

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 11, 2008

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Clarinet: Valerie Klaassen

Pentecost Sunday – Mother’s Day

Prelude *Every Valley Shall Be Exalted*
He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd
from Messiah by G.F. Handel

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 Acts 2:1-4

* **Prayer Response**

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on the day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overleaps the boundaries of race and nations,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

Come, Holy Spirit.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

* **Hymn No. 26** *Holy Spirit, come with power*

A Moment for the Mothers Pastor Jim
And a Prayer of Blessing for our Families

Sharing and Prayers of the People
Our High School Graduates
Emily Burch Camille Claassen Jana Harms Cory Hiebert

Special Music *He Hideth My Soul* arr. by William Kirkpatrick
Valerie Klaassen and Linda Harms

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

Scripture Reading Acts 2:5-21 Nancy Harms

Sermon *The Wonder of Pentecost* Pastor Jim

* **Hymn of Response No. 362** *Help us to help each other*

Offering Local Church
Offertory *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* arr. by Gordon Schuster

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* **Hymn No. 507** *Gracious Spirit, dwell with me*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 346** *Dona nobis pacem*

Postlude *Bourree* by Bach

*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.

This morning immediately following worship the congregation is invited to a reception in honor of our high school graduates. The adult Sunday School classes will not meet today.

For Sharing and Prayer

In the Hospital: Elaine Patterson, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

Special Thanks to the *Bethel College Fellowship Committee* of John and Valerie Klaassen and Marlin and Monica Lichti for the wonderful lasagna dinner they provided on Bethel College Sunday and for all the worship planning. Thanks too to our Bethel College students who led in worship.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet May 16 to discern priorities of WDC, a 2009 budget proposal, and celebrate Vision 2012 accomplishments.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the new Grace and Peace Mennonite Church in Seoul under the leadership of Gui-Shik Nam. Pray for the church's outreach and growth. MMN gives support to this ministry.

*Members and friends of Grace Hill who are
graduating this spring:*

Ashley Guhr from Valley Center Middle School
May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Valley Center Middle School

Steven Harms from Chisholm Middle School
May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Newton High School

Matthew Hiebert from Peabody Middle School
May 19 at 6:30 at Peabody Jr./Sr. High School

Mikayla Hiebert from Hesston Middle School
May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston Middle School

Elizabeth Martin from Remington Middle School
May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Remington High School

Emily Burch and Camille Claassen from Remington High School,
May 11 at 3:00 p.m. at Remington High School

Jana Harms – High School **Brett Harms** – Jr. High
from Home Educators Association
May 24 at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Community Church, Newton

Cory Hiebert from Hesston High School,
May 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Hesston High School

Joel Balzer Kansas University, May 18 in Lawrence

Sarah Kauffman Wichita State University, May 17 in Wichita

Megan Klaassen Bethel College, May 25 at 2:30 p.m. at Thresher Stadium

Roger Claassen University of Maryland, May 23
PhD in Agricultural Economics

Tim Frye Oklahoma University, May 1 PhD in Math

Susan Gaeddert Doctor of Musical Arts, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Mitchell Isaac Neuromuscular Fellowship, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Announcements

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER WORSHIP. Would you like to provide special music for worship or know of someone you would like us to ask to bring special music this summer? Please contact Barb Voth (283-2644) or a member of the Worship Council: Rita Patterson, chair, Sara Martin or Peter Goerzen.

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: Lisa Harms and Camille Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,621.00

Offering Next Sunday: Bible School and Education

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Monday at 11:30 a.m. Hands of Friendship meet at the Bread Basket Restaurant in Newton. Program: Tour Harvey County Historical Museum, Election for Hands of Friendship. You are welcome to invite guests for lunch and tour the museum. We need a count of those touring the Harvey County Historical Museum in advance for a reduced rate. Contact Gladys Reimer, Agnes Harder or Elva Unruh.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Praise Team practice at 7:00 p.m. followed by youth group programming.

All are welcome to **Thursday morning Bible Study and Fellowship – A Study of the Psalms.** Our next gathering is Thursday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Pastor Jim.

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

Catechism Class will meet next Sunday during the Sunday School hour.

Next Sunday evening, May 18, for Sunday Evening Worship, there will be a Hymn Sing here at church, starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Bible School will be held at Zion this year. The dates are May 26-30, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Our theme this year is *Listen Up - listening for what God is telling us.* The program will be Friday night.

July 20 All church swimming party at Newton Public Pool.

August 3 at 7:00 p.m. Brett and Cassie Klingenberg will report on their experiences over the past year.

Mennonite Disaster Service work in Greensburg continues. We have begun a new house build and need help for this project. Plans are to work Thursday, Friday, and Saturday every week. The tentative time frame for the build is: Rafters and roof – May 15-17. Electrical and plumbing—May 22-24, 29-31. Sheetrock—June 5-7, 12-14. Painting and finish work after that. If you would like to help with the project please call Nancy at (985)291-1296 for more information. Overnight lodging is available.

Offender / Victim Ministries' M-2 Recognition Celebration This event is to recognize the significant contribution made by hundreds of volunteers through the M-2 program's 35 year history. If you have been a part of this program or if you have interest in learning more about how you can reach out to the local prison population, please join us for reflection and fellowship at: Center Amish Mennonite Church, 2711 W. Morgan Rd., Hutchinson, at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 18.

Announcing GRAPEVINE: a network of Christian Educators The Grapevine Resource Group is a way for those concerned about congregational Christian education to share, network and learn from each other. Anyone is welcome: Sunday school teachers, superintendents, parents, pastors, Christian education committees and Wednesday night coordinators. The next meeting will be Thursday May 22 at 7 p.m. at the WDC office. We will explore three different possibilities for mid-week children's curriculum programming. Come to listen, learn and share. Marlene Bogard is planner/facilitator; for information, contact her at: 316-283-6300; mbogard@mennowdc.org.

The Bethel College Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet on Saturday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Program includes historic Bethel songs sung by an alumni ensemble and award presentations. Cost is \$18 per person. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, 316-284-5205. Reservation deadline May 14.

Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing will be celebrating their 125th year as a congregation on Sunday, June 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to join them for the day and the noon meal.

Good News! The Western District Conference Vision 2012 funding campaign reached the \$1 million mark (contributions and intentions) on April 22. We give thanks for the generosity of prayer and donations to further the ministry of WDC. Your continued support is appreciated.

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