

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

February 25, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Music by Praise Team

First Sunday of Lent

God's Hand delivers us

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 *You're Worthy of My Praise*

Words of Gathering

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

People: **Our souls thirst for You**

As in a dry and weary land where there is not water.

Leader: We trust in you O Lord, our refuge.

For you command your angels to guard us.

People: **God, deliver and protect us when we are in trouble.**

All: *O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.*

In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,

and you uphold us.

Gathering Prayer

Scripture Reading Revelation 8:1-5

Pastor Brett

Gathering Hymns

* *All hail the power of Jesus' name* Hymnal No. 106

Thy Word – see insert

Knowing You – see insert

Each Sunday of Lent during the first hymn(s) someone from the congregation is placing a symbol of worship that sits among the rocks, symbolizing a dry and thirsty land. Today a Bible is placed in a basket as a reminder that we hunger for spiritual food and do not live by bread alone.

Worship in Giving Western District Conference

Children's Moments

Bonita Schroeder

Sharing Joys, Thanksgivings and Prayers

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

Scripture Reading Revelation 8:6 - 9:1, 13-16; 11:15

Reader: Rita Patterson

Sermon *The Trumpets sound! And Christ reigns!*

* **Hymn No. 516** *Just as I am, without one plea*

Vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

Confession and Reconciliation

Leader: Reading of Romans 10:11-12

We are invited to call upon the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: Saving God, we call upon you, for you alone can save.

When we find ourselves wandering in a wilderness,

we call to you.

Leader: When we face temptations ... we call to you.

When our souls hunger for what only you can provide ...

we call to you.

All: In the morning and in the evening,

we will call upon the Lord.

* **Hymn of Response** *Fill us with your feast*

Hymnal pocket

* **Congregational Benediction**

from Revelation 11:15

.... And there were loud voices in heaven, which said

The kingdom of the world

has become the kingdom of our Lord

and of his Christ,

and he will reign for ever and ever.

* **Sending Hymn** *Benediction* Patricia J. Shelly
The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,
Secure in God's Word, seeking God's face,
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

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!**

A Brief Outline of Revelation

Chapter 1 Prologue: One like a Son of Man

Chapter 2-3 Jesus Christ to the Seven Churches

Chapters 4-5 The Throne Room of God and the Lamb of God

Chapters 6-8:1 Christ the Lamb opens the Seven Seals

Chapters 8:2-11 The Seven Angels Sound the Seven Trumpets

Chapters 12-19:10 Visions of the Final Judgment

Chapters 19:11-22 God's Victory

Thy Word Grant, Amy / Smith, Michael W.

CHORUS:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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VERSE 1: When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, As long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

CHORUS

VERSE 2: I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side.
And I will love You to the end.

CHORUS

Knowing You Graham Kendrick

Verse 1

All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus 1

Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord

Verse 2

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Chorus

Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

Chorus

For Sharing and Prayer

In the Hospital: Dorothy Schmidt, Newton Medical Center

Next Sunday we share in the service of baptism originally scheduled for January 21 and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The baptismal candidates are: Emily Burch, Camille Claassen, Jana Harms, Tara Harms-Becker, Cory Hiebert and Kristen Toews. Remember them in prayer as they prepare for this public expression of their faith in Christ.

Dear Grace Hill Congregation: Thank you for sending the plant to me; it was a fitting recognition of my ordination to pastoral ministry. We, at Zion, value the opportunities we have had to share ministries with you, and we are looking forward to continuing that tradition during the Easter Season and with Vacation Bible School.

Blessings and peace, Bruce Bradshaw

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone for the generous offering of \$415.00 that was taken during the S.S. hour on February 18. It will help a lot in our mission at Wheat State Manor. Thank you.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Leadership Commission as it plants new churches, identifies new pastors and credentials pastoral leadership for all WDC congregations. Also pray for the new church plant in North Houston and the church planter, Aurora Parchmont, and that God will provide an adequate facility for their meeting place (presently in a trailer-home.)

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participant Laura Rheinheimer who has begun her MVS assignment in Harlingen, Texas. Pray that God will give her wisdom and strength as she helps provide legal assistance to political refugees.

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Home Fellowship Meals

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. Business Council meets at church.

Next Sunday Baptism and communion during worship service.

Next Sunday 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.

Saturday, March 24 5:00-7:00 p.m. Community Verenike Supper at Grace Hill.

March 27-31 Western District Basketball and Volleyball (March 30-31) Tournament. Talk to Brett Klingenberg or Rob Schunn if interested in playing basketball, talk to Debbie Claassen or Diana Schunn if interested in playing volleyball.

April 13-14 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson.

Announcements

Anyone interested in helping out with Bible School start preparing now! Sara Burch and Cassie Klingenberg are working on choosing the curriculum for the upcoming Bible School which will be held at Grace Hill Summer 2007, dates pending. Please let them know if you would like to be apart of the adventure, we would love to have you.

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: Diana Schunn and Emily Burch

Nursery Next Sunday: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Bethel College \$1,380.51

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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Et Cetera

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.

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.

Paul Veraguth, a Swiss-Reformed pastor from Wattenwil, Switzerland, will give a lecture and power-point presentation about the "Year of the Anabaptists" taking place in Switzerland during 2007. Veraguth has been a leader in reconciliation efforts between the Reformed churches and Anabaptist/Mennonite groups. It will take place on Thursday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kropf Center, Room 150 on the Hesston College campus. It is free and open to the public.

Joan Boyer will be ordained to Christian ministry on Sunday, March 4 at 10:15 a.m. at First Mennonite Church, Newton. There will be a carry-in meal after the service. The congregation and Western District Conference invite you to this worship celebration.

Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz. In support of Mennonite Central Committee, all Mennonites in Kansas are invited to a Comforter Blitz, Thursday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Amish Community Building, southwest of Hutchinson. (See bulletin board for directions.) Bring needles, thimble, scissors and sack lunch (drinks provided).

Dr. Sarada Sreedevi Amma of Kerala, India, an advocate for the "Scarlet Daughters" of South Asia caught up in sex trafficking, will tell their story on Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College, North Newton. This lecture, part of the Peace Lecture Series sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) of Bethel College, is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. **At 8:45**, immediately following the lecture, Full Circle (a local women's vocal ensemble) will commemorate the March 8 International Women's Day with a one-hour performance of songs of solidarity and hope in the Chapel (second floor of the Administration Building) on the Bethel College campus. All are invited to enjoy this hour of inspiration.

The annual Spring Sunset Supper for women will be Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. The theme "Women Proclaiming Jesus as Lord" will provide an evening of fellowship and inspiration. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (costing \$5.00 per person) followed by a program featuring the Tom and Lois Harder family. An offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. This event is for women of South Central and Western District Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 8, contact Agnes Harder or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Would you like to participate in a "Christian PEACE Witness for Iraq" in Washington D.C.? Organizing partners of the event are from denominational peace fellowships along with others committed to Christian nonviolence (including the Peace and Justice Support Network of the Mennonite Church USA). The witness will be Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington D. C. National Cathedral. The Western District Conference Resource Commission is offering six \$300 scholarships to members of WDC congregations who attend this Witness in exchange for some availability to share in churches (as requested) about your experience. For more information about the witness, go to www.christianpeacewitness.org <http://www.christianpeacewitness.org/>. For more information about the scholarships call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

Volunteer needed to lead Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village. Meets the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Lead sharing time, play videos, and arrange for guest speakers. Refreshments and advertising provided by Kidron Bethel. Contact Marilyn King 284-2900, ext. 232. Thank you.