

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 8, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Mother's Day

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 Valerie Klaassen & Chelsea Vaught

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.

Choral Call to Worship *Lord, Be Glorified* Celebration Singers

* **Gathering Scripture and Prayer**

* **Hymn No. 48** *All Creatures of our God and King* Verses 1-4 & 7

Offering Local Church

Offertory *Ave Maria* Franz Schubert

Children's Moments *Your Mom – A Beautiful Bouquet* Pastor Jim

Special Music *Like the Gentle Rain* Celebration Singers

Sharing and Prayers of the Church

Hymn Prayer Response No. 411 *I Bind My Heart This Tide*

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

Scripture Reading Romans 1:8-17 Pew Bible Page 1112
Reader: Kathy Balzer

Sermon *God's Mission for the Church* Dr. Samson Parekh

* **Hymn No. 398** *I Love To Tell The Story*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *The Prayer of St. Patrick* Celebration Singers

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

A special welcome to Dr. Samson Parekh, the new principal of Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India. Dr. Parekh began his work as principal this past December. Union Biblical Seminary is an interdenominational seminary providing Biblical and theological training for church leaders. Students come from all parts of India as well as from other countries.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, during worship there will be a service of baptism and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

On Sunday, May 22 we will have a service of child dedication to the Lord. For those who would like to dedicate their child to the Lord please contact Pastor Jim.

Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 2 Chronicles 20:13 (NRSV). God welcomes all to come into His presence and worship. As a congregation we

continue to seek ways to make everyone feel welcome as well. In order for small children and their parents to feel welcome we would like to provide a special area for them to be seated so that the parents may feel comfortable caring for their children and may be close to the nursery as needed. The ushers will also have an area where they can seat guest parents with small children if they request to be seated toward the back of the sanctuary. We are suggesting that the last three pews on the south section of the sanctuary be made available for parents with small children. In time signs will be placed on these pews designating them for parents with small children. We would also invite all of us to take a few more steps and choose one of the pews closer to the front of the sanctuary. We also realize that the sloping floor of the sanctuary can cause difficulties for some. The other back pews are for those with such a need. If you have further questions or comments please contact a member of the Administrative, Spiritual or Worship Council. Let us all come before the Lord with thanksgiving and hospitality toward one another in this special place God has given us to worship.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Ministerial Committee as it interviews pastoral candidates and also plans for educational scholarships.

Mennonite Mission Network: As the DEO (Discipleship, Encounter, Outreach) participants conclude their service in Denver, they will host a dessert appreciation event on May 12 for the area Mennonite churches, their supervisors and co-workers. Pray that this time will be a Christian witness that will encourage continued connections with future DEO teams.

Church Events

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

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Gardening/Cooking with Herbs with Kay Neff. Devotions: Kaye Penner; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Administration Council meets at church.

May 30 – June 3 Bible School with Zion at Grace Hill. *Kingdom of the Son – a Prayer Safari* will be the theme for children ages 4 through 6th grade. For more information, contact Penny Hiebert or Sharon Schmidt.

June 12 Don't be shy! Share your hobbies and crafts with our church family on June 12. We will display needlework, photographs, drawings, paintings, woodwork, metalwork, anything you've created! If your hobby is impractical to bring (a flower garden, for example) bring a picture for us to display! Drop your request for display space in the talent box in the foyer!

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,137.00

Offering Next Sunday: Bible School & Education

CHURCH OFFICES

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Announcements

The Youth Group will be having a 5th Lap (Quarter) this Friday after the HOA League Track meet at Remington. A sign up list will be going around today during Sunday School. Thanks again for all the support this year.

Journey with Joshua and the Grace Hill kids this summer in Sunday School. Let's give our dedicated Sunday School teachers a much-deserved break! There is plenty of opportunity for helping with this vital ministry of our church. You can be a music leader, story teller, activity coordinator, helper, or early childhood teacher. Refer to the Journey with Joshua flyer for details. Sign up in the foyer during the month of May. This is one summer activity you won't want to miss!

Bible School supplies needed! Do you have any of the following supplies that you could donate to Bible School crafts? We are needing: various colors of yarn, craft foam in various colors, small jigsaw puzzle pieces, one-half gallon cardboard milk cartons, baby food jars, plastic frosting cans, tongue depressors, ice cream sticks, medium-sized disposable round canister with plastic lid (small coffee can, roasted nuts container, powdered drink). Please put items in the box in the library. Questions? Talk to Katherine Claassen.

