

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 20, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Jana Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Joel Lincshaid

Reading from the Martyrs Mirror - Stephen Pages 70-72



From Mennonite Library and Archives, *Martyrs Mirror Images*,
<http://www.bethelks.edu/mla/holdings/scans/martyrsmirror/>

Choral Anthem *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Warner
Adult Choir Valerie Klaassen, clarinet

Scripture Reading Acts 7:54-60 Bonita Schroeder

Sermon *Stephen: The Wonder of a Radical Faith*

* **Hymn of Response No. 528** *I stand amazed in the presence*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *Go, my friends, in grace* Adult Choir

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Leader: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; *be my rock of refuge*, a strong fortress to save me. *Since you are my rock and my fortress*, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

Congregation: **My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.**

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 120** *Holy, holy, holy!*

Offering Western District Conference

Sharing and Prayers of the People

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

For Sharing and Prayer

Curt Regehr, husband of Marie, father of Curtiss and Tammy Regehr and grandfather of Caleb, Amanda, Melinda, Katrina and Bethany passed away last Sunday afternoon, April 13. Funeral services were held at the Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman on Wednesday morning.

LaVonda Claassen, wife of Milton, mother of Kendall and Carol Claassen and grandmother of Rachelle and Carine passed away Thursday, April 17. The funeral service will be Monday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton.

Thanks to everyone who gave money for the Run for Relief. We raised over \$1,000 for MCC. Chris Wiebe and DuMont Schmidt

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission as it discerns a 2009 spending plan for delegate discernment this summer.

Mennonite Mission Network: International Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Katherine Harnish and Matthew Yoder minister in Bradford, England, in an urban community with diversity and religious conflict. Pray for encouragement, love and safety for them and the community they serve.

Chelsea Vaught will be performing her first recital at the University of Kansas Bales Organ Recital Hall on Friday, May 2 at 8:00 p.m. She will be performing works by Franck, Messiaen, Bach and Hakim. Bales Recital Hall is adjacent to the north of the Lied Center, on the KU West Campus, located off of Iowa (highway 59) and Bob Billings Parkway. You can get there from either Bob Billings or 19th Street, just follow the arrows to Bales Recital Hall.

Announcements

Thank you to those who contributed plastic Folgers coffee cans for the Camp Mennoscah "napkin holder" project. They were delivered to Camp and used at the Retirees' Retreat and are ready for the summer camping sessions.

Homeless Shelter Ministry Begins This Week: 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.

All are welcome to **Thursday morning Bible Study and Fellowship** now beginning Thursday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Pastor Jim.

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.

Thanks! Pastor Jim

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 Samantha Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Special Music Next Sunday: Bethel College/Joel Linscheid

Ushers Next Sunday: Ben Lichti and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,607.00

Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College

Church Events

Today at noon Spiritual Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Rachel Balzer in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend.

Bethel College Sunday is next Sunday, 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 15 at 7:00 p.m. Education Council will meet at church.

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

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

Kauffman Museum's Earth Day Adventure, this afternoon 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 this afternoon 2-4 p.m. at #13, #23, and #37 Lakewood Circle, Campus Woods Estates, a residential addition to Kidron Bethel Village retirement community.

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 Presser Hall at Bethany College in Lindsborg. Offerings will be taken to help alleviate worldwide poverty and hunger through the Mennonite Central Committee.

You are invited to join local artist Jesse Graber, authors Bob Gress and Pete Janzen, *The Kansas Guide to Birds and Birding Hot Spots*, and musicians from The Book of Jebb, at Faith & Life Bookstore during Newton's annual Art and Music on Main, Thursday April 24 from 6-9 p.m.

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 you have questions, contact Ann at 316-284-2960 or asho@cox.net.

Stewardship Workshop Opportunity Stewardship theologian, author, and speaker Lynn Miller will lead a workshop at Shalom Mennonite Church on Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to noon on THE POWER OF ENOUGH. It's designed for anyone interested in learning how to find real contentment by discovering what "enough" means in your life. It will include practical help and useful exercises you can apply to your own situation. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken. A morning coffee break will be provided and childcare will be available. Please RSVP with Shalom Mennonite Church, 283-7395, or email the church office at office@shalomnewton.org. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

Men & Boys Retreat is next weekend! (April 25-27) Join the guys at Camp Mennosciah for a weekend of fellowship, campfires, fishing, river play, kite flying, games, lots of food, and more...including a car display! Several guys are planning on bringing their classic & antique cars (weather permitting). Interested in bringing your car? Contact Brent Voran @ 284-2657 or email bcvoran@cox.net. Phil Waite from Moundridge will bring the Sunday morning message "Wrestling With God", musical guests "Sons of Jebb" will do a Saturday night concert. Bring your son, dad, and grandpa for this great annual event!

Faith! Celebrate the Journey 1958 - 2008: You are invited to join us at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton, for the first of several 50th anniversary celebrations on Sunday, April 27. The Sunday school hour at 9:00 a.m. is a conversation with Earl and Jane Sears, "Life since leaving Newton and FMC in 1998." At 10:30 a.m., former pastor Earl Sears preaches at the 1990s-style worship service, "We are surrounded..." Join the noon Burger Bash, a youth "by donation" fund raiser, followed by a 1:00 p.m. "Book of Jebb" blue grass concert in Fellowship Hall.

Kansas MCC Ride for Relief: Motorcyclists have a special opportunity to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by participating in the MCC Ride for Relief scheduled Sunday, April 27. The ride begins at King Memorial Park in Hesston, and the destination is Kingman Mennonite Church, arriving in time for Sunday morning worship. Lunch is to be provided at the church as a youth group fundraiser. A donation of \$25 qualifies you to participate. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be set for May 18. To register call Lelyn Peters, 620-327-2256, or Daryl Regier, 620-345-8531, by April 23.

Et Cetera

Everyone is invited to attend the credentialing service for Susan Jantzen as interim pastor of the Deer Creek (Oklahoma) Mennonite Church. The service will take place on April 27 at 10:30 a.m. during the morning worship service at Deer Creek Mennonite Church.

A Service of Ordination for Linda Ewert will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel. You are invited for this celebration of thanksgiving and praise to God! Childcare will be provided through preschool age. A light reception meal will follow.

The annual MCC Relief Sale Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 10 at the Hesston Municipal Golf Course. Final registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The format is a 4-person scramble and registrants are welcome to enter as individuals or as a team. The \$55 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, PO Box 295, North Newton, KS 67117, 316-283-1366, or by e-mail at greggd@bethelks.edu. The pre-registration deadline is May 6. Our goal is to have 18-24 teams again this year.

The Bethel College Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet on Saturday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Program includes historic Bethel songs sung by an alumni ensemble and award presentations. Cost \$16 per person if paying by May 9, \$18 May 10-14. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline May 14.

EtCetera Shop-Newton is taking applications for the fulltime position of General Manager of the store. Needed is an energetic person, with a heart for mission, capable of managing an assistant staff and many volunteers. This paid position is available until filled. For further information on qualifications for this job please contact Deb Goering or Sarah Fleming at the Et Cetera Shop located at 619 Main in Newton. Bring your resume to this location or e-mail to newtonetc@sbcglobal.net.