

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 29, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

\* **Hymn No. 491** *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*  
First verse only

## 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

Renaë Joi Schmidt Peters has requested a letter of transfer to the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, Kansas. We give thanks for Renaë's commitment to Alexanderwohl and have sent a letter of transfer with our blessing.

Thank You!! The High School youth group would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations and support of the youth group. Donations raised were \$2,100.00. We had a great time serving you, thank you so much. High School Youth and Sponsors

The Junior Youth Group will be traveling to Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, February 10-12. This Camp is sponsored by Western District and South Central Conferences. Around 150 youth and sponsors will be there. Please pray for our safety, and also that God would reveal himself in new ways to the youth.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC on this last Sunday of its fiscal year. May we be thankful for the many resources that God has given; may we be good stewards of those resources.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that new MMN workers Aaron and Laura Kauffman will have a good start to the new school year as they begin teaching at the end of January at the Mennonite school in La Mesa, Colombia.

## 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** *Gentle Shepherd* Kids in Praise

\* **Gathering Prayer** Pastor Jim

\* **Hymn No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

**Offering** Mennonite Relief Sale Pastor Jim

**Sharing and Congregational Prayer** Pastor Brett

**Anthem** *Our Lord is Great* Kids in Praise

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:11-32 Pew Bible Page  
1035

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare*

**Message** *Part 1: The Younger Son* Pastor Brett  
*Part 2: The Older Son*  
*Part 3: The Father*

\* **Hymn No. 491** *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*

\* **Benediction** Pastor Brett

## Church Events

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

**Tuesday at 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. Those from Grace Hill who plan to attend are asked to bring finger foods for refreshments.

**Wednesday 6:10 p.m.** Kid's Meal at the church\*

**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming

**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 \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Wednesday 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.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**April 7-8** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

**October 21-22** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

**Announcements**

**Reminder:** Please complete your Congregational/Pastoral Review and place it in the box in the foyer today. 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.

**Interested in joining the Wellness Center** or renewing your membership? Join the Newton Wellness Center as a member of Grace Hill Group for reduced rates. Cost is \$220 per year, payment due before February 1. Brochures available in foyer. Questions? Contact Darrel or Kristen Lanzrath.

**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:** Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

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

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Adult Choir

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

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,234.25

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **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/>

**Et Cetera**

**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 contents from the Hebron Mennonite Church**, 825 North Wall Street, Buhler, Kansas, will be sold at auction on Saturday February 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The auctioneers will be Kevin Krehbiel & Richard Ediger. A complete sale bill will be posted at Triple K Auction website: <http://triplekauction.tripod.com/> For more information, contact David Balzer at 620-585-6537 or email: [dkbalzer@dtnspeed.net](mailto:dkbalzer@dtnspeed.net)

**Monday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.** Zion Mennonite will host a presentation on the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary (SEMILLA) by Willi Hugo Perez, the president of SEMILLA. Prior to joining the SEMILLA staff, first as Academic Dean and now as Rector, Willi served two years as the Executive Secretary of the Guatemalan Mennonite Conference and several years as the Executive Secretary of the Central American and Mexico Regional Peace Network sponsored by MCC. He will be accompanied by Adalid Romero, Vice-president of the SEMILLA Board and a Honduran Mennonite Pastor. You are encouraged to attend this event and learn about the Mennonite Church in Guatemala.

**The M-2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** s 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).

**You are invited** to attend the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Central States Annual Meeting, to be held at Iglesia Menonita Buenas Nuevas, San Juan, Texas, on Saturday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the meeting is "Living in New Ways." There will be a keynote speaker, as well as brief reports on international and domestic service relief work, and peace and justice work. The meeting will include special music and an update on other MCC programs.

**Women's Breakfast and Seminar:** All women (high school age and above) are invited to hear Rev. Dr. Brenda Martin Hurst, former Tabor Mennonite (Newton) pastor and now professor at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA on "Pornography's Impact on Women". Breakfast and seminar are hosted by Western District Conference Ministerial Committee and South Central Conference Ministerial Commission. Cost: \$10 per person (must accompany registration). Location: Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Time: Saturday, February 25, 2006; 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. registration, breakfast, seminar, and discussion. Register: WDC/SCC Women's Breakfast, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 with fee; or call 316-283-6300; or email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org). Deadline: February 17. (May be limited seating so register early.)

**The Relief Sale Fellowship Meals** will be on Sunday, February 26, 2006 and Sunday, March 5, 2006. Please pick up a form (available in the foyer), fill it out, and return to Kim & Debbie Claassen or Brad & Suzy Burch by January 29, or you can mail them directly to Marvin & 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.

**Learning to Pray with Arthur Paul Boers** will be presented at Zion Mennonite Church on March 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Arthur Boers is the Director of Spiritual Formation at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. For more information see the flyer in the foyer.

**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.