

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 5, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

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.

* **Call to Worship** *And I will raise you up* Hymnal No. 596

* **Invocation**

* **Hymn No. 80** *O bless the Lord, my soul*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

* **Offertory Congregational Response** *Praise God from whom*
"The Doxology" Hymn No. 119, Verse 1

Children's Moments Pastor Jim

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Prayer Response Hymn No. 352 *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 Doreen Harms

Choral Anthem *Delight and Rejoice* Adult Choir

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

Sermon *All You Need to Know to Live in Hope*

* **Hymn No. 580** *My life flows on*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Adult Choir

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

Art Balzer was a patient at Newton Medical Center and is now a resident at Kidron Bethel Village Health Care Centre.

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 the 100 Christian educators gathered in Pittsburgh, PA who are being introduced to the new Gather 'Round curriculum on February 9-12. As they go back to their area conferences, may they be energized and find many eager congregations who want to nurture children, youth and adults with Anabaptist curriculum.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for SOOP (Service Opportunities for Older People) participants in Tucson, Arizona, serving in low-income home repair, at a peace center, local food banks, schools and homeless shelters.

Church Events

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

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Social Council will meet in the kitchen.

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

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service.
Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge.

Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Care packages for college students and Voluntary Service workers, other work projects; Devotions: Rose Goossen; Hostess: Gladys Reimer; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA.

March 27 – April 1 Western District Basketball & Volleyball Tournament

April 7-8 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

Announcements

Harvest of Love seeks to meet the needs of those with special needs in Harvey County through food and money collected in the churches. A basket for food and a collection container for monies are located in the foyer by the front entrance. Please make checks payable to “Harvest of Love.” This is a year round project of the Newton Ministerial Alliance.

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: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Special Music Next Sunday: Kids in Praise

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale \$2,399.15

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

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. You are encouraged to attend this event and learn about the Mennonite Church in Guatemala.

Buhler Mennonite Church, 220 West Avenue B, will serve their annual chicken noodle soup supper on Wednesday, February 8, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. The menu also includes bread and homemade pie. Donations will be divided 1/3 to Western District Conference, Hospitals of Hope for Monte & Andrea Wilson (former youth pastor, now doing mission work in Bolivia), and to Pastor Alan Stucky's AMBS Scholarship/Study allowance.

Peace Connections' Annual Review & Celebration of Bridges Out of Poverty work will be held February 9, 6:00 p.m., at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave., Newton. Mark McCormick, Wichita Eagle columnist, will be our special guest, speaking on "Why Are We So Poor?" Soup dinner is included. All are invited; no RSVP necessary. Donations welcome. Call 284-0000 for more information.

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; 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. Deadline: February 17. (May be limited seating so register early.)

Bethel College Mennonite Church invites you to "La Dolce Vita," an evening of great food served "under the stars" in the church Fellowship Hall, Saturday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. An Italian evening would not be complete without music! You will also be serenaded by Matt and Rebecca Schloneger and Ken Rodgers. Your cost for a magical evening:

\$25 per plate, with most of your cost a tax-deductible contribution. We're accepting reservations through February 18! Book yours now by calling the Bethel College Mennonite Church office at 316-283-3667, or email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net. "La Dolce Vita" is a benefit for the BCMC fire alarm fund. (Fire alarm is required for Community Playschool.) "A presto!" (See you soon!)

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. One of the most important tasks of the church has been to help Christians nurture faithful relationships with God in all aspects of our lives. Registration deadline is March 5. For more information see the flyer in the foyer.

The Cheyenne, Arapaho, Mennonite: Journey from Darlington conference sponsored by the MCUSA Historical Committee will be held in Clinton, OK, March 30-April 2. It will celebrate and review the historical relationship and interconnected faith stories of the native tribes and the first Mennonite mission begun in Darlington 120 years ago. Registration fees are \$100 per person (\$50 for students), and include lunches and dinners. Registration deadline is March 1. For information and registration forms contact Jim Juhnke, jjuhnke@bethelks.edu or John Sharp, johns@mennoniteusa.org or go to www.mcusa-archives.org/events/nativeamericanconf/index.html. In coordination with this conference a bus tour has been arranged from Newton to Clinton that includes the conference and more! For details contact Roger Juhnke, roger.bcmc@sbcglobal.net or by phone: 316-283-0452(H) or 316-283-3667(O).

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 Laurelville Retreat Center. Join mother-daughter June Alliman Yoder and Mandy Yoder Schrock for a weekend retreat; worship leader will be Kay Schroeder. Brochures with registration forms are available in the foyer or by writing to: office@mennonitewomenusa.org or info@laurelville.org or by calling 1-800-839-1021. Register by February 10 for an early registration discount.