

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

verse 3 a capella, verse 4 unison

April 24, 2005

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

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 Chelsea Vaught and Carl Goossen

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

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits--

Leader: Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,

People: Who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him;

People: The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

* Gathering Prayer

* **Hymn No. 37** *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

Offering Western District Conference

Offertory *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is* Callahan

Sharing and Prayers of the Church

* **Hymn No. 524** *What Mercy and Divine Compassion*

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

New Testament Reading Luke 15:11-32 Pew Bible Page 1035-1036
Reader: Doreen Harms

Choral Anthem *Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above*
Celebration Singers

Sermon *SPLANCHNIZOMAI - Compassion - The urge to Care*
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. 355** *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

* Benediction

* **Benediction Hymn No. 421** *Bless'd Be The Tie That Binds* vs. 1,3,5,6

Postlude *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty* Cherwien

* 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 Daniel Klaassen, Justin Klassen, Caleb Regehr and Matthew Regier and Pastor Jim and Brett as we share in a catechism retreat at the church next Sunday in preparation for baptism on Sunday, May 15.

Remembering those in nursing homes:

Kidron Care Centre: Leona Harms, Clara Schmidt, Leona Unruh

Bethesda Home: Tena Voth

Presbyterian Manor, Newton: Rudy and Elda Lichti

Presbyterian Manor, Wichita: Ira Hall

From Charles Armstrong, our Gideon speaker on April 10: The offering for the Gideons from your church was a very generous \$360.00. That will be enough to place over 300 Testaments in the 179 countries the Gideons are in. We praise the Lord for this and thank you for your gracious contributions.

Western District Conference: Pray for youth pastors and sponsors as they lead, guide, and inspire our young people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for members of the Johnstown (Pa.) Service Adventure unit as they share God's love while serving as teaching assistants. Eli Ulrich and Valerie Kauffman are teacher's aides at Johnstown Christian School; Melanie Peters and Jessica Fridley are assistants at Head Start.

Nursery This Sunday: Lisa Harms and Rita Patterson

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Biblical Seminary \$1,451.02

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Church Events

Monday at 7:30 p.m. Education Council will meet at church.



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 All Church Carry-in Meal at noon. Drink and table service will be provided.

Next 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. All are welcome to attend the 4:00 p.m. program.

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.

Announcements

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.

Et Cetera

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.

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. The pre-registration deadline is April 27. Our goal is to have 18-24 teams again this year.

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. Most of your cost is a tax-deductible contribution, minus \$5 per plate for cost of food.

Et Cetera

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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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.

India Seminary President to speak: The new president of Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India, Dr. Samson Parekh, will present an update on the seminary at two dinner meetings: Friday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. Water's Edge Restaurant, Hesston - RSVP to Marlene Habegger, 620-327-5092, habegger@southwind.net OR Saturday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. Grace Hill Mennonite Church, rural Whitewater - RSVP to Carol Claassen, 620-752-3650, oclaassen@wheatstate.com. Please RSVP by May 2.

The next Mennonite Singles Group get together will be at the Breadbasket Restaurant, 219 N. Main, Newton, on Saturday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. If you are single or single again, 30-50's, join us there for the German buffet. The price is \$9.35 per person. Please RSVP to Jared Friesen, 316-729-8660, or Jonathan Ensz, 620-367-4627, or email Karen at menningles606@yahoo.com.

The Bethel College Alumni Association invites all alumni and friends of the college to its annual banquet at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, in Memorial Hall. Program includes awards presentations. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact the Bookstore/Ticket Office in Schultz Student

Center on campus, 316-283-5205. Reservations deadline is Wednesday, May 11.

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.

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.

Western District Conference is hosting information meetings called "Circling the Conference" featuring the work of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee to develop "Vision 2012". Delegates to the August 12-14 annual conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma are especially invited - but everyone is welcome at one the eleven sites. See the lavender-colored insert for information.

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