

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 18, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music by Praise Team

Trinity Sunday

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 *How Majestic is Your Name*

* Gathering Prayer

Hymns of Praise

*Praise to the Lord Hymnal No. 37 Verses 1, 2 & 4

I will not be shaken

Knowing You

Love the Lord your God

Offering Bible School & Education

Sharing and Prayers of the People

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Katherine Claassen

Meditation *Pondering the Trinity*

Hymn *How Great is our God*

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:26-2:3

Katherine Claassen

Meditation *Created in the Image of God*

* **Hymn of Response** *New earth, heavens new* Hymnal No. 299

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn** *Our God is an awesome God*

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

Western District Conference: Pray for the new church plant in Newton: Iglesia Menonita Casa Bentania (House of Bethany Mennonite Church) which worships every Sunday a.m. and has a Bible study on Thursday evenings. Pray for a part-time pastor to answer the call to serve this new church.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Mennonite Voluntary Service participants will gather as a community for their retreat May 20-23 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Colorado. Pray that they will receive rest and energy for the remainder of their assignments.

Announcements

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, 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: Lisa Harms and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Ben Lichti and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,807.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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

This evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Hymn Sing at church for our Sunday Evening Worship. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at church.

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Thursday – Saturday of the coming week the church will be in use for the Busenitz-Longden wedding.

Church Memorial Service. Next Sunday we will dismiss Sunday school at 11:20 a.m. in order for the congregation to gather in the cemetery for our annual church memorial service.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Pastor Jim will be in charge.

All are welcome to Thursday morning Bible Study and Fellowship – A Study of the Psalms. Our next gathering is Thursday, May 29, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Pastor Jim.

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.

Mark your calendars! Our Youth Group's summer service trip to Swan Lake Christian Camp in South Dakota will be **June 22-26!**

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. this afternoon.

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.

Children, ages preschool - 3rd grade, are invited to "Meet Bill Peet" during Story Time at the Western District Conference Resource Library on Wednesdays, beginning June 4 - July 2, 10:00 - 10:40 a.m. Amanda Friesen will be sharing her love for books and the fun and energizing stories created by author-illustrator, Bill Peet. Come meet Ella the Elephant, Droofus the Dragon and find out what a Whingdingdilly is. Enroll by calling 316-283-6300 and ask to speak with Marlene or Pat in the library.

Mark your calendars for Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day. Friday, June 13 from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Fun for all ages includes free snacks, entertainment, a pig roast, quilt drawing, benefit auction and the Kidron Klassic Kar Show. Quality auction items still are needed. Call Dee Ann Hein at 284-2900 ext. 237.

Part of the benefit of attending the annual conference is meeting old friends and making new ones. Come to Hesston on June 27-28, where delegates and others from Western District Conference and South Central Conference congregations will be meeting and sharing. The theme of "Bold Witness: Pray with Courage, Share as One" will be developed through sermons, stories and workshops. Registration brochures are now available and online at www.mennowdc.org.

Is your family, Sunday school class, small group, or Summer Bible school planning committee looking for an opportunity to give financially and receive in non-financial ways? Global Family, Mennonite Central Committee's education sponsorship program, needs one-time gifts and long-term sponsors. See stories and photos of Global Family in action in the March/April issue of *a Common Place* magazine. Visit www.@mcc.org/globalfamily to view recently-posted photo galleries and consider whether you can help put education within reach for children and young adults in one of the 43 countries in which Global Family works, or call 316-283-2720 to learn more.

Ladder Without Rungs: Exploring Metaphors of Trauma is an exhibit exploring metaphors of suffering and trauma from both sides of crime: metaphors used by survivors of violent crime to express their experiences, and metaphors used by life-sentenced prisoners to describe the sentences they are serving. Utilizing photographs and interviews by Howard Zehr, this MCC exhibit is on display at Cobalt Gallery, 605 N. Main in Newton, and is sponsored by Offender/Victim Ministries in honor of OVM's 35th Anniversary.

Camp Mennoscah Summer Camps - Hooray! Only two more weeks before the first week of camp! Don't worry, you still have plenty of time to register for an exciting week of camp. Our theme this summer is The Bible: Digging for Treasure. We still have room at all of our camps—especially the weeks of June 1-5 and July 6-12. We'll have lots of fun—canoes, river play, swimming, crafts, and friends galore. Confirmation cards should be arriving for those campers who have already registered. Please check the cards for any inaccurate information. Questions? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Camp Mennoscah Support Staff - Parents and other adults invited! Join in the camping fun this summer. Kitchen helpers are

needed for the weeks of June 8-14, June 15-19, June 22-28, July 20-26, and July 27-August 1. Kitchen helpers/parent volunteers receive a full discount for a camper. Did I mention the free camp tee shirt? Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.

Camp Mennoscah - Kitchen volunteers - can't get enough of camp? We have a group needing food service June 30-July 3, and we need kitchen staff—the parent volunteer discount (prorated) applies! Meal service begins with the evening meal on June 30 and ends after breakfast on July 3. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.

Camp Mennoscah - Come relax by the river or play hard on the prairie! Camp Mennoscah has a few weekends that are open, and we'd love to have your group or family visit. Both Main Camp and the Retreat Center are available July 3-6, July 19-20, and July 25-27. The Retreat Center (only) is available for the following weekends: June 6-8, and August 29-31. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to recent disasters in Myanmar and China. MCC does not have any service workers in Myanmar, but MCC is currently distributing aid through four trusted partner organizations. MCC is raising funds for Myanmar and China. All eleven MCC workers in China are safe. Watch for details next week and check mcc.org for stories, photos and more information.

URGENT NEEDS Can you help us encourage our future Mennonite Disaster Service Volunteers by working at a youth project for 2 - 3 weeks or longer this summer? Our summer youth projects (June 8 - August 16) urgently need a cook for June 29 - July 13, construction managers and experienced crew leaders. Use your leadership and construction skills to encourage our youth to serve others! Call (800) 241-8111 to schedule.