

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 27, 2005

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

Easter Sunday

Prelude *The Easter Song*

Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to each of our guests! During this time we introduce our guests who have signed the guest book. 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 resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

Choral Call to Worship *Bright World* Combined Children's Choirs

A Resurrection Reading based on Luke 24 Carl and Kristine Goossen

Congregational Response: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

* **Hymn No. 280** *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

Gathering Prayer

A Resurrection Story

Hymn No. 273 *Low In The Grave He Lay*

Antiphonal Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority

and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet."

Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.

When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Congregational Response: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Morning Offering Western District Conference
Offertory *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Sharing and Prayers of the Church

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 debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

* **Hymn of Promise No. 596** *And I Will Raise You Up*

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

* **The Gospel Reading** Matthew 28:1-10

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

Meditation *Belief Coming to Life*

Anthem *Every Morning is Easter Morning*

Combined Children's Choirs

Congregational Response: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-11

Meditation *Living in the Resurrection*

* **Hymn No. 275** *Lift Your Glad Voices*

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational Response: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

* **Sending 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.

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

For Sharing and Prayer

Helena Friesen passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. The funeral service will be on Monday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Koerner Heights Church in Newton. Let us remember the family in our prayers.

Please note the wheat woven picture of the first Grace Hill Church (1882-1954) displayed in the foyer by the front door. The picture was created by Martha and Marie Voth of North Newton and donated by Dorothy Schmidt.

Western District Conference: Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Give thanks, also, for the calling of Phil Waite as pastor of First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, as he is installed today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that the celebration of Jesus' resurrection will bring hope to believers around the world and energize them to share in their communities Christ's victory over death.

Church Events

Monday at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

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

Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:10 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:35 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:40 – 8:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Next Sunday at noon Business Council meets at church.

April 4 and 5 Olan Mills will be at the church to take our pictures for the new pictorial directory. Reminder cards are in your mailboxes today. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Claassen or Lisa Schmidt. Also, if anyone has pictures of recent church events that could be used for the directory let us know. Thanks!

April 8 and 9 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson

- ◆ Cherry Moos Making – Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. at church.
- ◆ Your last chance to sign-up to help at the sale - sign-up sheets need to be turned in this week.
- ◆ We are in need of bakers of pies, rye bread and zwiebach – pie tins and bread sacks are available in the foyer.
- ◆ Chris Wiebe and Grant Claassen will be participating in the “Run for Relief” 5K Run and Walk on April 9 and are looking for sponsors. Any pledge, large or small, would be appreciated.
- ◆ Don't forget to leave your extra change in the penny jug in the foyer!
- ◆ Questions? – contact Kendall Claassen or Kim or Debbie Claassen.

April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Women and Girls: Plan now to attend the Women and Girls Banquet in our church on Friday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Tina Block Ediger, “The Girl With Big Dreams,” the story of Theresa Patil, a poor village girl who became a medical doctor. Invite a special friend to join you, or a family member. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for girls 10 and under. See committee members for tickets/reservations: Kristen Lanzrath, Marie Wiebe, Gladys Reimer, or Kaye Penner.

May 30 – June 3 Bible School with Zion at Grace Hill.

Western District Basketball and Volleyball Tournament

Grace Hill/Zion Basketball Schedule

Monday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. vs. First Moundridge at
Newton High – North Gym
Monday, March 28, at 9:00 p.m. vs. Tabor at
Newton High – South Gym
Saturday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m. vs. Pleasant Valley at
Bethel College – Memorial Hall
Additional games depend on record.

Grace Hill/Zion Volleyball Schedule at Hesston College Yost Center

(We have two volleyball teams this year – one in each division.)

Division I (competitive)

Friday, April 1 7:00 p.m. vs. Alexanderwohl
8:00 p.m. vs. Eden
Saturday, April 2 9:30 a.m. vs. Southern Hills/Lorraine
11:30 a.m. vs. Whitestone/First Menn., Newton

Division II (not so competitive)

Friday, April 1 8:00 p.m. vs. Shalom/ New Creation
9:00 p.m. vs. Alexanderwohl
Saturday, April 2 9:30 a.m. vs. Eden
11:00 a.m. vs. Southern Hills/Lorraine
May be additional games in the afternoon (for both teams),
depends on record.

Go Teams!

Announcements

An offering will be taken for Wheat State Manor Auxiliary next Sunday, April 3 in the Adult Sunday School Classes. The offering will be used to purchase items that are beneficial to the residents of the Manor. Hands of Friendship is sponsoring this offering.

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.

You can HEAR the worship service even better using the church's FM radio transmitter. All that is needed is a small AM/FM radio with headphones. Tune to FM 104.9 and you may receive the worship service seated anywhere in the sanctuary. Several radios are available at church or bring your own. If you have any questions our sound technicians will be glad to assist you.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Teresa Martin

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Sharon Schmidt

Special Music Next Sunday: Cherub Choir

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Bethel College \$1,499.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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The annual meeting of the Community Playschool Corporation will be held on Monday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 14 at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Community Playschool directors Bonnie Krehbiel and Jeanette Leary will share the program and activities of the Playschool during the past school year. Interested members of the congregations supporting Playschool are invited to attend.

The Bethel College Women's Association invites women to *Celebrate! Women Tell Their Stories* at Bethel College, North Newton, on Saturday, April 16. Celebrate! 2005 is an event that honors women's stories: the stories of our coming of age... of finding our professions...of realizing our aptitude for creativity and success...of our friends on the journey. Women invited to share their stories include Raylene Hinz-Penner, Carol Schmidt, Debbie Schmidt, Lori Schultz and Governor Kathleen Sebelius. Registration and lunch is \$10. Reservations are due April 8. For more information call Bethel College at 1-800-522-1887 or 284-5202.

Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24. Come enjoy a weekend with the guys at the annual retreat. We'll tickle your funny bone, feed your stomach, and allow you to wear the same clothes for 3 days! Come to camp or sleep in more civilized cabins. This is for all men, not just dads and sons. Invite a friend; this is a great outreach opportunity. Saturday, we will have some service projects for the camp if you want to help. Questions? Call Brent Voran at 284-2657.

Deepen your relationship with Christ, and serve others through Christian Service's two discipleship opportunities with Mennonite Mission Network. DEO (based in central Kansas) seeks young adults who are ready to deepen their lives as followers of Christ through discipleship training, service and internships in their home congregations. Service opportunities include helping homeless men in Phoenix through House of Refuge and providing food and other assistance to the poor through Metro CareRing in Denver. RAD (based in Ft. Wayne, Ind.) allows young adults to experience intimacy with Christ in a way that impacts our world. You could work on a tsunami disaster team or with youth through the Power House in Macon, Ga. Both programs are looking for 18- to 30-year-olds, who will receive discipleship training followed by an outreach either in the states or overseas. For more information and application, go to our web site <http://Service.MennoniteMission.net>, call toll-free 1-866-866-2872 and ask for Diana Cook or e-mail us at Service@MennoniteMission.net.

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