

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 23, 2006

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

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

In the Hospital: Donna Klaassen, Newton Medical Center

Hannah Klaassen will present her senior seminar entitled "Emplaced: A personal and scholarly exploration of sacred place" Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel in the Administration Building on the Bethel College campus.

Thank you for the cards, telephone calls and visits to Fred following his injury and hospitalization. Pastor Jim, your visits and caring concern were much appreciated. Thanks to our Mariners' S.S. class for the flowers. We now pray for patience with the healing process.

Fred & Joyce Stuart

Western District Conference: Pray for the leadership of WDC (conference staff, executive committee) as they prepare for the annual conference July 14-15.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers in Argentina request prayer for the annual convention of the Iglesia Evangelica Unida (United Evangelical Church) to be held in the Argentine Chaco April 28-30. Pray for love and unity in the church, particularly as they choose a new president.

Based upon the results of the Pastoral Review with Western District ministerial committee member/representative Jim Stucky the Pastoral Relations Committee recommends to the

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 1 John 1:1-3 Pastor Brett

* *Invocation* Pastor Brett

* *Hymn No. 106 All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 133 Pastor Jim

Children's Moments Pastor Jim

Offering Western District Conference

* *Hymn No. 389 Take my life* Verses 1, 2, 4 & 6

Sharing and Prayer

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

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 Jo Frye

Sermon *Think different! Live different! Die different!*

* *Hymn No. 275 Lift your glad voices*

* *Benediction*

* *Benediction Hymn No. 429 Go now in peace*

Administrative Council to renew the call to Pastor Jim. The Administrative Council moves that the congregation extend a call to Pastor Jim Voth for three years from October 15, 2006 - October 15, 2009.

The congregational vote on this motion will take place on Sunday
May 7, 2006 after the worship service.

Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Catechism class will meet at church.

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Messengers S.S. Class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.



Wednesday 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.

Next Sunday is Bethel College Sunday. Students from Bethel will lead the service: Hannah Klaassen, worship leader; Megan Klaassen, children's story; Margaret Penner, message; Jennifer Regier, flute; Chelsea Vaught, organ.

Announcements

Chelsea Vaught will be presenting her Senior Organ Recital this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Bethel College Administration Building

Chapel. She will be performing works by Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Bach, Reger, Franck and Hampton. Everyone is invited to attend, and enjoy hearing a variety of organ music!

Homeless shelter training this afternoon April 23, at 2:30 p.m. If you are thinking about volunteering, this would be a great opportunity to become familiar with the ministry.

The High School Youth Group will be sponsoring a 5th Quarter (5th Lap) on May 5 at the Claassen Barn. A sign-up sheet for food will be coming around next Sunday.

Spiritual Council will be having a special offering on May 7 for the purchase of additional hymnals and bibles for the church pews. Currently, there are no extra hymnals available when the overflow area is needed. A special envelope will be in your mail box on May 7, you can feel free to put your donation into the regular offering plate. It is anticipated that \$1,000 will be needed to complete this project. Thank you for your support.

The Grace Hill volunteer week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is May 17-23. We are being asked to provide food and overnight staff for that week. Please begin looking at your schedules to find times to volunteer.

Need an island getaway? SonTreasure Island could be just the place for you! Please contact Sharon Schmidt or Sara Burch if you are interested in teaching during Bible School June 5-9. Come seek the greatest treasure.

Welcome to the Junior Librarians who are assisting especially with the children and youth books in the library. They are Samantha Claassen, Jana Harms, Laura Harms and Melinda Regehr.

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.

Et Cetera – Part 1

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be performing this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany College Presser Hall. Those participating from Grace Hill are K. John Klaassen, Ken Wiebe and Willard Wiebe. An

offering will be taken to help alleviate world hunger through the Mennonite Central Committee.

Circling the Conference: Informative gatherings about Western District Conference mission and organization, and Gather 'Round are scheduled in churches in April and May - pick a date and site to attend: April 24 (7:00-8:30 p.m.) Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton; May 8 (7:00-8:30 p.m.) First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson.

