

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 18, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Bethel College Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Diana Schunn

Choral Call to Worship *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* Bethel College Women's Ensemble

Peter Bilhorn

Responsive Reading Psalm 99

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

All: God sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.

Leader: Great is the Lord in Zion;
God is exalted over all the nations.

All: Let us praise God's great and awesome name!
Our God is holy!

Leader: The King is mighty and loves justice

All: Our God has established equity and done what is just and right.

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at God's footstool.

All: Our God is holy!

Opening prayer

Diana Schunn

Hymn No. 366 *God of grace and God of glory*

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

Megan Klaassen

Children's Story

Megan Klaassen

Special Music *Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains* *Rise up, My Love* *He's Such a Wonderful Savior* Women's Ensemble

Felix Mendelssohn

Eleanor Daley

Sidney Cox

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

Scripture Luke 9: 28-36

Megan Klaassen

Sermon *Glimpses of the Divine*

Peter Goerzen

Hymn No. 232 *Christ upon the mountain peak*

Sharing and Prayer

After the responsive prayer, please feel free to come forward and silently light a candle or light a candle and verbalize a prayer.

Leader: Gracious God,

without your light nothing makes sense.

Send us your light and give us what we need.

Help us, good and loving God

All: to hear your call of love above the noise of hectic lives.

Leader: Help us, good and loving God

All: to risk being open.

Leader: Help us, good and loving God

All: to live with uncertainties.

Leader: Help us, good and loving God

All: to listen to others and serve them well.

Leader: Help us, good and loving God

All: to change that which must be changed.

Leader: Help us, good and loving God

All: to give of ourselves without counting the cost.

Leader: Help us, good and loving God

All: to hold fast to our dreams and never lose hope.

Leader: Fill us with your light, good and loving God
hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken.

Hymn No. 560 *In lonely mountain ways*

Sign language by Katy Schmidt and Miriam Regier

Offering Bethel College

Announcements

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 118 *Praise God from whom*

Postlude

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!**

Members of the Women's Ensemble are Brittany Voth, Aimee Siebert, Diana Rempel, Leanne Reimer, Sharayha Williams, and Elizabeth Friesen.

Peter Goerzen is a senior majoring in computer sciences. He is a member of Tabor Mennonite Church. He participated in the ministry inquiry program at Hope Mennonite Church last summer.

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to James, Deb, and Kyle Regier for hosting the 5th Quarter the other night. We had around 40 people there!

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Low German Mennonite Task Force as it responds to the pastoral and health needs of new immigrants – mostly farm workers and their families.

Mennonite Mission Network: Marco Guete, MMN urban ministry director, and Esther Martinez give leadership for WDC church planting initiatives in South Texas. Pray for various teams establishing new communities of faith.

Mike Hiebert will be licensed as pastor at Goessel Mennonite Church, Goessel this morning.

Church Events

Monday afternoon Quilting on the MCC quilt.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

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 & High School \$3.00 Children \$2.50

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

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 **today**.

March 4 Baptism during worship service.

March 4 Youth Servant Auction: Mark it down....March 4, 6:00 p.m. at Grace Hill. Hamburgers and Van Schmidt are on the menu at the auction. Sign your RSVP cards in your mailbox and put them in the box on the table in the foyer. We have a lot of helpful youth just waiting to help you on your next project. Also, there will be a silent auction during the course of the night. If you would like to offer something for sale such as a meal, basketball tickets, or anything you can think of, sign up on the sheet on the table.

Announcements

There will be an offering taken during the S.S. hour **today** 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.

Nursery This Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Klassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Diana Schunn and Emily Burch

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,960.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

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 this afternoon 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 Fasma" 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 fasma 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.

South Central Conference has reduced the position of their conference minister to one-half time or less effective immediately. Robert Nolt has resigned that position. Western District Conference wishes Bob well in this time of transition. Bob served WDC as associate conference minister for the eleven Oklahoma congregations for nearly five years as a trade-for-time for Marco Guete who serves as associate conference minister for the ten congregations plus five church plants in mid-Texas - all dual-affiliated with South Central Conference. WDC will host a farewell and thank-you open house in the WDC conference room on Tuesday, February 20, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Drop by to thank Bob and Anna; if you can't come in person, send your cards to 1701 West 4th St., Newton, KS 67114.

