

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 4, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Second Sunday of Lent ~ Baptism Sunday

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** *Be thou my vision* Hymn No. 545 Verses 1, 2 & 5

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Hymn No. 8** *Brethren, we have met to worship* Verses 1, 2 & 4
This morning Merrill and Gladys Harms place candles among the desert rocks reminding us that the Lord is our light and our salvation. Therefore we need not be afraid, for God will gather us together in a safe place.

Worship in Giving Mennonite Church USA

Children's Moments *God shelters us when we are afraid*
Cassie Klingenberg

Sharing our Praises and our Prayers

Congregational response: Lord, hear our prayer!

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Reading of Psalm 27:7-9

Congregational response: Sheltering God, we seek you,
for you alone are our light and salvation.

When darkness moves into our lives, we seek your face.

Leader: When fears overcome us and paralyze us ...
we seek your face.

When our souls hunger for shelter ...
we seek your face.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will seek your face oh God!

Choral Anthem *What a Savior* Adult Choir

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

Scripture Reading Revelation 3:1-6 Reader: Doug Claassen

Meditation *Names in the Book of Life*

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white.

I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

* **Hymn No. 87** *Great is the Lord*

The Service of Baptism

Baptismal questions of confession and commitment to Christ
Statements of Faith shared by the baptismal candidates
Baptism

Choral Responses: *Take O Take Me As I Am* and *Lead Me Lord*
The Right Hand of Fellowship

Prayer of Blessing – The family and mentors of those baptized are invited to come forward and lay hands on those baptized as the congregation stands and prays together.

People: Almighty and Loving God,

Grant Kristen, Cory, Tara, Jana, Camille and Emily
the fullness of the Holy Spirit;

A clean heart,

A right spirit,

The joy of salvation.

Make them one in whom Christ is seen to live again.

Release their spiritual gifts to serve others

And glorify your name in all the earth.

Pastor Brett: May the God of peace

sanctify you through and through.

May your spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: The One who calls you is faithful and will do it. Amen.

Words of blessing from Pastor Jim, Pastor Brett and
Diana Schunn, Representing the Spiritual Council

Choral Anthem *Thy Will Be Done*

Adult Choir

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Confession and Blessing

Institution of the Bread and the Cup

Invitation to Come and Partake

This morning Communion will first be served to those who are being baptized and then you will be ushered to one of four stations to receive the Lord's Supper. We invite approximately twelve persons to gather at each station where you will share the Lord's Supper together and then return to your seats. If you wish to remain seated someone will come and serve you there.

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

Verses 1 & 3

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

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.

Hymns for this service were chosen by the baptismal candidates.

Following the worship service the congregation is invited to greet those who have been baptized in the foyer.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Our Baptismal Candidates

Emily Anna Burch is the daughter of Bonita Schroeder and Kevin Burch. She is a junior at Remington High School. She is involved in sports and enjoys reading, volleyball and lounging around with friends.

Camille Erin Claassen is the daughter of Kim and Debbie Claassen. She is a junior at Remington High School. She is involved in cross country and track and enjoys reading, watching movies and hanging out with friends.

Jana Kaye Harms is the daughter of Marvin and Nancy Harms. She is a junior and is home schooled by her mother Nancy. She is involved in swimming, music and homemaking and enjoys reading, music and gardening.

Tara Harms-Becker is the daughter of Ivan and Darla Harms-Becker. She is a senior at Hesston High School. She is involved in music and theater and enjoys reading, riding bicycle, swimming and acting.

Cory James Hiebert is the son of Doug and Penny Hiebert. He is a junior at Hesston High School. He is involved in music, playing guitar and bass. He enjoys 4-wheeling, hanging out with friends and listening to music.

Kristen Lynn Toews is the daughter of Jeff and Theresa Toews. She is a senior at Remington High School. She is involved in sports and enjoys reading and playing sports.

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For Sharing and Prayer

Dorothy Schmidt is now a resident at Kidron Bethel Health Care.

