

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 13, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Chorister: Ben Lichti

Mother's Day

Prelude *Processional for a Joyful Day* Wood
"Finale" from *Symphony No. 6* Vierne

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 *Worship God with Music* Adult Choir
Lindsey Harms, trumpet
Congregation join in as directed, words will be on the screen.

Gathering Prayer

* **Hymn No. 89** *For the beauty of the earth*

Worship in Giving Local Church Missions
Offertory *Adoro te Devote* Callahan
Carl Goossen, violin

Children's Moments Kim Claassen

Sharing and Prayer

Choral Anthem *He Never Failed Me Yet* Adult Choir and Praise Team
Andrew Findley, soloist

Scripture Reading John 14:23-27 Cassie Klingenberg

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

Message *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*

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

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *Psalms 91* Adult Choir

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

I want to thank all for the prayers, thoughts, cards and gifts while I was recovering from my back injury. I am back at my job at Wal-Mart working 5 hours and will be back to full time soon.

Thanks again, Colleen Smith

Western District Conference: Pray for the meeting of the joint meeting of the WDC Executive and South Central Conference Administrative Committees this week – that planning for our summer conference and future staffing will be productive.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for two of the Mennonite Voluntary Service participants serving in La Jara, Colorado. Rich Landes works with San Luis Valley Boys and Girls Club and Jan Landes at Even Start. Volunteers in La Jara also teach English as a second language.

The Greensburg (Kansas) Mennonite Church building and parsonage was destroyed in a tornado that leveled 90% of the structures of

Greensburg, Friday evening, May 4. The congregation is a member of Mennonite Church USA through its membership in South Central Conference. The church building was built in the early 70s. The congregation is celebrating their 75th anniversary in September. Jeffrey Blackburn is pastor of the congregation of 81 members. Please pray for this congregation as they now renew their congregational life and community ministry.

Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership is collecting funds to assist the congregation in cooperation with the South Central Conference. You may send your check to Mennonite Church USA, Box 347, Newton, Kansas 67114. Earmark the check for Greensburg Mennonite Church. Or you can give by debit or credit card by going to www.MennoniteUSA.org and clicking on “give.” You’ll find the Greensburg Mennonite Church listed as a special project.

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

Santa Fe Middle School

Maria Jantz May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Newton High School

Remington Middle School

May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Remington High School

Samantha Claassen, David Janzen, Melinda Regehr

Remington High School

May 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Remington High School

*Adam Freking, Daniel Klaassen, Justin Klassen,
Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier, Kristen Toews*

Hesston High School

May 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Hesston High School

Tara Harms-Becker

Bethel College

Chelsea Vaught May 20 at 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center in North Newton. Program: Work Night at MCC Center and elections; Devotions: Justina Smith; Hostess: Elfrieda Schmidt; Financial Project: MCC.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group will meet.

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

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

Next Sunday following worship there will be a reception in the fellowship hall to honor our 2007 High School graduates.

June 3 The Youth Pastor Search Committee is pleased to announce that Katherine Krehbiel will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, June 3. A congregational vote to affirm Katherine will be taken following church on Sunday, June 10.

June 4-8 Vacation Bible School at Grace Hill.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High School Parents: There will be a parents and youth meeting regarding the San Jose trip. The meeting will be **May 23 at 7:00 p.m.** at Grace Hill. We will go over all the details.

Attention All Men! We will sing for the worship service on May 20. We will practice today right after Sunday School briefly. Talk to Ken Wiebe if you have questions.

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.

Spiritual Council will be taking pictures of all families/individuals for the bulletin board in the foyer. There will be two cameras set up with back drops in the fellowship hall area. Please stop by either before church or after Sunday School. The following dates will have someone available starting at 8:00 a.m. and leaving after the last picture is taken after Sunday School: next Sunday, May 20.

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: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch
Nursery Next Sunday: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Men's Group
Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,644.00
Offering Next Sunday: Bible School and Education

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644

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Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg Office Phone: 799-2238

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1-888-516-8474

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Announcements

The Possum Boys will be holding their CD release concert this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Goessel. Come for a night of bluegrass, and buy your own copy of their first CD for \$15. Members of the group are Bethany Amstutz, Nate Stucky, Derek, Brett, and Grant Klingenberg.

Is our Healthcare system broken? Will COMB survive? Do we have a voice? At the MC USA San Jose '07 assembly our delegates will be asked to make several key decisions concerning health care access. A major decision delegates will be asked to discuss and vote on is a new Healthcare Access for Church Workers program. Resourcing our delegates to cast wise and informed votes is important. To begin the process you are invited to an evening with MC USA leader Keith Harder. Harder serves on the Access for Church Workers Project Team - they helped develop the Healthcare access materials for San Jose delegates. Harder will explain what the delegates will be asked to decide, why they are being asked to decide and how the team formulated the current recommendations. He will also listen to the concerns of local churches as they struggle with the issue. **When: June 6 at 7:00 p.m.** Where: Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. All interested people - delegates, church leaders, lay people, pastors - are invited to attend. For questions/more information call 620-585-6733. If possible please RSVP by phone or email (hmc@dtnspeed.net) The session is free of cost.

Mark your calendars for Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day Friday, June 8 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Included again this year is fun for all ages, free snacks, entertainment, Pig Roast, Quilt Drawing, Benefit Auction and Kidron Klassic Kar Show. Quality auction items are still needed. Call DeeAnn Hein at 284-2900 ext. 237.

2007 miles in 2007. Cookie and Dave Wiebe will ride their tandem bicycle from Newton, KS to San Jose, CA May 28-July 2. Their goal is the Mennonite Church USA Convention in San Jose, California. They have also adopted a Mennonite Central Committee project: Generations at Risk Bicycles. This project provides bicycles for health workers caring for people with HIV/AIDS in Africa. If you would like to share in this project there are pamphlets on the literature display or you may contact Dave and Cookie at 284-0578, cookie.dave@gmail.com.

Camp Mennoscah - Summer Camps

- Registrations are already coming in for the 2007 camping season and the camps are filling up. Please send in your registrations soon in order to be placed in the camp you want!
- The Just fOr You (JOY) retreat (for those with disabilities) is coming around the bend Memorial Day weekend. If you or someone you know would like to attend, you may contact the camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org
- Camp Mennoscah needs your help. Last year we helped many children come to camp, who would not have been able to otherwise, using our Camp Scholarship Fund. We need help restoring the fund so we can help other children this year. Please pray to see if God is leading you towards giving to this fund and helping a child attend camp. You can contact Joyce Pankratz, director, at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for further information or questions.
- **Urgent help is needed for this summer!** Camp is in need of a head cook (paid position) for the entire summer. Rewards: lots of smiles, thank you(s) and seeing children enjoy the beauty of God's nature at camp. Benefits: \$250 per week plus room and board. Qualifications: a willing heart to supervise/lead assistant and volunteer cooks; develop menus and maintain kitchen and food service at camp during summer camping season and as needed by rental groups; assist in ordering groceries and supplies; meal preparation, service and clean-up. Please contact Joyce Pankratz, director at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org if interested.
- We are also in need of volunteer assistant cooks and nurses. If you would like to spend a week at camp, please contact Joyce Pankratz, director, at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for further information. It's a great way to see how God touches the lives of our children.

Western District Conference & South Central Conference joint annual conference, July 27-29, Tulsa, OK: WDC delegates will hear about the work of the conference and will also act on revisions to the constitution (see www.mennowdc.org, click on "Tulsa" to view proposed changes), a ballot, and a 2008 budget. Program change for Saturday evening - it will be an evening of music - hymn singing and more (instead of a youth musical).