

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 17, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Worship Leader: Daniel Schroeder

Trumpet: Ben Lichti

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

To enjoy worship in the best way the Worship Council invites  
you to come prepared to focus on worship,  
leaving the troubles of the world behind.  
Enter into worship in a spirit of humility and thanksgiving before God.

## Prelude

## 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** Responsive Reading of 1 John 1:1-7

**Leader:** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

**People:** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

**Leader:** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

Walking in the Light

**People:** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

**Leader:** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 6** *Here In This Place*

**Children's Moments**

Rita Patterson

**Offering** Mennonite Biblical Seminary

## 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.

**Prayer Response Hymn No. 359** *Lead Us, O Father*

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

**Scripture Reading** Acts 2:42-47

Pew Bible Page 1079

Reader: Joyce Stuart

**Choral Anthem** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Adult Choir

**Sermon** *Fellowship – Making and Growing New Connections*

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. 307** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 420** *Heart With Loving Heart United* Vs. 1 & 3

## 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**

Pray for the third catechism retreat at the church today in preparation for baptism on Sunday, May 15. Those participating are: Justin Klassen, Daniel Klaassen, Caleb Regehr and Matthew Regier. The workshop is lead by Pastor Jim and Pastor Brett.

Wheat State Manor welcomes Jo Mead as the new interim administrator. Jo lives in Wichita with her husband Steve. They have three grown sons and two grandchildren. We give thanks for the service Dan March gave to Wheat State Manor and pray for Jo as she serves in this capacity.

Thank you to all who helped make the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Mennonite Relief Sale a success. Thanks to those who worked, donated food and other items, those who ran and to those who purchased items at the sale. Total amount raised was \$344,783.40. The two auctions raised a little under \$132,000 – the quilt \$95,917 and the general \$36,000. The estimated attendance was 18,500. The Run for Relief raised \$13,300 and the Penny Power Challenge \$20,296. Thanks again! Next year's sale will be April 7 and 8, 2006.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Jesus Natividad Hernandez and Felix Marquez, who will be commissioned as church planters on Saturday at Iglesia Menonita Casa de Dios in Garland, Texas.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God with mission worker Lillian Haas, Burkina Faso, for the progress made on Bible translation into the Siamou language. Recently 40 men heard a Bible story on cassette tape in Siamou for the first time. Pray that through the literacy program the Siamou people will learn to read their own language.

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

**7:00 – 8:10 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming

**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Bible Study

\*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

**Friday – Sunday** Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah Come enjoy a weekend with the guys at the annual retreat. 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.



**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.

**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.

**Tuesday, May 3** Grace Hill Golf n Fellowship. Come on out to Fox Ridge Golf course in Newton on May 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for 9 holes of golf together. Cost is \$5.35/person. If you plan to come let Pastor Jim or Pastor Brett know. For those who wish we can also plan to stop somewhere for a light supper afterward.

**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, 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:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Lisa Harms and Rita Patterson

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Celebration Singers

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$7,436.25

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### CHURCH OFFICES

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**Announcements**

**Et Cetera**

**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 this afternoon from 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.

**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.

**Kansas Families Facing Health Care Decisions** – A theater production addressing health care decisions, care-giving, and end-of-life issues. Personal stories will be dramatized in short scenes which explore many challenging issues in health care today. Facilitated audience talk-backs after each performance will encourage community dialogue. Presentation will be given twice: April 29 & 30, 7:30 p.m. at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita; and May 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m. at College Hill United Methodist Church, Wichita. \$10 tickets available at Watermark Books and Kansas Health Ethics. For more information, contact Kansas Health Ethics, 316-684-1991, [pmishler@kansashealthethics.org](mailto:pmishler@kansashealthethics.org).

**Bethel College Mennonite Church** invites you to tempt your taste buds with Lester Ewy's fantastic pit barbecue Saturday, April 30, in the church park (in case of inclement weather in Fellowship Hall). This is a fund-raiser for the BCMC fire alarm fund. We're serving 5:30-7:00 p.m., with entertainment all evening! Menu includes pork and beef barbecue, baked beans, cole slaw and dessert. Cost is \$25 per plate adults/\$10 per plate children (12 and under). Kids 2 and under are free! Now accepting reservations through April 24! The church is located at 2600 College Avenue in North Newton. Book now by calling Bethel College Mennonite Church at 283-3667, or email [office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net). Most of your cost is a tax-deductible contribution, minus \$5 per plate for cost of food.

**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.

**The Rock Castle Male Chorus** directed by Marles Preheim will present a varied program of sacred and secular selections on Sunday evening,

May 1 at 7:30 in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility Central Unit auditorium at 500 Reformatory Rd. in Hutchinson. The chorus is comprised of inmates and volunteer singers from the south-central Kansas area. The program will include the trumpet trio, *Generations II*, and additional guest instrumentalists who will accompany the chorus. This concert is one of several educational and artistic components under the Prison Arts Project sponsored by Offender/Victim Ministries. Visitors are cordially invited to attend. However, you must contact the OVM office (316 283-2038) in Newton to supply your name, birth date, Social Security number and driver's license number, by Tuesday, April 26. These details are required to enter the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. You must bring your driver's license or other official photo ID. Please arrive at HCF at 7:00 pm. Children under 18 are not permitted in the facility.

**The M-2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers May 5, 6:30 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can provide the impetus for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. Applicants awaiting a friend number around 70. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information by May 2. You may also email at [isaac.ovm@southwind.net](mailto:isaac.ovm@southwind.net).

**Camp Mennoscah** has two special needs: 1. Help replenish the Camp Scholarship Fund, which helps children attend camp who cannot afford it. Last year many children were helped with this fund. Please pray to see if God is leading you towards giving to help a child attend camp. 2. Volunteer assistant cooks are needed; spend a week at camp helping in the kitchen--it's a great way to see God's beauty touching the lives of our children. Contact Joyce Pankratz, director, at 620-297-3290 for further information or questions.

**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).