

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 12, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

## Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Prayers of Intercession*

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thine name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

**New Testament Reading** Mark 1:40-45 Pastor Jim

**Special Music** *The Love of Jesus* Kids in Praise

**Old Testament Reading** 2 Kings 5:1-14 Ruby Harms

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

**Sermon** *Open to God's Healing*

\* **Hymn No. 372** *O healing river*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction** *My Hope* Kids in Praise

**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.

\* **Call to Worship and Invocation** Psalms 30:1-5

*Unison Prayer* - congregation

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

*Invitation to worship with songs of praise* - Pastor Jim

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping may remain for a night,

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

## Hymns

**No. 651** *I owe the Lord a morning song*

**No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness*

**Offering** Local Church Missions

**Children's Moments** Deb Regier

**For Sharing and Prayer**

Congratulations to Gary and Jean Isaac, the new grandparents of Daniel Gaeddert Isaac, born to Stuart and Susan Gaeddert Isaac Tuesday, February 7, 2006 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Our Junior Youth are at Snow Camp and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. They will be returning late this evening. Those who went include Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen, Samantha Claassen, Jared Erb (from Henderson), Philip Harms, David Janzen, Emily Klassen, Melinda Regehr, Katie Regier, Casey Schunn, Curtis Toews, Pastor Brett and Darrel and Kristen Lanzrath.

Pastor Jim and Barb plan to attend the National Pastor's Convention February 22-25 in San Diego, CA. They will leave February 21 and return March 1. Pastor Brett will lead the service on February 26.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregations as they begin to hear about and become involved in Vision 2012, a financial-prayer campaign for our district.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN workers Donna and Loren Entz in Burkina Faso ask prayer for increased interest in God's word as the Samagho people listen to the weekly radio program in their own language. The program combines traditional and biblical material as well as new Christian music compositions.

**Church Events**

**This afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Pursuers S.S. Class is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

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

**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: Rose Goossen; Hostess: Gladys Reimer; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA.

**Wednesday at 6:10 p.m.** All Church Meal\*  
**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

\*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

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

**March 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Book discussion - *To Fly Again* by Gracia Burnham. The world learned the horrendous details of Martin and Gracia Burnham's year long captivity in Gracia's memoir, *In The Presence Of My Enemies*. In this follow up, Gracia reflects on the lessons and spiritual truths she learned in the jungle, and how they apply to anyone's life. If you have read, or would like to read, either of these books come to the discussion. Both books are in our church library.

**Special Community Event.** On Saturday, March 25, the Social Council will host a Community German Supper (sausage, verenike, zwiebach, cherry moos or cake) in the Fellowship Hall. Serving time will be 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the supper will be available on Sunday, February 19. Be sure to tell your neighbors and invite a friend!

**March 27 – April 1** Western District Basketball & Volleyball Tournament

**April 7-8** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. Please check the bulletin board in the foyer to see all the opportunities for helping at the sale.

<b>February 25</b>	Newton Homeless Shelter
<b>March 17-19</b>	Snow Camp
<b>April 2</b>	Stand in the Gap @ Newton High School

## Announcements

**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:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Deb Hiebert

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Praise Team  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$3,076.50  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Retreat Program

## CHURCH OFFICES

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**Et Cetera**

High School Youth Group

**Soweto Gospel Choir** from South Africa will give a concert at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14 in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus. The Soweto Gospel Choir performs music from a variety of traditions in South Africa, and incorporates these traditions into its gospel style, utilizing drums, dance and costumes along with its unique style of vocal presentation. John Janzen of Lawrence and Elbing, retired professor of anthropology at the University of Kansas, will give a brief lecture about the Soweto Gospel Choir and South African music before the choir's concert. The talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. This is part of the 2005-06 Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts series. A few tickets are still available at the Bethel College bookstore, open weekdays 8-5, phone 316-284-5205, or by calling Hesston College toll-free at 866-437-7866.

**There will be a work day at Wheat State Manor** on Saturday, February 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with WSM providing snacks and lunch. Please respond by Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> if you can work for a few hours or the whole time. There is inside and outside work to be done, so a good turnout is needed. Contact Dean Patterson.

**Offender/Victim Ministries** invites you for an evening of reflection, fellowship, and entertainment at our Annual Meeting on Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave. in Newton. Gospel/bluegrass group *The Possum Boys* will perform. Please RSVP at 316-283-2038 by February 13 if you plan to attend.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!)

**Community Playschool Turns 40!** The Community Playschool is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with a big party at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, Friday evening March 10, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. You are all invited to join the party. Please come to see the displays showing the history and growth of the organization, to play games, win prizes, enjoy the snacks, get your face painted, put your signature on a fish, have your picture taken, do a Playschool book walk! Those of us who are graduates of Playschool, past teachers, volunteers, and drivers are especially invited to come to this party.

**The Mennonite Mutual Aid Sharing Funds** provided \$750 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Edgar Harder serves as the MMA advocate in our congregation. Please contact him for more information.