

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 23, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Emma Mae Litton

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

\* **Hymn No. 143** *Amazing Grace!*

**The Gospel Reading** Mathew 4:12-23

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

**Message** *Listen when Jesus says "Come, Follow Me!"  
Cultivating a Culture of Call*

\* **Hymn No. 227** *Two Fishermen*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Kids in Praise

**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:** Allen Patterson, Newton Medical Center

Thank you for the many acts of kindness and words of support shown to us during our recent loss. The family of Betty Washburn

Jerry & Jene Yoder have recently ended their term in Mennonite Voluntary Service, as of December 31, 2004. Jerry has been hired as a full time employee with Cornerstone of Topeka, in the same position he has held, Maintenance Supervisor. Jene continues to home school the boys. We would like to thank Grace Hill for all the support and interest you have expressed in so many ways during the past 5 ½ years of MVS. We appreciate your prayers, financial support, interest and care you have shown us.

Jerry & Jene Yoder  
(the letter is posted on the bulletin board)

## 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.

\* **Call to Worship** Psalm 27:1, 4-6 Dan Schroeder

\* **Hymn of Praise No. 68** *O Come, Loud Anthems Let Us Sing*

\* **A Prayer for God's Presence and Guidance in Worship**

**Special Music** *Worship the Lord Medley:* Kids in Praise

*Sing Hallelujah (to the Lord)*

*He is Lord*

*Lord, We Praise You*

**Morning Offering** Western District Conference

**Unison Reading from the Epistles** 1 Corinthians 1:10, 13, 17-18

**I appeal to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel--not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for pastors who attend AMBS Pastors' Week, that they might be refreshed and encouraged.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** As Mennonite mission leaders meet at the Council of International Ministries in Pittsburgh January 25-29, pray that God's Spirit may guide the discussions. Special attention will be given to the need to take seriously North America as a growing "mission field."

**Nursery This Sunday:** Lisa Harms and Rita Patterson

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Nyla Friesen and Kathleen Pool

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Remington Colt Singers

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,379.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Relief Sale

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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

**The Remington Colt Singers** will be providing special music for us next Sunday. A reception will be held after the worship service for them. If you would be willing to bring a coffee cake for this time of fellowship please contact Tammy Regehr.

**Anyone interested in participating** in a Sunday School hour study of Ephesians using William Barclay's Daily Study Bible contact Donna Balzer.

**Are you interested in attending Adult Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada Assembly and Conventions in Charlotte, North Carolina July 4-9?** Administrative Council is willing to paying the registration fee or a portion thereof to those who are interested in going. Please contact James Regier by the end of February if you are interested. Registration forms are available from Pastor Jim or online at [www.charlotte2005.org](http://www.charlotte2005.org).

**Reports for the church yearbook** – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen as soon as possible. Thanks!

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the library. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

**You can HEAR the worship service even better using the church's FM radio transmitter.** All that is needed is a small AM/FM radio with headphones. Tune to FM 104.9 and you may receive the worship service seated anywhere in the sanctuary. Several radios are available at church or bring your own. If you have any questions our sound technicians will be glad to assist you.

**Today at noon** The youth group invites all ya'll to eat with us after Sunday school. We'll be serving food and fun. Speaking of fun, you'll have the chance to help fund the youth trip to convention at Charlotte this year. We need about \$1,000 more to cover costs. Thank you for all your support, enjoy the food!

**Today at 1:00 p.m.** Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting.

**Monday afternoon** Quilters are invited to the church every Monday afternoon to quilt on the MCC quilt.

**Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:10 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:00 – 7:35 p.m.** Adult Bible Study  
**7:40 – 8:15 p.m.** Adult Choir

**\*\*For high school youth and parents** The reading in John will be 20-21. This is our final week of John. Thanks for all the good work.

**Saturday Junior Youth and Parents:** Please plan to meet at the church on Saturday, January 29 at 1:20 p.m. We would like to leave promptly at 1:30 p.m. to travel to Hesston for the "Know Jesus" event. This event will be over at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday the 30th. We should be back to church by noon on the 30th.

### Et Cetera

**PLAN NOW!** Join the Newton Wellness Center as a member of Grace Hill Group. Cost is \$220 per year, payment due before February 1. Brochures available on bulletin board or see Kaye Penner.

