

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 30, 2005

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Nyla Friesen & Kathleen Pool

Chorister: Suzy Burch

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 *Hosanna!* Reynolds/Miller

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

* **Hymn of Praise No. 87** *Great Is The Lord*

Morning Offering

Mennonite Relief Sale

The Kansas Relief Sale annually raises about \$400,000 for Mennonite Central Committee to help the needy. MCC is attempting to raise \$10 million for tsunami relief. The Mennonite Relief Sale will be April 8-9, 2005 in Hutchinson.

* **Offertory Response Hymn No. 388** *Grant Us, Lord, The Grace*

Children's Moments *A drop at a time* Kristine Goossen

Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Pote
The Colt Singers

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Prelude to Prayer Psalm 8:1, 3-9 Hymnal No. 812

Anthem *Alleluia! Sing For Joy!* Lully
Drums: Josh Andres Flute: Jennifer Regier

The Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 Page 958
Reader: Camille Claassen

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

Message *The Beatitudes: The Authentic Person God desires to enable each of us to be*
or
Who's Blessed? Not who we expect!

* **Hymn No. 319** *Jesus Shall Reign*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *The Water Is Wide* arr. by Jennings

Postlude

* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Jesus' beatitudes contrasted with the values of the world

<i>Jesus' values</i>	<i>Counter values</i>
<i>Poor in spirit</i>	<i>Self-confident, competent, self-reliant</i>
<i>Mourn</i>	<i>Pleasure-seeking, hedonistic, "the beautiful people"</i>
<i>Meek</i>	<i>Proud, powerful, important</i>
<i>Hunger and thirst for righteousness</i>	<i>Satisfied, "well adjusted," practical</i>
<i>Merciful</i>	<i>Self-righteous, "able to take care of themselves"</i>
<i>Pure in heart</i>	<i>"adult," sophisticated, broad-minded</i>
<i>Peacemakers</i>	<i>Competitive, aggressive</i>
<i>Persecuted because of righteousness</i>	<i>Adaptable, popular, "don't rock the boat"</i>

From Lawrence O. Richards, The Teacher's Commentary, 1987

A special welcome to the Remington Colt Singers and their families! The Colt Singers include 4th – 7th grade students from Remington and are directed by Nyla Friesen and accompanied by Kathleen Pool. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship following the worship service in the fellowship hall. All Sunday School classes (Junior Dept. and Adult) will begin at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to stay!

For Sharing and Prayer

In the hospital:

Newton Medical Center – Ray Balzer, Allen Patterson

The junior youth, their sponsors and Pastor Brett are attending the “Know Jesus” event at Hesston College this weekend. Pray that they will grow spiritually and have positive interaction with other youth.

Western District Conference: Pray for congregations in pastoral transition; give thanks for pastors serving your congregation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for church families in Barranquilla, Colombia, who are struggling to find jobs since unemployment is so widespread. Many do not have money to buy the basic essentials such as food. MMN workers Amanda and Gamaliel Falla serve at this church.

Church Events

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

Wednesday **6:10 p.m.** Kid’s Meal at the church*
 7:00 p.m. Children’s and Youth Programming
 7:40 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

Announcements

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

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

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 \$1,083.01

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

The Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts is proud to host two concerts by The Ortman Piano Duo, Saturday, February 5, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 6, 2:00 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium, Fine Arts Center. Mory Ortman and Sherilyn Graber Ortman are outstanding Bethel alumni from the 90's and they will be performing music by Mozart, Shubert, Milhaud, and others. In addition the Saturday performance includes "Variations on a Theme of Haydn" by Brahms and the Sunday performance includes "Variations on Yankee Doodle" by Braggiotti. The Duo will perform on the nine-foot and seven-foot Steinway pianos at Bethel College. Tickets are \$5.00, \$3.00 students and children, and may be purchased at the Academy at 123 E. Broadway in Newton, the Bethel College Bookstore, and at the door on the days of the performances.

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.

The Mennonite Disaster Service 2005 All-Unit meeting will be held at Gospel Mennonite Church, Seminole, Texas on February 11-12. Contact Gordon Unruh at 620-834-2319 for more information.

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 today. 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.

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; 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. (or pick up a copy of items needed from the bulletin board in the foyer) Please visit the MCC website: 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.