

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 1, 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

## *Palm Sunday*

**Prelude** *All Glory Laud and Honor-* Diemer

### **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** *Hosanna Loud Hosanna* Adult Choir

**Scripture Reading** Luke 19:28-40 Pastor Jim

### **A Moment of Reflection**

#### \* **Words for Gathering based on Psalm 63 and Psalm 118**

**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 no water.**

**Leader:** We thank you for being our salvation,  
For being our chief cornerstone.

**People:** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.**  
**From the house of the LORD we bless you.**  
**With boughs in hand, we join in the festal procession.**

**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 Hymn No. 19** *Open now thy gates of beauty*

This morning jackets, sweaters and palm branches along with the lighted Christ candle are brought forth reminding us that Christ takes his journey over rugged and rough stone. The Christ candle reminds us that we are called to welcome and to follow Jesus on this new path of life.

### **Service of Child Dedication**

David and Ashley Enns wish to dedicate their daughters to the Lord.

Lexi Nicole Enns born November 7, 2005

Sara Ashley Enns born November 9, 2004

Elizabeth (Lizzi) Gail Enns born November 17, 2003

Brandi Suzanne Enns born September 14, 2001

Alia Dawn Enns born July 28, 2000

Standing with David and Ashley are their parents,

Jim and Brenda Enns and Randy and Janice Claassen

**Family Prayer** given by Rev. Roy Keller, great-grandfather

**Song of Blessing** *Find Your Wings* by Mark Harris

Alysha Claassen and Darren Enns, aunt and uncle to the girls

**Worship in Giving** Mennonite Church USA

**Offertory** *Hosanna Loud Hosanna-* Burkhardt

**Children's Moments** *God is good and loves us always!*

**Choral Anthem** *Pietà* Adult Choir

This piece was inspired by Michelangelo's famous sculpture that shows Mary holding the slain Jesus in her arms. A photograph of the sculpture is being displayed as the choir shares this anthem.

**Scripture Reading** Philippians 2:5-11 Debbie Claassen

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

**Message** *Even death on a cross!*

Holy Week Gospel readings: Mark 11-16 or John 12-20 or Luke 19-24

#### \* **Hymn No. 151** *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord*

**Sharing our Praises and our Prayers** Pastor Brett

**Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation**

*Reading of Isaiah 50:4-7 The commitment of our Savior*

**Congregation: Living God, give us the courage to confess**

**Your son Jesus as our Lord.**

**When others vie for our loyalty, we will confess Jesus as Lord.**

**Leader:** When earthly powers claim supremacy ...

We will confess Jesus as Lord.

When our souls hunger for reality and truth ...

We will confess Jesus as Lord.

**All:** In the morning and in the evening, we will put our trust in You!

**Leader:** Our Generous God provides for us!

\* **Hymn of Response** *Fill us with your feast* Hymnal pocket

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction** *O Thou Eternal Christ Ride On!* Adult Choir

*Following the Choral Benediction the children are invited to come forward and get a palm branch and then make their way to their Sunday school classes*

**Postlude** *Hosanna Loud Hosanna- Dinda*

\* 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!**

Today following the worship service there will be a dedication/adoption party for the Enns girls and their adoptive parents. Coffeecake and refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served to the children in their Sunday school classrooms.

### *Special Names and Scriptures of the Enns Girls*

**Alia – ‘Immigrant to a new home’** Then my people will live in a place of peace, in safe homes, and in quiet resting places Isaiah 32:18 (New Life Version)

**Brandi – ‘Beacon Light’** Who may go up the mountain of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. He who has not lifted up his soul to what is not true, and has not made false promises. Psalm 24:3, 4

**Elizabeth – ‘Promise of God’** I took care of you, dressed you and protected you; I gave you my promise of Love and made an agreement with you so that you became Mine," says the Lord God.

**Sara – ‘God's Princess’** You will be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, a king's crown in the hand of your God. Isaiah 62:3

**Lexi – ‘Compassionate One’** ...because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22, 23

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

I wish to thank you for the many visits, cards and flowers while I was in Newton Medical Center for ten days and seven days in skilled nursing and health care recovering from pneumonia. I am now recovering from a composite fracture.  
Dorothy Schmidt

The family of Menno and Doris Regier invite you to celebrate 50 years of marriage with them this afternoon from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Zion Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. No gifts please. Just come and join us for a time of fellowship.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for our conference youth ministers, Doug Krehbiel (Kansas-based) and Hugo Saucedo (Texas-based), as they empower youth leaders and youth to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN workers Andy and Susan Wade request prayer that the All Nations Mennonite Worship Centre in Hong Kong will reach out to lost and hurting people as it seeks to be the body of Christ to people of all races, without regard to education and economic status.

### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

This evening, 7:00 p.m. at Zion. Joint Holy Week service with Zion. Speaker: Barry Bartel, president of Bethel College. Offering for Newton Community Assistance Fund. Refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Thursday evening, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion service at Grace Hill. Offering for Newton Community Assistance Fund.

Good Friday evening, 7:00 p.m. The Newton Ministerial Alliance invites you to a community Good Friday service at First Christian Church, First and Main, Newton. Pastor Jim will be participating in this service.

