

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 13, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music led by the Praise Team

* 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!**

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.

Call to Worship *Seek ye First*

Praise Team

* Gathering Prayer

Songs of Praise

Here in this Place

Rain Down

Step by Step

Offering Local Church Missions

Sharing and Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

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

Special Music *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Kids in Praise

Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47

K. John Klaassen

Sermon *The Wonder of Fellowship*

Pastor Jim

* Hymn of Response No. 307 *Will you let me be your servant*

* Benediction

For Sharing and Prayer

A special welcome to Jarek Pajakowski and Henryk Zamojski of Poland. Jarek is director of the Lower Vistula River Valley Landscape Park and Henryk is director of the Opole State Agricultural Advisory Center. **All are invited to a carry-in meal at noon** followed by a special presentation by our guests Jarek and Henryk on the history and culture of Mennonites in Poland, a vital part of the history of the forbearers of Grace Hill.

Western District Conference: Pray for Bill Dellinger as he is credentialed today as pastor of Mt. Zion Mennonite Church, near Columbia, Missouri, a new church plant in Hallsville. Also pray that the Holy Spirit gives guidance to two English-speaking church plant possibilities in Denton (Anglo-White) and Grand Prairie (African-American), Texas.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers, Pat and Rad Houmphan, Thailand, request prayer that a suitable center will be found to expand ministry to Kosum Phisai, a new location where a local pastoral couple, Samarn and Somlid will give leadership.

Announcements

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

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

The Jr. Youth Group will be spending a morning at Health Ministries on Saturday, April 19. Health Ministries is in need of supplies for their Health Bags. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please place them in the church foyer. The Jr. Youth Group will take them to Health Ministries during their service visit. Items needed are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, combs, hair brushes and nail clippers. Health Ministries truly appreciates the support from our church.

Homeless Shelter Ministry: We share a week of service in the homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church April 23-30. There is a sign-up sheet for four nights of volunteer staffing and providing a meal those evenings. The dates are: April 23, 25, 27 and 29. If you would like to take the volunteer staff training please contact Pastor Jim. The next scheduled training is today, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the shelter.

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.

Church Events

Today Carry-in meal at noon. Everyone is welcome to stay. Our guests from Poland will present a program following the meal.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center in North Newton. Program: work night; Sharing: Irma Gonzales; Hostess: Joyce Stuart; Financial project: MCC.

Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to **Wednesday morning Bible Study and Fellowship** beginning Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Pastor Jim.

Wednesday at 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal*

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

*To make or cancel reservations for the meal please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

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

Saturday Jr. Youth will be working at Health Ministries in Newton. We will meet at Grace Hill at 8:30 a.m. for those needing a ride into Newton. If you live in Newton, please plan on meeting at Health Ministries at 9:00 a.m. After working, lunch and bowling the youth will return to the church around 2:30-3:00 p.m. Please bring money for lunch and bowling.

Next Sunday at noon Spiritual Council meets at church.

Bethel College Sunday is April 27. Miriam Regier from Newton will give the message. Our Bethel students will be participating in the service. Joel Linscheid will provide music. During Sunday School Larry Friesen, professor of Social Work, will talk about his interterm in Mexico as well as the immigration issue. All are welcome for Sunday School. The Bethel College committee is planning on serving a meal following Sunday School and invites all to stay. Please sign the reservation sheet on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan on for dinner.

Wednesday, April 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All Church Skating Party at Starlight Skate Center, 130 E. 3rd, 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.

May 26-30 Vacation Bible School at Zion (6:30 – 8:15 p.m.)

October 18-19 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Nursery This Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Keyboard Next Sunday: Jana Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$2,083.03

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Plums, Peat Bogs and Bicycle Paths: The Lower Vistula River Valley Landscape Park." Dr. Jarek Pajakowski will present a multi-media program on activities that preserve the natural and historic features of an area of Poland where Mennonites lived in the 18th and 19th centuries. 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 Newton Hispanic Mennonite Church began worship services on March 30 at 510 SE 2nd Street in Newton. A special "inauguration service" will be held this evening at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church to celebrate this new church. The public is invited.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus and the Newton Community Children's Choir will have a concert this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall at Bethel College, North Newton. Another concert will be April 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Presser Hall at Bethany College in Lindsborg. Offerings will be taken to help alleviate worldwide poverty and hunger through the Mennonite Central Committee.

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers April 17, 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. More than 50 men are waiting to be matched. 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 14 so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Come celebrate with Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, as they confirm the call of God on Derek Yoder's life to be ordained for ministry. Please put April 20, at 2:01 p.m. on your calendars. A pie reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Kauffman Museum's Earth Day Adventure, Sunday, April 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Celebrate God's creation with outdoor planting activities. Meet at Memorial Grove (Sand Creek trailhead) on the Bethel College campus (turn east on 29th Street and park east of the tennis courts or at Memorial Grove). Dress for the weather. Free for all ages. Families are encouraged to attend. Call Kauffman Museum 316-283-1612 for more information.

There will be an Open House on Sunday, April 20, 2-4 p.m. at #13, #23, and #37 Lakewood Circle, Campus Woods Estates, a residential addition to Kidron Bethel Village retirement community.

Your Life is a Story: Begin or continue writing your life story with Ann Showalter on Friday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. "Everyone is writing a life story, not with ink and paper, but with our daily life." Join Ann for a one-day workshop where you will have the opportunity to put pen to paper and write a story about your life and to have others hear what you have written. Bring a sack lunch so we can eat together. Drinks will be furnished. Remember to bring writing materials. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Call Peace Connections at 316-284-0000, to reserve your place as space is limited to 10. If at the end of the day there is interest, Ann is open to continuing the class as desired. If you have questions, contact Ann at 316-284-2960 or asho@cox.net.

Camp Mennoscah Support Staff—Camp Mennoscah is looking for nurses and kitchen staff for our weekly summer camps. Check out our 2008 camp schedule or catalog for details about each camp week. We need nurses for June 1-5, June 5-7, June 8-14, July 22-28, and July 27-August 1; and kitchen staff for all weeks. If you've volunteered at Camp Mennoscah before, we welcome you back. If you've never been to Camp Mennoscah, volunteer or otherwise, come see what our summer camping program is about and join in the fun. Don't forget the free camp tee shirt! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

The theme for the annual WDC/SCC delegate session, set for June 27-28 at Hesston College and Hesston Mennonite Church is: "Bold Witness: Pray with Courage, Share as One," based upon Acts 4:31-34. Through worship services, music, workshops and table discussion groups, there will be opportunity to understand what it means to be both hearers and doers of the word as participants in Christ's body, the church.

Et Cetera would like to thank you for participating in the recycling of cell phones and empty inkjet and laser cartridges. This fund-raising program for MCC has grown to include a long list of individuals, churches and businesses in Canada and the United States since its beginning almost two years ago. Regretfully, MCC has had to suspend this program, effective April 1, 2008. Please continue to reduce waste by finding other outlets for recycling any eligible items.