

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 3, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Music led by the Praise Team

## Prelude *Songs of Praise*

## Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to each of our guests! During this time we welcome 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 *Come, let us worship and bow down*

### \* Call To Worship

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## Gathering Prayer

### \* Opening Hymns

*Great is the Lord*

Hymnal No. 87

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

Hymnal No. 76

## Offering Mennonite Church USA

## Sharing and Prayers of the Church

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

## The Gospel Reading John 4:19-24

Reader: Merrill Harms

## Songs of Praise

### *I will not be Shaken*

I will declare my choice to the nations,  
I will shout for joy in the congregation,  
I will worship God; worship God, all my days.  
Those who love the Lord are satisfied,  
Those who trust in Him are justified,  
I will serve my God; serve my God, all my days.  
When the nations crumble, the word of the Lord will stand.  
Kings may rise and fall, His love will endure.  
Though the strong may stumble,  
the joy of the Lord is strength to my soul.  
I will not be shaken, I will not be moved, I will not be shaken.

### *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;  
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of Refuge and Strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,  
at the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

## Old Testament Reading Psalm 95:1-11 Reader: Merrill Harms

### Some Elements of Worship

Sing 1; Shout 2; Thanksgiving 2; Bow down 6; Kneel 6.

### Why worship?

God is great. The king above all gods who cares for the creation.  
He is our God and we are his sheep

**Warning:** Do not harden your hearts

## Sermon *Committed to Worship*

We believe that God has called us as a church to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our ministry is to the community surrounding our church meeting place as well as the communities in which we live and work. We also minister in partnership with the Mennonite Church USA, the Western District Conference, and other related Christian agencies.

Committed to Jesus as Lord, we minister by worship, fellowship, caring, instruction, outreach and prayer that every person may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and experience the kingdom of hope, love and peace.

\* **Hymn No. 66** *O Worship the King*

\* **Benediction**

\* **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!**

**For Sharing and Prayer**

Erma H. Hiebert, grandmother of Lonnie and Doug Hiebert, went to be with the Lord Sunday, March 27, 2005 at the age of 87 years. Burial was at Walton Cemetery and the memorial service was at Grace Hill Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Clarence Harms went to be with the Lord Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at the age of 101 years. Funeral services were held at the church Saturday, April 2.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Nominating Committee as it discerns leadership for our area conference.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God with MMN workers Laura and Steve Nafziger that Nukanchik Yachay School in Ecuador could purchase an appropriate plot of land for a new school building. Pray for the young school staff as they gain more knowledge in teaching the indigenous children.

## Church Events

**Today at noon** Business Council meets at church.

**Monday and Tuesday** Do you have your clothes picked out and your hair done? The time has finally arrived to have your picture taken!! Olan Mills will be at the church to take our pictures Monday and Tuesday. 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!

**Wednesday 6:10 p.m.** Kid's Meal at the church\*  
**7:00 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:40 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 \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Thursday at 2:00 p.m.** Cherry moos making at the church.

**Friday and Saturday - Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson**

Plan to attend the sale on Friday evening, April 8, and all day Saturday, April 9, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. On Friday, the quilt display and food service begins at 4:00 p.m. and priced items go on sale at 5:00 p.m. The evening auction begins at 6:00 p.m. in Sunflower Building North. Musical entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Meadowlark Building. Saturday auctions are at 8:45 a.m. The quilt auction is at the Meadowlark Building, and the general auction is at the Sunflower Building North.

- ◆ **Please have baked goods and other items to the church kitchen by noon on Friday or take them to the Meadowlark Building (Quilt Auction Building) by 9:00 a.m. Saturday.**
- ◆ We are still in need of bakers of pies, rye bread and zwiebach – pie tins and bread sacks are available in the foyer.
- ◆ Don't forget to leave your extra change in the penny jug in the foyer!
- ◆ Questions? – contact Kendall Claassen or Kim or Debbie Claassen.

