

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 30, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Flute: Jennifer Regier

## *Bethel College Sunday*

**Prelude** *Variations on "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* Travis

### **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.

**Prepare for Worship** Hannah Klaassen

**Instrumental Interlude** *Rhapsody on English Hymntunes*  
Chelsea Vaught and Jennifer Regier

\* **Call to Worship** Hannah Klaassen

\* **Hymn No. 43** *Christ is our cornerstone*

**Scripture** I Corinthians 3:10-14 Megan Klaassen

**Children's Story** Megan Klaassen

\* **Hymn No. 311** *The church's one foundation*

### **Reading**

**Scripture** Matthew 16:13-21 Chelsea Vaught

**Special Music** *Be Thou My Vision* Loucks  
Chelsea Vaught and Jennifer Regier

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

**Message** Margaret Penner

\* **Hymn No. 343** *My hope is built on nothing less*

**Offering** Bethel College

**Offertory** *How Firm a Foundation* Cherwien

### **Morning Prayer with congregational involvement**

Hannah Klaassen

\* **Benediction** Margaret Penner

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 100** *Praise him, praise him!*

**Postlude** *Dankpsalm* Reger

\* 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**

Zelda Schmidt passed away at Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at the age of 95. Funeral services were held in the church on Saturday, April 29. Let us remember her family during these days and give thanks for the faithful life you she lived and served in this church.

Many thanks to my Grace Hill family for the prayers, visits, cards and telephone calls during and since my hospitalization. Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Jim for his visits and prayers. Donna Klaassen

You are cordially invited to the graduation celebration honoring Dan Schroeder, graduating from the Hesston College Pastoral Ministries program of 2006. Commissioning service Saturday, May 6, 1:00 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main. Reception following. Commencement: Sunday, May 7, 9:00 a.m., Hesston College Yost Center.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for pastors (and spouses) of WDC who are joining with the South Central Conference pastors/spouses for a retreat in Watonga, Oklahoma this weekend. Also pray for the hundreds of Christian educators who are being introduced to the new Gather 'Round curriculum this spring. May God move in their hearts as they discover creative ways to nurture faith in all ages.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the year-long volunteers in the DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) program as they minister to needs in the city. May the final months of their assignments be beneficial to the communities in which they serve.

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

**Nursery This Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Kids in Praise

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,065.50

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Catechism class meets at church.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.  
Worship Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday, May 7 at 2:30 p.m.** A reminder for those interested, that on May 7 at 2:30 p.m., Dwight and Wilma Harms Zuercher of Rockford, IL will be sharing a Power Point presentation about their recent trip to Michalin, Ukraine. This is the area of Europe from which the Grace Hill congregation and Harms families immigrated when they came to Kansas. The Zuerchers have done extensive genealogical research about the Harms family. Those interested in attending are invited to join us in the church sanctuary. Please be aware that at the same time another family reunion will be taking place in the fellowship hall. If you have questions contact Olin Claassen.

**Monday, May 8 at 12:00 noon (note time change)** Hands of Friendship will meet at the Center for Human Functioning, 3100 N. Hillside, Wichita. Lunch (cost \$7.46, pay at the door) at 12 noon with a 45 minute tour of the facilities beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sign up for meal reservation by Thursday, May 4 or contact Agnes Harder. Financial project: Hands of Friendship Treasury. Business: Election of Officers.

**June 5-9** Daily Vacation Bible School at Zion Mennonite in Elbing.

**October 21-22** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

**Pastor: James Voth** Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: [jvoth@cox.net](mailto:jvoth@cox.net)

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**Church Website:** <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>

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

**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.

**The Camp Mennoscah** catalogues for 2006 camping season arrived this past week. You will find them on the shelf in the foyer. You will also notice the new camp poster. They also want to highlight two new camps they are trying this year. "First Camp" will be for those entering grades 4 and 5 in the fall 2006 and have never been to camp before or who have a hard time being away from home. Senior High Youth Group Service Week – an opportunity for youth groups to participate in a reasonable priced service trip close to home and for an agency they care about. If you have any questions you can e-mail the camp at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**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.

**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**

**Announcements**

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

**Bethel College Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble** will play music of living composers and arrangers, including J. Harold Moyer of North Newton, in their concert May 1, 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium (note change from Memorial Hall). Admission is free.

**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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to Brad and Suzy Burch or Kim and Debbie Claassen.

**The M-2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers May 11, 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. Applicants awaiting a friend presently 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 no later than May 8. You may also email: [isaac.ovm@southwind.net](mailto:isaac.ovm@southwind.net).

**The Bethel College Alumni Association** invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet on May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Program includes award presentations. Cost \$16 per person. Contact the Bookstore in Schultz Student Center on campus, 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline is May 10.

**Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Days** are June 9 and 10. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of health-care beds. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, enjoy free carnival games, rides, petting zoo, and snacks from 5-8 p.m. The pig roast will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (cost is your donation) and entertainment from 6-8 p.m. Hot air balloon rides will be available from 7-9 p.m. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, the Kidron Klassic Kar Show will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The resident garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Also buy baked goods and lunch. A benefit auction will begin at 10:04 a.m. Please bring your garage sale items to the Information Centre before June 7 (no clothing please). Please donate items for the Benefit Auction: antiques, collectibles, handmade items and other quality items. Contact DeeAnn Hein at Kidron Bethel. For pick up of larger items or for further information, please call 284-2900. Thank you.

**Et Cetera**

**Looking for a worthwhile activity for junior youth** during the summer? Make plans now to bring your middle-school age children to Bethel College July 14-15 - the time and place for the annual delegate session of Western District Conference. Most of their time will be spent at Camp Mennoscah in a program designed entirely for them under the capable direction of Tammy Duvanel Unruh.

**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.

**The Twelfth House Against Hunger** is currently under construction in Buhler. The home is constructed using donated and discounted materials and services. The HAH is sold with the profits donated to Mennonite Central Committee through the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. It is a 1,538 square foot 3 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring vaulted ceilings, 2-car garage, full basement with an entertainment room, a 4th unfinished bedroom, a 3rd unfinished bath, and mechanical/storage room. The HAH is located at 508 E. Prairie Park Lane on the east side of Buhler. Anyone interested in purchasing the home, contact Richard Ediger at 620-543-2787. Contribution checks may be made payable to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and sent to: House Against Hunger Project c/o Richard Ediger, P.O. Box 488, Buhler, KS 67522.

**Looking for a special gift for someone?** The Newton Et Cetera Shop is now selling gift certificates and peanuts! The peanuts are fresh from Oklahoma. (You may have seen them at the MCC sale). They would be great for your next group gathering! Be sure to make Et Cetera your next gift shopping destination. We have a lot of unique and collectable items to make your special person happy. And, if you can't find something that is "just right", gift certificates are available!