The Mid-Kansas National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will be showing the video, "Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness" on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton. This film is a documentary on stigma, recovery and hope. The video is an intimate, inside look at what it is like to live with a mental illness and how individuals and their families find their way through a tangle of medical, governmental, societal and spiritual issues.

Cliff Kindy will speak on "Hope in Iraq" at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 East First Street, Newton, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. Kindy, on the Steering Committee of the Christian Peacemaker Team, has served in Colombia, Palestine, Mexico and Iraq. The event, co-sponsored by Shalom Mennonite Church and the Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), is free and open to the public. A collection will be taken for the Christian Peacemaker Team, and refreshments will be served.

Bethel College's spring drama is *Dead Man Walking*, based on the book by Sister Helen Prejean. Performances are April 27-29 at 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium. For tickets, call or stop by Thresher Bookstore on campus, (316) 284-5205, open M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; discounts for students and senior citizens. Offender Victim Ministries of Newton will be assisting with talk-backs after each performance.

Ann Showalter Book Signing of *Touched by Grace* will be held on Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. - noon at Peace Connections. Stop by to get your copy of the book and have it signed by the author. Refreshments provided.

Et Cetera – Part 2

Honoring Rosalie Neufeld for over 30 years of service with Mennonite Central Committee, a come-and-go retirement celebration will be held

next Sunday, April 30th, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at the North Newton MCC Center. All are welcome to attend.

The West Zion Concert Series continues with a special spring concert which will focus on music about the Resurrected Christ. The concert, which will be held on Sunday evening, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. will feature organist Cynthia Neufeld-Smith at the 1980 Dobson tracker organ. The concert will include some congregational singing and during the concert a free-will offering will be taken. After the concert there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. West Zion Mennonite Church is located at 101 S. Washington Avenue in Moundridge.

The annual Mennonite Relief Sale Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 6 at the Hesston 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. The pre-registration deadline is May 2. Our goal is to have 18-24 teams again this year.

UNcertain about Evangelism? UNcomfortable with Evangelism language? UNclear about YOUR story? UNconvinced about the need? Come to the UNusual, UNconventional Western District Conference Evangelism Workshop on May 6, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Buhler Mennonite Church, 220 W Ave B, Buhler. Cost is \$25 per church, send as many people as you want. Lunch provided (donations please). Presenter: Lee Ann Penick, excited, enthusiastic elder of South Hutchinson Mennonite Church, Licenced Clinical Professional Counselor, Evangelism Explosion Trainer, etc. Contact Bob Dalke (WDC Evangelism Committee member), 620-543-2733 with information about how many people you are sending.

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the 2006 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on Tuesday, May 9, at the Eden Mennonite Church located 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge at 401 18th Avenue. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person, and is payable at the door. Please RSVP by May 1st to Brad and Suzy Burch or Kim and Debbie Claassen.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp presents a new program for adults on personal spiritual growth on June 2-4 – *Grounding Our Lives in Spiritual Practice*. Retreat leader is Kathryn Damiano. For more details

see the brochure in the foyer or check the camp's website at www.rmmcamp.org.

The Newton Ten Thousand Villages is looking for a reliable person with strong communications skills and a friendly attitude for the paid position of Assistant Manager. Job duties include managing the store and volunteers 9 hours on Saturdays while maintaining positive customer relations. Commitment includes every Saturday. Will report directly to the General Manager. Position begins May 6, 2006. Will include training before start date. Please send resume to: Heidi Huber, 625 N. Main, Newton, KS 67114. For more information contact Heidi Huber, General Manager, at (316) 283-0061.

Want to learn a little Spanish? If so, then memorize the following: *Bread de Vida*. This is the theme for the annual delegate session of Western District Conference, July 14-15 at Bethel College. It means "bread of life" and was chosen by the Program Committee as a reflection of the wonderful blend of Hispanic and Anglo cultures in our churches. It is based upon the message found in John 6:1-35, which you are encouraged to read frequently between now and July 14.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Biblical Seminary \$1,688.00
Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College

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