**Next Sunday, April 10** the Rev. Leo Barbee will bring the morning message on the subject of prayer. He is founder of Victory Bible Church in Lawrence, Kansas beginning April 24, 1983. He serves as advisor to Harambee Ministry at the University of Kansas and as chaplain to the University of Kansas Football and Basketball Teams. Rachel Balzer is a member of his Bible study.

**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.

**Sunday, May 1** All Church Carry-in Meal at noon.

**Sunday, May 1** The Western District Children's Choir Festival will be May 1 in Memorial Hall at Bethel College. Rehearsal will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the program starts at 4:00 p.m. Those in grades 5-8 have learned the music and are encouraged to participate in the choir.

## Announcements

**There will be an envelope offering** taken today in the Adult Sunday School classes for the Wheat State Manor Auxiliary. The offering will

be used to purchase items that are beneficial to the residents of the Manor. Make checks payable to Hands of Friendship.

**Choir Schedule for April:** April 10 – Kids in Praise  
April 17 – Adult Choir  
April 24 – Celebration Singers

**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.

**Flowers This Morning:** Olin & Carol Claassen's 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary on April 9

**Nursery This Sunday:** Katherine Claassen and Sharon Schmidt  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barbara Voth and Carol Claassen (Kendall)  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

**Maundy Thursday Service Offering:**  
Newton Area Community Assistance Fund \$632.51  
**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,274.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

**Pastor: James Voth** *Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: jvoth@cox.net*  
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**Church Website:** <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>

**Et Cetera**

**The Bethel College Concert Choir** will give its annual home concert this evening at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

**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.

**Kauffman Museum: Kauffman Kids and Friends**, April 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m. "Patchwork Road to Freedom" with Esther Eash of Newton, children age 6-12 children will learn about quilt designs and how they may have been used as signals along the Underground Railroad. By following quilts through the museum, children will go on a journey with stops at safe stations along the way to freedom. Free and open to the public. **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum**, April 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Passing on the Comfort: the War, the Quilts, and the Women Who Made a Difference." Lois Flickinger of Lancaster County Pennsylvania will relate the story of quilts and comforters made by North American Mennonites and given to refugees in Holland after World War II. Free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

**Zion Mennonite Church** invites you to the children's choir musical, "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics," on Sunday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow the program.

**Shalom Health Ministries**, the parish nurse service of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, invites people interested in learning and talking more about suicide to meet Sunday, April 10 and April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 800 E. First St., Newton. These sessions will be based on the video "Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide" and will be facilitated in part by a family that experienced loss of a loved one to suicide. The programs are free and open to all. For more information, call Marilyn Wolgemuth at (316) 284-2910 or Doris Weber at (316) 283-5569.

**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.

**The annual Mennonite Relief Sale Golf Tournament** will be held Saturday, April 30 at the Hesston Municipal Golf Course. Final registration begins at 6:45 a.m. with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. The format is a 4-person scramble and registrants are welcome to enter as individuals or as a team. The \$50 per player fee includes carts and lunch. Payment can be made at the final registration the morning of the tournament. Please pre-register your team by contacting Gregg Dick, P.O. Box 295, North Newton, KS 67117, 316-283-1366, or by e-mail at [greggd@bethelks.edu](mailto:greggd@bethelks.edu). The pre-registration deadline is April 27. Our goal is to have 18-24 teams again this year.

**JOY (Just For You) Retreat** will be held at Camp Mennoscah May 21-22. This camp is designed primarily for developmentally delayed adults. See the brochure on the bulletin board for more information.

**Wanted! Your used golf putters.** Do you have an old putter lying around that you'd like to get out of the garage? Or maybe you have one that has missed too many puts and needs to be replaced. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale needs putters (including youth putters) for a project to benefit Mennonite Central Committee missions. If you have questions, or if you have a putter you would like to donate, please contact Cedric Blough at 620-345-3088 or [crblough@netks.net](mailto:crblough@netks.net).