**Wheat State Manor Auxiliary** will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Manor. All are welcome to attend.

**Kauffman Museum's** annual Celebrate Kansas Day! will take place next Saturday, January 29, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Admission is free to all ages. There will be dramatic and musical performances, demonstrations including zwiebach baking in a Russian-style brick oven, make-it-and-take-it crafts and much more. For a complete schedule, call the museum at (316) 283-1612 or visit the Kauffman Museum web site at <http://www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/>.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States** invites you to attend a public meeting on Saturday, January 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the seminar room of the MCC Center in North Newton. J. Daryl Byler, director of the MCC U.S. Washington Office, will speak on "An Alternative Security Vision". The U.S. military spending now exceeds the combined spending of all other nations. And in the next several weeks, President Bush is expected to request another \$80-100 billion for the war in Iraq. But is all of this military spending making the United States and the world a safer place? This meeting will provide an opportunity to respond to an alternative security vision put forth by the MCC Washington Office.

**Deacons/Elders:** You are invited to attend a training session sponsored by the Western District and South Central Conferences on Thursday, February 3, 2005, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton. The sessions will be based on Anne Stuckey's book, "Training Ministry Teams - A Manual for elders and deacons" and there will be a follow up session October 20. Register with your pastor now.

**There are still a few spaces available for the Western District Conference Ski Trip** at Winter Park, Colorado, February 4-February 8, 2005. The trip includes sleeper bus travel, two nights lodging, and ski rental and lift tickets for three days of downhill skiing. The cost is \$325 for adults, \$250 for children 13 and under. The bus departs from North Newton on Friday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m., and returns February 8 at approximately 6:00 a.m. A limited number of drive-in lodging spaces are available. For registration forms and/or additional information call the WDC office at (316) 283-6300.

**Create a unique Valentine** for the special people in your life! Stop in at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton, to make a hand-stamped Valentine card anytime during the first two weeks in February. *Special card-making instruction* will be available on Saturday, February 5, between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (come & go). We have nice variety of stamps (pictures & verses), ink colors, and cardstock to choose from. Donations accepted for materials.

**Stewardship University *Helping you cultivate your God given gifts*** will be held on Saturday, February 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Hesston College. Learn ways your time, talents, money, health, and relationships can enhance and deepen your faith! See the brochures in the foyer. Cost is \$39 but early and group discounts are available. Consider attending and encourage others to go with you. Contact Edgar Harder or Pastor Jim if you plan to attend so that a group discount can be used.

**The Relief Sale Fellowship Meals** will be on Sunday, February 27, and Sunday, March 6. Please pick up a form, fill it out, and return to Debbie

Claassen by January 30. You may also mail it in directly to Marvin and Marjorie Stucky – address is on the brochure. 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. Brochures with all of the information are available in the foyer.

**The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States** annual meeting will be at Jubilee Mennonite Church, Meridian, MS at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2005. Information will be shared about the Central States program and budget. At large members will be elected to the Central States board. Please pray for this public meeting.

**Kidron Bethel Village** is requesting entertainment for the Bethel Health Care birthday party on the fourth Friday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Programs are also needed for evenings or weekends. Anyone who would like to sing, play an instrument, do a reading, or share any other entertaining talent should call Debra Hiebert at 284-2900, ext. 242. Thank you.

**JOB OPENING:** Offender Victim Ministries is looking to fill a half-time position of Office/Accounting Coordinator. Flexible hours. Please contact us at: 316-283-2038; [ovm@southwind.net](mailto:ovm@southwind.net); 900 N. Poplar, Newton, Kansas.

**From Mennonite Central Committee:** MCC and the Indonesian Mennonite churches are requesting 22,000 relief kits for tsunami survivors in Aceh province, Indonesia. In the U.S. and Canada, relief kits for this appeal are requested by early February. For a list of kit contents, collection points and other information, visit [www.mcc.org/asiaearthquake](http://www.mcc.org/asiaearthquake). (or pick up a copy of items needed from the bulletin board in the foyer) Please visit the MCC website: [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org) or call our office at 316-283-2720 for further information. Thank you for continuing to help in this work of love and compassion.