased to announce that John Griffin, Stewardship Counseling, LLC, will present a seminar entitled "The Top Ten Estate Planning Mistakes." This free seminar will be held in Kidron Bethel's Menno Hall, Monday, January, 23, at 3:00 p.m.

**The Music and Worship Committee of the Western District Conference** will offer a Lent and Easter music reading session for adult and youth choir directors and others who are interested on Sunday, January 29, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Western District Conference Library at 2517 North Main, North Newton. Ken Rodgers of Hesston will lead the session. Music to be presented will include anthems from the Conference Music Lending Library. Choir directors are encouraged to bring their own favorite anthems, in multiple copies if possible, and also to bring other singers to help provide good four-part representation. For more information, contact Berneil Rupp Mueller at 316-283-1663; or [tabco@cox.net](mailto:tabco@cox.net).

**Robert W. Edgar**, general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, will speak Monday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, on the human aspects of natural disasters: *Lessons from the Gulf: How Can We Prevent Un-Natural Disasters?* The Rev. Dr. Edgar is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and a former Congressman. This peace lecture, sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), is free and open to the public. Call 316-284-5217 for details.

**Ms. Cassandra Costley, Manager of the Selective Service System Alternative Service Program** of the US government, will be the central speaker for a program called *The Military Draft and Alternative Service*. This will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, on Thursday, February 2, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The program will include a mock draft board, stories of draft and service experiences from previous Conscientious Objectors, and a time of questions and answers. The public is invited.

**The M-2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers February 9, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be

the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. Applicants awaiting a friend presently number around 70. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information by January 30. You may also email: [isaac.ovm@southwind.net](mailto:isaac.ovm@southwind.net).

**Come join Hoffnungsau Church** on tour to the Mennonite Colony at Cuauhtemoc, Mexico March 16 - 24, 2006. Attraction stops will be made at an Old Colony Church, the G.C. Mennonite Church, The Luz En Camino, a rehab center, (Hoffnungsau Mission Project last October) plus two days of touring in Cuauhtemoc Community. On U.S. side we visit White Sands, Space Center, Carlsbad Caverns and hope to make a short visit to the Mennonite Church in Seminole, Texas. Included in the price of \$885.00 each for the tour is the transportation, lodging in quality motels and planned attractions. To make a reservation, submit a registration form and a \$100 deposit per person before February 15. The first 35 people responding will have a reservation. Must have 30 passengers to have the tour happen. For a registration form contact Virgil Regehr, P.O. Box 147, Inman, KS 67546 or call 620-585-6756.

**Women of all ages are invited to a Women in Conversation Retreat** titled "Treasuring Time" in Wichita, March 31- April 2. The retreat is sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelvilleville Retreat Center. This retreat promises to provide: Storytelling, Worship, Laughter, Rest and Renewal. Brochures with registration forms are available in the foyer or by writing to: [office@mennonitewomenusa.org](mailto:office@mennonitewomenusa.org) or [info@laurelvilleville.org](mailto:info@laurelvilleville.org) or by calling 1-800-839-1021.

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop** is looking for a paid part-time donation sorter with possible assistant manager responsibilities. Must be able to lift 30 lbs. and stand on your feet most of the day. Previous retail customer service experience preferred. Commitment includes minimum 20 hours per week--as suits your schedule and on Saturdays. Must be available to work during January. Possibility turning full time during summer. For more information contact Diana Miller, General Manager, at (316) 283-9461 immediately.

**The Bethel Mennonite Church, Hydro, Oklahoma** announces the celebration of its centennial June 2-4, 2006. More details later.