

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 10, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

**Special Music** *Sandy Land*

Kids in Praise

## 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.

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

**Scripture Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

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Reader: Melvin Klaassen

**Introduction of our Guest Minister**

Rachel Balzer

**Sermon** *Prayer*

Rev. Leo Barbee

**Song of Prayer** *When We Talk to Him*

Kids in Praise

\* **Closing Prayer**

\* **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.

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

**Prelude**

Jana, Laura and Sara Harms

## 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.

**Call to Worship** *Seek Ye First*

Kids in Praise

\* **Words of Praise**

Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,  
Who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.

Praise the One who feeds the hungry  
and satisfies the longing of those in need.

Praise the One who holds with tenderness the orphan and the widow  
and gives the stranger a land and a home.

**Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 43** *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

**Offering** Local Church

**Offertory** *This Little Light of Mine*  
Jana and Laura Harms

arr. Marilyn Ham

**Gideon Ministry Presentation** - Van Koelliker, Olathe, Kansas

If you wish to contribute to the Gideon ministry Van will be at the door with an open Bible following the service.

*That both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together*

John 4:36

A special welcome to the Rev. Leo Barbee, he will bring the morning message on the subject of prayer. Rev. Barbee is founder and pastor of

Victory Bible Church in Lawrence, Kansas and serves as the chaplain to the Kansas University basketball and football teams. He has also served churches in Joplin, Missouri and Wichita Falls, Texas. He and his wife Juanita Anne have six children and twelve grandchildren. He has received a number of awards for his community service including the Paul Harris Award given by the Rotary, the Volunteer in Community Citizenship award given by President Bush, the Citizenship Award from U.S.D. 497 and the Baker Award for an outstanding Humanitarian. Rachel Balzer is a member of his Bible study. Following the worship service you are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for a time of question and answers with Rev. Barbee.

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

Thank you for your prayers, cards and kind words during the passing of our grandmother. A special thank you to Pastor Jim for all his assistance during this time. We really appreciate it.

Doug & Lon Hiebert families

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Executive Committee (meeting in Kansas) and the Mid-Texas Convention (meeting in Texas) that both will strengthen congregational leadership throughout MC USA.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for discernment for MMN director for Latin America, Linda Shelly, as she works with churches in Latin America and Mennonite Church USA in the development of partnerships and common vision for missional work in both continents.

### **Church Events**

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

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

**Friday 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. Today is the last day to purchase tickets.

**Wednesday, April 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** All Church Skating Party at Starlight Skate Center, 130 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Newton. Cost is \$2.50 per person. Skates are provided or you can bring your own, rollerblades are allowed. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends.

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

Debussy and Bartok, and works for organ by Bach, Hindemith, Albright and Widor.

**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:** Barbara Voth and Carol Claassen (Kendall)

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Adult Choir

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering taken during Sunday School last Sunday:**

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary \$279.00

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,671.26

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Biblical Seminary

## CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor: James Voth** Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: jvoth@cox.net

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**Et Cetera**

## Announcements

**Chelsea Vaught** will be presenting her junior piano and organ recital on Monday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel College Administration Building Chapel. She will be performing works for piano by Beethoven,

**Kauffman Museum: Kauffman Kids and Friends,** This afternoon 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**, Today 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," this evening 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.

**For Kids of All Ages:** Can't afford to take the family on a cruise? Take them on a trip around the world in song. James Durst presents *World Tour in Song*, singing in 22 different languages! Durst will be at the Newton Fox Theater on Sunday, April 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m. for this fun family event. James Durst is a guitarist who says that his mission is to provide a footbridge between disparate cultures, reminding us of our interdependence with one another and all of life. Purchase tickets at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, or at the Newton Rec. Center, 415 Poplar. Advance tickets: \$5 for Adults, \$2.50 for 12 & under, 2 & under are free. Call 284-0000 for information.

**Heartache is when there is no place for your love to go!** Come share the story of your loved one with others experiencing grief and ease your heartache. A Grief Support Group meets from 7:00-8:30 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Central Homecare & Hospice, 427 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Newton. This group is free of charge and open to any adult. Contact Cheri A. Kaufman at 316-283-8220 for more information. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Volunteer Opportunities** Hospice Care of Kansas will be providing a free training on April 18 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at 2505 N. Main, North Newton. For registration and information, please contact Leslie Sweasy at 1-877-877-2385.

**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 (from 1:00-4:00 p.m.). Tools needed will be chainsaws, narrow shovels, general hand tools, and gloves. 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.

**The Newton Ten Thousand Villages** is looking for a reliable person or persons with strong communications skills and a friendly attitude for the paid position of Saturday manager. Job duties include managing the store and volunteers 9 hours on Saturdays while maintaining positive customer relations. Commitment includes 3-5 Saturdays a month. Will report directly to the General Manager. Position begins May 21, 2005. Will include training before start date. Please send resume to: Heidi Huber, General Manager, 625 N. Main, Newton, KS 67114. For more information contact Heidi Huber at (316) 283-0061.