

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 6, 2005

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** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Cherwien/Manz/Hobby/Burkhardt

## 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** *Praise The Lord, His Glories Show*

Adult Choir

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

\* **Hymn of Praise No. 71** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Congregational Reading from the Old Testament** Exodus 24:12-18

**Leader:** The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

**People:** **Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.**

**Leader:** When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

**People:** **To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.**

**Leader:** Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**Morning Offering** Mennonite Church USA

**Offertory** *Pastorale*

Martin

**Sharing and Congregational Prayer**

**Choral Anthem** *Lord, Here I Am*

Adult Choir

**The Gospel Reading** Matthew 17:1-9

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Reader: Jean Isaac

\* **Hymn No. 102** *To God Be The Glory*

**Scripture Reading** 2 Peter 1:16-21

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

**Message** *Taking the Majestic Glorious Seriously!*

\* **Hymn No. 560** *In Lonely Mountain Ways*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God From Whom*

**Postlude** *In Thee Is Gladness*

Burkhardt

\* 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**

**Wednesday, February 9 is Ash Wednesday.** Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. It occurs forty days before Good Friday. Ash Wednesday originated in the A.D. 900s. It is called *Ash Wednesday* because on that day in some churches the believers have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross. In the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having their foreheads marked with the sign of a cross, this symbolizes that the person belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins. Ashes are used as a biblical symbol of penance as well as a reminder of our mortality and our need to repent and receive Christ in this life.

**Next Sunday, February 13, is the first Sunday of Lent.** Taken from the Psalms, the theme for Lent 2005 is a call to rejoice in our salvation: *"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."* Psalm 118:23. Each week we are invited to see the Lord's doing in the lives of biblical characters who meet Jesus and are transformed. As we encounter God's "doings" in the Gospel stories, our vision expands to see God's "doings" in our own lives, and we respond, *"It is marvelous in our eyes!"*

**Western District Conference:** Give prayers of thanksgiving for the witness of Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, as it celebrates its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the RAD (Reaching and Discipling) team, working with MMN associates Disa and Tom Rutschman in Jokkmokk, Sweden. Pray for their ministry through the English camp for junior high students the entire month of February.

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

**Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**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

**Monday, February 14, 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: Carol (Olin) Claassen; Hostess: Joyce Wedel; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA.

### Upcoming Events

**March 20** Bethel College Sunday

**March 28 – April 2** Western District Basketball & Volleyball Tournament

**April 8 - 9** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

**April 15** Grace Hill Ladies Banquet

**April 22-24** Men's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

**May 1** Children's Choir Festival at Bethel College

**NOTE: NEW LOCATION - 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.

**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:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Cherub Choir

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Relief Sale \$2,363.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### CHURCH OFFICES

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**Announcements**

**Et Cetera**

**The Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts** is proud to host a concert by The Ortman Piano Duo this afternoon at 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. Tickets are \$5.00, \$3.00 students and children, and may be purchased at the door.

**The next Mennonite Singles Group get-together** will be at The Breadbasket, 219 N. Main, Newton, on Saturday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. If you are single or single again, 30's-mid 50's, join us there for the German buffet. The price is \$9.35 per person. Please RSVP to Karen Hostetler, 316-722-0506, or Jonathan Ensz, 620-367-4627, or email Karen at [mennosingles606@yahoo.com](mailto:mennosingles606@yahoo.com)

**Jim Wallis**, a Christian leader for social change, will speak on "Peacemaking in Hard Times" in Memorial Hall at Bethel College, North Newton, Friday, February 18, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. His lecture, sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), is free and open to the public. Wallis--speaker, author, activist, and international commentator on ethics and public life--was a founder of *Sojourners* over 30 years ago and continues to serve as the editor of *Sojourners* magazine, covering faith, politics and culture. He is president of Call to Renewal, a national federation of churches, denominations, and faith-based organizations from across the theological and political spectrum working to overcome poverty. His most recent book, *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It* (Harper Collins, 2005), is on the NY Times best seller list.

**You are invited to attend Peace Connections' Annual Review & Fundraiser**, February 24, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Salem United Methodist Church, Newton. Come and enjoy a lasagna dinner followed by a short review of our year's activities, donor recognition, and entertainment with Joe Carr, Christian Peacemaker Teams. Joe Carr will share *Performance Art for Palestine: poetry, music, & storytelling inspired by occupation & resistance*. See poster for more information or call 316-284-0000.

**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.

**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 February 28. 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.

**Mennonite Mission Network** is looking for a part-time, temporary office assistant for the development department to start immediately. This position can work out of either the Newton or Elkhart office. Candidates should have good phone and organizational skills and should be available for 20 hours per week for 3-6 months. If interested, please contact Chris Graber, Human Resources, Mennonite Mission Network, 316-283-5100 or [chrisg@mennonitemission.net](mailto:chrisg@mennonitemission.net).