Doug Anstaett of Topeka, executive director of the KS Press Assoc. and former editor of the Newton Kansan, will be the featured speaker at Peace Connections Annual Review. It will be held Thursday, February 22, Grace Community Church, 1600 S. Anderson, Newton, with a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m. Anstaett's presentation will be titled, "Turn Down the Volume...I Can't Hear You" and focus on the level of civil discourse in America today and how that has been influenced by a number of factors such as talk radio, red/blue state labeling, religious extremism and our fear of anyone different following 9-11 and its aftermath. He hopes to spark discussion on how we all contribute to this polarization by limiting our exposure to opposing views and by our choice to mingle only with those who share our narrow set of beliefs. Tony Brown, artist in residence at Hesston College, will sing several songs from his new CD, "Each Other's Light." Everyone is welcome! RSVP appreciated, but not required. Call 284-0000 for more information or stop by 612 N. Main, Newton.

One-Man Show - A.J. Muste: The Life of a Peace Agitator: on Thursday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. First Mennonite Church of McPherson, 1161 E. Avenue A (Corner of Avenue A & Maxwell) is hosting Kurt Harder, a high school teacher in Hesston, and a mid-Kansas farmer. He will make the life of A.J. Muste, a "peace agitator," come alive in a one-man show. Invite your friends and neighbors. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

The High School Youth from First Mennonite, Halstead will host their annual Verenike Supper on Saturday, February 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Stauffer Hall, First Mennonite Church, 427 West 4th St., Halstead. Menu: Verenike with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwiebach, cherry moos and pie. Proceeds will go to a youth service trip.

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.

Maynard Knepp will be sharing on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church about his recent trip with Mennonite Central Committee to Burundi, Africa. While there he observed and helped with the distribution of canned turkey generated by MCC's meat canner and saw firsthand the "Food for Work" program. Maynard will relate his experiences and the impact they had on him. Over the next year he anticipates communicating these experiences to churches and meat canning committees in a six state area. Everyone is invited to hear his captivating story and stay for refreshments.

Et Cetera

Gene Stoltzfus will address “Peacemaking in an Age of Terrorism”

on Monday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 East First Street, Newton. Stoltzfus was director of the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) 1987-2004 and now travels widely promoting peacemaking. Sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) of Bethel College and supported by the Peace with Justice Task Force, Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church, this lecture will be the second in KIPCOR's 34th annual Peace Lecture Series. The lecture is free and open to the public. A freewill offering for CPT will be taken.

“Explore the Night Sky”, a retreat at Camp Mennoscah

on March 16-18, is a great way to learn about the different stars, moons and galaxies, and where they belong. This will be led by John Hobbs and staff from the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Cost for this weekend is \$80 per person and includes meals and snacks. If you'd like to come out just for the gazing in the evening, the cost is \$5 per person per night (meals are an extra charge). Please pre-register by March 1. Brochure and registration form available at: www.mennowdc.org. Or contact Camp: 620-297-3290; campmno@mennowdc.org.

Did you know that every day each of us will send the equivalent of 4.5 pounds of trash or garbage into our landfill sites? Cell phones and their batteries contain hazardous materials that can harm the environment if not disposed of properly. Mennonite Central Committee is providing a win-win opportunity for you to recycle your old cell phones and ink jet cartridges. The proceeds from this recycling project will provide income for MCC projects such as: education and support for persons affected by HIV / AIDS in Zambia and British Columbia, refugee support and employment counseling in New York, and many other initiatives which are part of MCC's development work around the world in areas such as health, agriculture, peace and justice issues, and relief work. All you need to do is drop off your used cell phones and ink jet cartridges at the Newton Et Cetera Shop, 619 N. Main Street.