The Spiritual Council will again be sponsoring first time campers to Camp Mennoscah. To off-set the cost of the camp we will be taking a special offering during Sunday School on May 22. This year we have 6-8 persons, who could be first time campers, the cost to send a camper to Camp Mennoscah varies between \$95.00 and \$115.00 a person depending upon the age of the camper. If you are unable to be present for the offering and would like to donate to this cause please see one of the Spiritual Council Representatives. We are also asking the parent of first time campers to contact Sandie Lanzrath as soon as possible.

Thank you, Spiritual Council

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

Bethel College events: Open Road, a men's octet, will present its second annual year-end concert today at 4:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The concert will feature a mix of old and new songs from a wide variety of sacred and secular genres, including spiritual, folk, contemporary and classical, among others. **The Bethel College Sinfonia and Bethel College Wind Ensemble** joint concert scheduled for May 2 has been moved to Monday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. **Come hear Jazz on the Green** on Wednesday, May 11, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on the Bethel College Green. Groups performing will be (in order) Jazz Ensemble II, Jazz Combo and Jazz Ensemble I, with repertoires including classic to contemporary jazz. You should bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. If the weather is good but the ground is soggy, the performance will move to Centennial Plaza in front of Memorial Hall. In case of bad weather, it will be held in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center.

Western District Conference invites you to attend a "Circling the Conference" information session. Become informed about the strategic planning process and projections. This week it will be presented at two places: Tuesday, May 10 - West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12 - First Mennonite Church, Newton, 7:00 p.m. No registration is required. For a complete list of dates and sites, call the WDC office at 316-283-6300 or email us at wdc@mennowdc.org, or visit the website at www.mennowdc.org.

Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide will air again on national television. It will air on May 15 at 11:00 a.m. on Hallmark Channel for the second time and May 22 marks the beginning date for a six-month window during which time it will air on NBC TV stations. Check <http://fiercegoodbye.com/?P=133> for more information.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, May 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Hope Amidst Devastation: Images of Postwar Germany." Robert Kreider, the first MCC volunteer stationed in Germany after World War II will present a slide-illustrated talk about his experiences (repeat of February program). The program accompanies the special exhibition "The Art of Sharing, the Sharing of Art: Responses to Mennonite Relief in Postwar Germany" which will be on display through May 29. Free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

Iraqi Christian Peacemaker Team member Peggy Gish will be speaking at KIPCOR on the Bethel College Campus Wednesday May 11, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Peggy, who was in Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War

as well as from 2002-2005, will share her first hand experiences and photos of the situation in and around Bagdad. The public is invited to attend. For more information call Julie Hart at 284-5245.

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.

Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day, Friday, June 10, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. Fun for all ages, free snacks, activities, entertainment. Pig roast 5:30-7:30 p.m. (cost - donation). **Village Resident Garage Sale**, Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please start collecting items. We need handcrafted items and crafts, antiques, furniture, collectibles, appliances, glassware, jewelry, toys, games, food, and other items. No clothing please. Drop off donations at the Information Centre. For pick up of larger items please call 284-2900. Thank you.

Wheat State Manor will be holding a garage sale on June 11. If you have items to donate, please bring them to Wheat State after June 1.

A Kansas State Fair Planning Committee invites church choirs to join a Kansas Sings Choir that will perform in the Grandstand on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Rod Walker from Kansas State University, the choir will perform eight anthems. Singers are asked to provide their own music which can be purchased from Senseney Music in Wichita. Dr. Walker will hold a required rehearsal on the afternoon of September 15. Information about this choir, including a registration form, is at the Western District Conference Library, 2517 North Main, North Newton. Interested directors and singers can also contact Berneil Rupp Mueller for information: 2808 Acacia Avenue, North Newton, KS 67117; 316-283-1663; tabco@cox.net.

Need a service opportunity? Ten Thousand Villages is looking for volunteers to fill half-day clerking time slots, Monday through Saturday. The morning shift is 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The afternoon shift is 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit our store at 625 N. Main St., Newton or call Heidi Huber, Manager, at 283-0061.