Western District Conference: Pray for Joan Boyer, pastor of care and prayer at First Mennonite Church, Newton, as she is ordained to Christian ministry today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for local members of the new Korea Anabaptist Center reference council as they meet for the first time on March 10 to discuss together the direction and leadership of KAC. MMN is one of the agencies supporting KAC.

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Servant Auction: Hamburgers and Van Schmidt are on the menu at the auction. 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.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Social Council meets at church.

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Wednesday 6:10 p.m. Kid's Meal at the church*
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
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. Worship Council meets at church.

Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Led Worship Service. The speaker is Marty Troyer from Hesston. All are invited to attend!

Monday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Bake peppernuts for Relief Sale; Devotions: Elaine Patterson; Hostess: Rita Patterson; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission *Discipleship Now* and *Know Jesus*.

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 20 at 6:30 p.m. Women and Girls: Plan now to attend the Women and Girls Salad Supper in our church on Friday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. Watch for more details.

Announcements

Do you enjoy woodworking? Making kid's crafts? Shopping? If you answered yes to any of these questions, your talents are needed! The Kids Corner is in need of small items to sell at the Mennonite Relief Sale. The items are sold for \$3 or less so children can afford to buy them. If interested, a sign-up sheet and "idea" list is available in the foyer.

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: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Kids in Praise and Celebration Singers

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,642.75

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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Et Cetera

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.

Ten Thousand Villages will be conducting the annual store inventory on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with this activity. It will take only a couple hours to count the merchandise, then there will be refreshments for all to enjoy. If you are interested in helping with inventory please contact the store at 316-283-0061.

A memorial service for Delton and Marian Franz will be held in the Bethel College Mennonite Church sanctuary next Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m. Delton, who was the first director of Mennonite Central Committee's Washington Office, died March 6, 2006. Marian, long-time director of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, died November 17, 2006.

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.

Explore The Night Sky Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! Have you ever wondered about the phases of the moon? Do you know about the Kepler Space mission? Come to Camp Mennoscah March 16-18 for our star party! We will have presentations Saturday afternoon from Mike Ford of Holton, KS, Joel Walker of the Kansas Cosmosphere, and Fred Gassert from the Kansas Astronomical Observers; telescopes ranging in size from eight inches to 16 inches and. . . we even have lousy movies to make fun of in case of cloudy skies! Cost for lodging and meals, at the Retreat Center, is \$80 per person for the weekend. For more information contact Joyce at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org

What's going on at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale April 13 & 14? Go to www.kansas.mccsale.org and learn more about the activities and auction items at this year's sale.

Numerous small contributions to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale have resulted in large amounts used to assist needy people in many ways. This year's Penny Power collection before and during the sale will support MCC Food Basket Projects promoting Food for Today, for Tomorrow and for All. Let us remember the families in Haiti that can only provide their children with one meal a day or the 1 in 10 U.S. households who don't always know if they will have food for their next meal. The Penny Power project at the Kansas sale raised a little over \$22,000 last year. Let us help end hunger through our spare change. The Penny Power Challenge goal for 2007 is \$40,000. There is a collection jug in the foyer.

Urgent Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Relief Response to Iraq You can help more than 500,000 people who have been displaced by the war in Iraq. MCC is shipping material aid, including 4,200 relief kits and raising \$60,000 for shipping and related costs in the month of March. In Central States, we are committed to collecting 865 relief kits and \$12,000. Designate funds for "Iraq Emergency Assistance." Kits can be brought to any MCC center. Details about relief kits and other drop-off sites can be found at www.mcc.org/iraqrelief. Questions? Please call 316-283-2720. MCC is supporting peace building to address the root causes of violence and displacement throughout the Middle East. MCC believes the U.S. should take steps toward withdrawing troops, not adding more.

It's not too soon to begin planning for the summer delegate session. It will be held jointly between Western District and South Central Conference churches, July 27-29 at the Doubletree Hotel Tulsa at Warren Place, Tulsa, OK. A joint planning committee is at work and will soon announce a theme and program elements. Churches should begin planning for their delegate selection.