

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 20, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Ben Lichti

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.

Call to Worship Hymnal No. 5 *There is a place of quiet rest*

Gathering Prayer

* **Hymn No. 19** *Open now thy gates of beauty*

Children's Moments

Nancy Harms

Worship in Giving Bible School and Education

Honoring our High School Graduates

Hesston High School - *Tara Harms-Becker*

Remington High School - *Adam Freking, Daniel Klaassen,*

Justin Klassen, Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier, Kristen Toews

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* Grace Hill Men's Group

Scripture Reading John 17:20-26 Marianne Eichelberger

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

Message *The Gift of Glory and Unity*

- Jesus prayed for all who would believe in him – He prayed for us! Vs. 20
- He prayed that we may be one - as he was one with the Father. Vs. 21
- Jesus fulfilled his mission by giving us God's glory. Vs. 22
- It is God's glory that brings us to complete unity. Vs. 22
- The purpose of our unity - let the world know God loves them. Vs. 23
- Jesus' deepest desire is to be with us and show us the glory. Vs. 24
- Jesus was faithful and promised to be faithful in making God's love alive in us. Vs. 25-26

* **Hymn No. 305** *Where charity and love prevail*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

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!**

*This morning immediately following worship
the congregation is invited to a reception
in honor of our high school graduates.*

*The children's Sunday school classes
will be served cake and punch in their classrooms.*

Adult Sunday school classes are not meeting today.

For Sharing and Prayer

The rose bud is for Lucille Anna born May 11, 2007 to Brad and Suzy Burch.

Floyd Born, retired pastor but currently serving as interim associate pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, died of a massive heart attack on Saturday, May 12 at age 73. Floyd served many years as pastor, missionary, and retirement home administrator before his service in the Western District Conference as pastor of Peace Mennonite, Dallas, TX and Zion Mennonite, Elbing. He retired in 2003 completing 43 total years of service. He then served as interim pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite, Goessel, and at Eden Mennonite in Moundridge. Memorial services were held at Faith Mennonite, Newton, on Wednesday, May 16. Please join in prayer for his wife, Bertha, their four sons, their families and whole host of friends and colleagues during this time of loss.

Joyce Pankratz's (Camp Mennoscah Director) father-in-law, F. Carl Pankratz, died May 14. Funeral services were held at First Mennonite Church, Reedley, CA on May 18. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to their family. (Due to their trip to California, all Camp registration confirmation cards will be delayed 10 days.)

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) continues to respond to the tornado damage in the Greensburg, Kansas area. **Volunteers, equipment and contributions are still greatly needed.** For further info and prior to volunteering, please call Marvin Penner in Newton, KS at (985) 291-1296, or e-mail him at marvinpenner@cox.net. Please pray for those that have suffered such severe damage and loss, and those trying to help those in need.

Western District Conference: Pray for Marco Guete, associate conference minister for Texas, who is on a six-week leave as part of his sabbatical. He is attending a learning tour on “Hispanic literature, art and spirituality” in Spain and then will present a paper on “Hispanic theology” at a consultation in late May at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN’s U.S. Ministries staff requests prayer for urban congregations planning summer ministry activities for children and youth. Pray for wisdom to develop programs effective in teaching peacemaking in their cities.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. High school parents & youth meeting (see below).

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. At 11:20 a.m. we will gather in the cemetery for our annual Grace Hill Memorial Service.

June 3 The Youth Pastor Search Committee is pleased to announce that Katherine Krehbiel will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, June 3. Katherine will share with us during worship and meet with the youth during Sunday School. **We will have a carry-in meal after Sunday School.** Following the meal will be an informal question/answer time with Katherine and the congregation. A congregational vote to affirm Katherine will be taken following church on Sunday, June 10.

June 4-8 Vacation Bible School at Grace Hill. Saddle up your horses we have a trail to ride. Come join us at Avalanche Ranch June 4-8 from 8:30-11:30 a.m., preschool will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Invite your posse and bring them along. We are still looking for a couple of hands to help fix the chow in the kitchen. We are also in need of some decorations to put up throughout the church, anything with a western theme would be great. There will be a sign up sheet for people who would be willing to provide food for the different leaders throughout the week. Please contact Sara Burch or Cassie Klingenberg with any questions or materials.

High School Youth Group

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

Announcements

Junior Sunday School News for Summer '07:

It is the hope of Education Council that we provide our children of Grace Hill with something different and exciting during the summer months, as well as give our dedicated teachers a little bit of a well-deserved break! So here's your chance to help for the summer!!! We need teachers for the Preschool class (2-5 yrs.), storytellers and activity leaders for the K-6. The Jr. High (7-8th grade) Sunday School will be helpers for the K-6 Sunday School time. The children will be studying the parables of Jesus.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in helping out in the Jr. Sunday School Dept. this summer.

There will also be a sign-up sheet if you are interested in receiving the new Talkabout for the summer.

Spiritual Council is taking pictures of all families/individuals for the bulletin board in the foyer. There are two cameras set up with back drops in the fellowship hall area. Please stop by either before church or after Sunday School **today** if you have not had your picture taken yet.

Nursery This Sunday: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,634.55

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Et Cetera

Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka, Kansas will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary June 2 and 3, 2007. See the poster on the bulletin board or check the website www.southernhills.ks.us.mennonite.net for more information.

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. Kaye Penner has tickets for the quilt drawing for \$1.

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.

Museum Day Camp. Space is available in "From Microbes to Milkweed: Exploring Biodiversity" a half-day camp to be held at Kauffman Museum June 25-29. Led by Newton High School science teacher Jerry Epp campers will explore the diverse life forms around them. They will culture soil microbes, create "pitfall" traps to collect insects and investigate the "sour" in sourdough bread. For more information, call the museum at 316-283-1612 or check the museum web site at www.bethelks.edu/kauffman.

Due to lack of registrations, the JOY (Just fOr You) retreat scheduled for May 27-28 at Camp Mennoscah has been cancelled.

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