

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 11, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

* **Choral Benediction** *The peace of the earth be with you*

Celebration Singers

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!**

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 *I Love the Father*

Kids in Praise and Celebration Singers

Gathering Prayer

Scripture Reading Revelation 5:9-13

Pastor Brett

* **Hymn No. 116** *Crown him with many crowns*

Worship in Giving Local Church Missions

Sharing Joys, Thanksgivings and Prayers

Anthem *1,2,3,4 Grace*

Kids in Praise

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Celebration Singers

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

Scripture Reading Revelation 6:1-11

Rita Patterson

Sermon *The horses charge! And yet the Lamb shall win!*

* **Congregational Scripture Reading** Revelation 7:9-12 Page 1220

* **Hymn No. 319** *Jesus shall reign*

* **Benediction**

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy during this time of loss. Your words of sympathy and support and your acts of kindness were greatly appreciated.

Elda Lichti, Marlin and Monica, Suzy, Brad and Ben

On behalf of the children and staff of Community Playschool, we would like to thank your congregation for the generous gift we received. Your Christmas Eve offering has been a blessing to us for many years and we want you to know that it helps fulfill a vital outreach to the community. We continue to ask for your prayers as we strive to be good stewards of your gifts in providing an enriching preschool experience for 60 children in the Newton community.

Jeanette Leary and Bonnie Krehbiel, co-directors

Western District Conference: Pray for Marshall Anderson as he is licensed as Assistant Pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman this morning and for Bruce Bradshaw as he is ordained as pastor of Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing this afternoon.

Mennonite Mission Network: With the changing dynamics as people move away from Altes Lager, Germany, MMN workers Dorothy and Jake Unrau request prayer for God's direction in regard to the future ministry of the church there.

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier
Nursery Next Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Klassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Bethel College Sunday
Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,543.50
Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College

CHURCH OFFICES

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This evening at 7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Youth Led Worship. The Flaming Twigs will once again be leading music and Pastor Brett might have a message to share.

Monday afternoon Quilting on the MCC quilt.

Monday 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: Alma Schmidt; Hostess: Miriam Claassen; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA & Western District Scholarship Fund.

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

Saturday 5:00-10:00 p.m. Babysitting/Date Night - The Youth Group is inviting all those with kids to bring them to the church building at or around 5:00 p.m. We would like to take care of your kids while you go out for a night on the town, or whatever you enjoy. Have fun on us, and remember, no donations will be accepted!

Next Sunday Bethel College Sunday

Fellowship Meals Rescheduled! The Spiritual Council invites you to participate in fellowship meals to be shared in our homes. You are invited to register as either a host or a guest for one of the following Sundays: February 25 at 6:00 p.m., March 11 or March 18 at noon. Hosts are asked to provide a meal for 6-10 persons. Hosts will be notified one week ahead of the meal as to how many will be attending. Revised forms are available in your mailbox as well as in the vestibule. Please return them to the designated basket in the foyer by February 18.

Important Schedule Note: The service of baptism originally planned for Sunday, January 21 has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 4. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper on March 4 instead of February 25.

March 4 Youth Group Servant Auction is on March 4 in the evening. We will be auctioning off the youth as a fundraiser for San Jose. Be thinking about some jobs you might have around the house/yard/farm. We are getting close to our financial goal!

March 27-31 Western District Conference Basketball Tournament

March 30-31 WDC Volleyball Tournament

Announcements

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

There will be an offering taken during the S.S. hour on February 18 for the Wheat State Auxiliary. This is done once annually to help with the work at Wheat State Manor. This group takes care of all the mending and sewing supplies as well as other needs that are often not taken care of in the budget or by families. This is greatly appreciated by the staff and residents. There will be an envelope in the adult classes to facilitate this. Last years gifts to Wheat State were a Toshiba Notebook, several ear thermometers and some bedspreads for a total of \$1,163.78. Thank you for your help.

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.

Et Cetera

Bruce Bradshaw will be ordained to Christian ministry this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing. The congregation and Western District Conference invite you to this worship celebration and reception.

On February 17, Hesston College, will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Mennonite Mutual Aid and our local faith community. For more information, talk to Pastor Jim or Edgar Harder or visit the website (www.StewardshipUniversity.org).

The second event in the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church 75th Anniversary Concert/Lecture Series will be a presentation by Dale Schrag, Director of Church Relations at Bethel College. Schrag's lecture, scheduled for Sunday, February 18 at 3:00 p.m., will be entitled "The Ambiguity of Anabaptist Martyrdom: The Story of Michael Sattler." Schrag will emphasize the importance of what he calls "right remembering" in the task of re-affirming who we are as Anabaptists and Mennonites in the 21st century. The story of 16th-century Anabaptist martyr Michael Sattler will serve as a case study in both the difficulty and importance of right remembering. The lecture will be followed by a traditional "Mennonite Faspas" in the Fellowship Hall, complete with zwiebach, cold cuts, and pluma moos (if you don't know what that is, come and find out!). Both the lecture and faspas are free and open to the public, so bring your friends and spread the word.

Offender/Victim Ministries invites you to its Annual Meeting and Banquet for an evening of reflection, fellowship, and entertainment on Monday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson. Listen to stories from inside the walls, shared by John McCabe-Juhnke. Help us pay tribute to former OVM director and board member Bob Marchand. Celebrate the work of OVM volunteers. Dinner will be provided by 2006 board members and First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson. Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible. Phone OVM office (316)283-2038. Email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Did you know there are over 1,000 children from Sedgwick County in foster care? Help give Kansas kids a caring home. Learn more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent by coming to KVC's information session. It will be held on February 24 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at 555 N. Woodlawn, Building 1, Suite 130, Wichita. Please reserve a seat at 618-KIDS (5437).

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will begin rehearsing on February 25. If you would like to join there is still time. See Willard Wiebe to sign up.

Wheat State Manor is asking for volunteers for van drivers to take residents to appointments etc. Call 799-2181 if available and speak to Rogene Libby, Secretary or Lori Seifert, Administrator.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is in great need for Saturday clerks. No experience is required, training is provided. If you are available from either 9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. or 1:15-5:30 p.m. on Saturday, please call Diana Miller at 316-283-9461.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale – April 13 -14, Hutchinson

- List your quilt in the Quilt Auction Buyer's Guide for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. To ensure listing, quilts and quilt-related items should be brought to the March 1 sale meeting at Bethel College Church, North Newton; given to a quilt committee member, or taken to the MCC Center in North Newton by March 9. For more information, contact Ruth Vogt, quilt committee, at 620-327-4570. Starting mid-March, quilts will be displayed on the sale website: www.kansas.mccsale.org/.
- Get ready for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Also requested are "recycled" quilt supplies and linens for Quilter's Corner. Check with your relief sale contact persons for more information, or call Rod Chyrstie at 620-665-7406 or Becky Blough at 620-345-3088.
- Volunteer close to home by becoming part of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale family. There are several service positions open for individuals and groups: Children's Activity Coordinator and group to run food booth, both for the Pride of Kansas Building; group to serve the Chicken BBQ meal and chair person for the Plants & Things, both in the Sunflower South Building. For more information, call Rod Chyrstie at 620-665-7406 or Becky Blough at 620-345-3088.
- Any questions? Contact Brad & Suzy Burch or Cal & Jo Frye.