Next Sunday, Easter morning, come and be a part of the Easter sunrise service beginning at 6:50 a.m. Pastor Brett and the Youth Group will lead the service followed by very good refreshments in the fellowship hall!

Easter Sunday worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Message: *Why are you crying? Catch the Breath of New Life!* Scripture Reading: John 20:1-23.

### **Church Events**

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Social Council will meet at church.

**No Wednesday evening activities this week due to Holy Week activities.**

**Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Business Council will meet at church.

**Friday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.** is set for the All Women and Girls Salad Supper at the Grace Hill Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker is Sheralynn Neff, a junior at Newton High School. She will do a drama “Food Out of Famine”. Violin music by Rachel Voran, a senior at Newton High School, will be the special music. Invite your family and friends and bring salad for you and your guest.

**Saturday, April 28 8:00 a.m. – noon** Church Work Day

## Announcements

**Spiritual Council** had a request to put a picture board in the foyer with pictures of everyone who attends church. The goal for this project is to help put names with faces for everyone in our church family. The following dates will be available for individual and/or family pictures before and after church: April 29, May 6, and May 20. More details to follow.

**Homeless Shelter** Grace Hill/Zion week will be May 2-8. Check your calendars for those dates. Talk to Brett if interested in helping out for the first time.

**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:** Katherine Claassen and Lisa Harms

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Cassie Klingenberg and Kris Goossen

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Kids in Praise and Celebration Singers

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,680.10

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### CHURCH OFFICES

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## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**April 8 at 6:50 a.m.** Easter Sunrise Service

**April 13 and 14** Mennonite Relief Sale

**April 15** Homeless Speaker at Bethel - We will be going for pizza prior to that. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Bring \$3 for food.

### Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson – April 13 and 14

- The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is nearly here. Plan to attend the sale on Friday evening, April 13, and all day Saturday, April 14, 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 Bryan Moyer Suderman performing Folk music for the Small and Tall. Saturday auctions are at 8:45 a.m. with the first 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 Brad & Suzy Burch or Cal & Jo Frye, 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. [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)
- Don't forget the penny collection – the jug is in the foyer.
- Grant Claassen is planning to participate in the 5K Run for Relief and would like your support. Let him know if you are interested in giving him a pledge for Mennonite Central Committee.

## Et Cetera

**You are invited to explore the ministry of mentorship** as it relates to residents trying to rebuild their lives at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter at the Grace Community Church this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Robert Schmidt, Director of Prison Fellowship and Mentoring in Kansas, will be sharing experiences and information on how to offer expressions of encouragement, acceptance, and guidance through the love of Christ. Come and see if this could be your calling!

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon 3:30-4:30**, "A Bogus Artifact at the Smithsonian." Von Hardesty, Curator in the Aeronautics Division of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, will present a program on the Sputnik artificial satellite, a replica of which is displayed in the "Milestones" gallery of the National Air and Space Museum along with Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis and John Glenn's Freedom 7. Hardesty will look back at the story of the "real" Sputnik which was launched 50 years ago this coming October 4, 2007. Free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

**The Community Playschool 2007 Annual Meeting** will be April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, Room 11. Our church is a sponsor of the Playschool.

**The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers April 12, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. We are looking for 50 + new volunteers. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than April 9. You may also email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**Canadian Mennonite singer and songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman** will be in concert at First Mennonite Church, Newton, on Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Suderman's concerts are for all ages and from the small to the tall. The concert is co-sponsored by First Mennonite Church and Western District Conference. For more info check out: [www.smalltallmusic.com](http://www.smalltallmusic.com). He will also perform at the MCC Relief Sale, Hutchinson, (opening act) on April 13 (7 p.m.); at an Inman Community Concert at Zoar Mennonite Brethren Church on April 14 (7 p.m.); and at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman on April 15 (10:30 a.m.).

**Mennonite Nurses Association** welcomes you to *A Day Retreat for Nurses* on April 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. Registration is \$5.00 (lunch provided). To register call Joyce Huber at 620-327-4152. See the bulletin board for more details.

**Retirees Relaxation Retreat** is coming up April 23-25, 2007 with a theme of "The Good Ole Days". We will have speakers on: Early Camp Years; Bees: Stings & Honey; Building Antique Wagons; Scrolling: Sawdust to Satisfaction along with a catered meal and special music. Cost for this retreat (which includes meals) is as follows: Retreat Center \$85, Staff House \$75, Own Camper or RV \$65 (these are per person). Please contact camp for partial event fees. To reserve your spot or get more information, contact camp at 620-297-3290 or by email to: [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org)

**The Bethel College Alumni Association** invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet, 6:00 p.m., May 19, in Memorial Hall. Program includes award presentations and music by Open Road. Cost \$16 per person. Contact the Bookstore in Schultz Student Center on campus, (316) 284-5205. Reservation deadline is May 9.

**The call, development and nurturing of leaders**, both pastoral and lay, are of vital importance to every congregation. That will be the overall focus for the annual delegate session, scheduled for July 27-29 in Tulsa, OK. The theme is: "Speak Lord! ¡Habla Señor!", based on I Samuel 3. There will be programs and activities for the entire family, through junior high.