

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 7, 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: Gladys Reimer

Coming Together in Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Acts 2:1

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.

* **Choral Call to Worship** *You gotta sing when the Spirit says sing*
Kids in Praise

* **Invocation**

* **Hymn No. 154** *This is my Father's world*

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-3 Valerie Klaassen

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* **Hymn No. 447** *O Jesus, I have promised*

New Testament Reading Matthew 28:16-20 Valerie Klaassen

Children's Moments *Go into all the world!* Pastor Jim

Special Music *Tuf manos senior* Kids in Praise

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

Sermon *A Mission Report from the World - Still Going Global!*

* **Hymn No. 638** *God is working his purpose out*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *Sending Song* Kids in Praise

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

The Love family of Whitewater lost their home and contents in a fire Monday evening, May 1. They have four daughters. If you would like to help, donations can be made at or mailed to: The Love Family, c/o Bank of Whitewater, 126 S. Main, P.O. Box 69, Whitewater, KS 67154.

Special thanks to those who prepared and poured concrete for the handicapped parking spaces in front of the education wing. Also thank you to Gerald Wedel for building cabinets for the closet in the old foyer.

Western District Conference: Pray for the graduates from seminary, pastoral ministries program, and colleges who are preparing to serve in congregational and mission positions.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Fjaere Harder and Susan Wagler and the asylum seekers they serve by working with Asylum Seekers Housing Network and Reservoir House Hill of Peace, respectively. This ministry is associated with North Baltimore Mennonite Church.

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 after the worship service today.

Church Events

This afternoon 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 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. Financial project: Hands of Friendship Treasury. Business: Election of Officers.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Bible School teachers' meeting at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing.

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

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice.

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

Announcements

Spiritual Council will be having a special offering today 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 is in your mailbox today; 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.

Harvest of Love seeks to meet the needs of those with special needs in Harvey County through food and money collected in the churches. A basket for food and a collection container for monies are located in the foyer by the front entrance. Please make checks payable to “Harvest of Love.” This is a year round project of the Newton Ministerial Alliance.

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: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Special Music Next Sunday: Celebration Singers & Adult Choir

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Bethel College \$1,443.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

This week a Western District Conference Circling the Conference with Gather 'Round meeting will be held May 8, 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson. Hear about the new Gather 'Round curriculum and upcoming changes to WDC mission and organization.

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.

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.

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.

Visit Ten Thousand Villages at 625 North Main Street in Newton and discover artistic handcrafted home decor that refreshes your senses and represents life-changing opportunities for fairly paid artisans in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Artisans around the world transform simple materials into beautiful, functional art for your home. Their exquisite creations offer them an opportunity to earn a livelihood with dignity and share their traditions with you. Help us celebrate the fair trade difference on World Fair Trade Day, Saturday, May 13 with block printing activities, refreshments, discounts, a prize drawing and more! Shop Ten Thousand Villages. Invest in your world. For more information call 316-283-0061.