

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 30, 2008

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Suzy Burch

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Offering our Gifts

Western District Retreat Commission

Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul*

Camille Claassen

\* **Hymn No. 389** *Take my life* Verses 1, 2, 4 & 6

## Sharing and Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

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

**Special Music** *Thy Word*

Lindsey Harms

**The Gospel Story** John 20:19-31

Olin Claassen

**Sermon** *The Wonder of Peace*

Pastor Jim

\* **Hymn of Response No. 301** *Joys are flowing like a river*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 429** *Go now in peace*

## 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.*

\* **Congregational Call to Worship** Excerptions of Psalm 16

**Leader:** Keep of me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People:** **You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.**

**Leader:** As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

**People:** **Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.**

**Leader:** I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**All:** **I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 86** *Now thank we all our God*

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Brett Klingenberg's birthday is April 6. Everyone is encouraged to send a card, letter or e-mail to wish him a happy birthday!

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Val Krehbiel as he concludes his ministry as pastor of Salina Mennonite Church. Pray for Norman Berry and James Branum, as they are installed at Joy Mennonite Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Join MMN workers Marlow and Vicky Ramsay in thanking God for the impact of the Celebrate Recovery program which deals with alcohol addiction in Mongolia. Pray for the weekly groups and training sessions that are held in local churches.

**GRACE HILL SONGS FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST.** What are the hymns and songs of Grace Hill? What are your favorite hymns? Email them to me or stick a note in my mailbox at church and we will seek to incorporate some of them in worship in the coming weeks. If you wish, you might give a short explanation as to why you either consider the hymn a Grace Hill hymn or why it is special to you.

Thanks! Pastor Jim

## Church Events

**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

\*If you are unable to attend the meal, please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

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

**Saturday, April 5** Grace Hill Social Council invites you to a Community German Supper (Verenike, ham gravy, sausage, vegetable, zwiebach, cherry moos and cake) on Saturday April 5. Serving time 5-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets, adults \$10.00, children age 6 and under \$5.00, and age 3 and under free. No reservations are needed. Proceeds from the supper will go to local and area needs.

**April 11-12** Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson – see announcement under Et Cetera.

**Sunday, April 13** Carry-in meal at noon.

### Western District Basketball & Volleyball Tournament

#### Grace Hill/Zion Basketball at Bethel College Memorial Hall

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. vs. Bethel College Mennonite

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. vs. West Zion, Moundridge

Friday at 7:00 p.m. vs. Rainbow Mennonite, Kansas City

More games possible - determined by record.

#### Grace Hill/Zion Volleyball Schedule at Hesston College Yost Center

Friday and Saturday - Game times not available yet.

Go Teams!

**Copies of the 2007 Church Treasurer's Report** with detail lines not included in the yearbook due to space limitations are available in the foyer.

**Chris Wiebe and DuMont Schmidt** will be running in the Relief Sale Run on April 12 and are willing to "go the extra mile". They are inviting others to sponsor their run to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee. If you would like to sponsor Chris or DuMont, please contact them. Checks can be made to KS Mennonite Relief Sale and labeled Run for Relief on the memo.

**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:** Deb Hiebert and Rita Patterson

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Remington Singers

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,953.25

**Offering on Palm Sunday Evening:** Homeless Shelter \$505.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### CHURCH OFFICES

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claussen**

**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

## Announcements

## Et Cetera

**This evening at 6:00 p.m.** – Dave Roeber Live! Comedian and Evangelist. Remington Middle School, Whitewater. Sponsored by Swiss, Federated and Palmyra Baptist Churches. All are welcome! Offering for the Roeber Team.

**The Annual Corporation Meeting of the Community Playschool** is Monday, April 1 in Room 14 of the Bethel College Mennonite Church at 7:30 p.m. Our church is a sponsor and supporter of the Playschool and its mission to the Newton area community.

**Former Bethel College President Harold Schultz** will give a seminar on estate planning and planned philanthropy, “Seven Ways to Leave a Legacy,” April 3, at 7:00 p.m. in Schultz Student Center on the Bethel College campus. The seminar is free and open to all, but RSVPs are requested by April 2, to Mary Regier at 1-800-522-1887 ext. 250; 316-284-5250; or [maryr@bethelks.edu](mailto:maryr@bethelks.edu).

**What’s going on at this year’s Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on April 11 & 12?** Go to [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) and learn more about the activities and auction items at this year’s sale. **The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is nearly here. Plan to attend the sale on Friday evening, April 11, and all day Saturday, April 12, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. On Friday, the quilt display and food service begins at 4 p.m. and priced items go on sale at 5 p.m. The evening auction begins at 6 p.m. in Sunflower Building North. Musical entertainment begins at 7 p.m. at the Meadowlark Building. This year’s program features Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus. Saturday auctions are at 8:45 a.m. with the Children’s auction at 10 a.m. The quilt auction is at the Meadowlark Building, and the general auction is at Sunflower Building North. See Cal & Jo Frye or DuMont & Barbara Schmidt, our relief sale contact persons, to volunteer for work that still needs doing and for instructions for delivery of your donated items. Your willing response supports the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

**The Newton Hispanic Mennonite Church** is beginning worship services on March 30 with 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and 11:00 a.m. worship services; Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study and prayer at 510 SE 2nd Street in Newton. Also a special "inauguration service" will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church to celebrate this new church. The public is invited.

**Camp Mennoscah** needs nurses and kitchen staff! We’re looking for folks who like camp and kids and have a week or two to give. Our camping season starts June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends August 1<sup>st</sup>. Check out our 2008 camp schedule or catalog for details about each camp week. (Only have a few days? How about our First Camp or one of the Pre-Junior camps?) It’s a great way to spend time with fun people, rejuvenate, and see what is going on at Camp Mennoscah. We’ll even give you a camp tee shirt. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**Camp Mennoscah new directors residence update:** drywall has been taped and finished and the ceilings are textured. The walls are being sanded in preparation for painting. The cabinets and vanities are being constructed offsite. The trim is ready to be stained and finished and will be ready for installation soon. The attic still needs to be insulated. The siding is nearly complete and will be ready for paint soon. A deck still needs to be constructed and sidewalk needs to be poured with concrete. There is work to be done leveling and backfilling. Labor needs: deck builder, concrete worker (sidewalk & AC pad), painters -interior & exterior, insulation blowing in attic, trim carpenters, door hangers. Contact: Galen Waltner, 620-386-0287 (cell); [galenwaltner@hotmail.com](mailto:galenwaltner@hotmail.com). Thanks to all the volunteers that have sacrificed their time to make this project a reality.

**Invitation for workshop proposals** for the annual delegate session: Western District and South Central Conferences will be holding their annual delegate sessions jointly on June 27-28 at Hesston College and Hesston Mennonite Church. There will be a time for workshops one hour in length. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal for a workshop may do so by contacting Bill Zuercher, Conference Planner, at [billz@mennowdc.org](mailto:billz@mennowdc.org). A Joint Program Planning Committee will make the final selections based upon available space and topical interest.