

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 27, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Ben Lichti

Pentecost Sunday – Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

Gathering Prayer

* **Hymn No. 102** *To God be the glory*

Children's Moments Dedication of the children's Sunday School
Globe offering for the Sherrill family
serving Mennonite Mission Network in Japan.

Worship in Giving Western District Conference

Sharing and Prayer

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

The Communion Service

Based on an early Anabaptist Communion Service
according to the tradition of Balthasar Hubmaier

Confession Hymnal No. 697

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 31-33 Valerie Klaassen

Sermon on 1 Corinthians 10

Hymn No. 411 *I bind my heart this tide*

* **A Scriptural Public Commitment**

Time of Silence, reflecting on the suffering of Christ

The Pledge of Love

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 311** *The church's one foundation*
Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5

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!

Grace Hill Mennonite Church Cemetery
Memorial Service – 11:20 a.m.

Scripture Reading and Thoughts Excerpts from 1 Corinthians 15

Remembering those who passed away from Grace Hill

Ray Balzer September 9, 1920 - December 17, 2006
Rudolph Alfred Lichti June 30, 1914 - January 22, 2007

Remembering other loved ones who are with the Lord.

Prayer Litany

LEADER: In the Gospel of John, chapter 11, at the death of his close friend Lazarus, Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

CONGREGATION: Lord, we remember with love and a deep sense of loss those of our congregation who have died during the past year. We are also mindful today of other loved ones who have passed away. We thank you for your love that causes us to mourn their passing, and as well, causes us to rejoice because of the hope of eternal life that is ours through Your power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

LEADER: Job spoke the following words:
I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see Him with my own eyes -
I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

CONGREGATION: Lord, help us, as we hear your promises,
to believe them and receive the comfort they offer.
As we remember our departed loved ones today, by your
Holy Spirit remind us that You are the giver of hope.
Fill us with joy and peace in believing,
so that we may have abundant hope through the
power of the Holy Spirit. Glory to You, our God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, forever, amen.

Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

For Sharing and Prayer

In the hospital: Ross Litton, Newton Medical Center

Next Sunday's worship will include the commissioning of the Western District Conference Bible School traveling troupe by Rev. Norma Johnson and a message presented by our youth pastor candidate, Katherine Krehbiel.

The congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony and reception of Sara Burch and Dustin Martin on Saturday, July 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Hill. The invitation is posted on the bulletin board.

The Worship Council is pleased to announce that our choir director for 2007-2008 will be Joel Linschied of Newton, Kansas. Joel will be entering his senior year at Bethel College, majoring in music.

Another school year at Community Playschool, Inc. has come and gone. On behalf of the staff and 54 children who attended this year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Grace Hill Mennonite Church for your support. We want to say a special word of thanks to Karma Hill for her good work on our Board or Directors. Also, at the end of every December we are so grateful for the Christmas Eve offering check we receive from your church. It gives us a big mid-year boost! We thank you all for your prayers, your financial support, and the inquiries and interest shown by individual members of your church throughout the year. We are grateful that you are our partner in this endeavor to help families and children of the community.

Jeanette Leary and Bonnie Krehbiel, Co-directors

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the ministry of Tim Kliewer, pastor of Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, who retires today after nearly 35 years of pastoral ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the ministry of Third Way Café Web site, produced by Mennonite Media, <http://www.thirdway.com/>. One correspondent in Australia was baptized by a Mennonite pastor there after being mentored by the Third Way Café team.

Church Events

Today at 11:20 a.m. Grace Hill Memorial Service in the church cemetery.

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

Next Sunday, 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 meeting Monday through 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.

Saturday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. Bridal shower for Sara Burch. All women and girls are invited.

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.

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: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Brass Quartet

Keyboard Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Tara Harms-Becker

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Song On The Lawn means bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy great music and food, Sunday June 3, 5:00 p.m. on the Maynard Knepp/Carol Duerksen farm. Featuring live music by (in order of appearance): Lighthouse (men's quartet from Hillsboro); Brothers and Sisters (gospel/bluegrass by the Woelk family); Bill Froese (soloist) and Brian Voth (guitarist); Cross Road (gospel group from Tabor Church); The Master's Trail Hands (men's quartet from Chisholm Trail Bible Church); One Way Up (contemporary worship band). Supper (pork sandwiches and ice cream) will be served starting at 5:00. Donations accepted to benefit Joyful Noise Community Child Care. We hope to see you all there - with your lawn chairs! In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Goessel Elementary School. For more details, call 620-367-8432.

In preparation for the MC USA assembly at San Jose this summer, delegates are invited to attend one of two (identical) informational meetings with Jim Schrag, executive director of MC USA: **June 3**, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, North Newton or **June 10**, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge. Come to learn about the issues that will be presented at San Jose.

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.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help with the 2007 Summer Food & Activity Program for Kids! The program runs June 4-July 20 and offers free breakfasts & lunches to all Newton children ages 2-18. Free learning activities for school-aged children are also offered this year. There will be a training for both the food and activity programs on Monday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. at Slate Creek Elementary. Please call or email Peace Connections, 284-0000 or info@peaceconnections.org to sign up to attend this training. Be part of making a difference for our children & youth this summer!

Peace Connections offers an interactive study group based on the Nonviolent Communication work of Marshall Rosenberg. Series III of Cultivating Compassionate Communication meets Wednesdays in June (June 6, 13, 20, 27) from 10-11:30 a.m. Learn how we were meant to live: a new kind of honesty, observing without criticism, connecting feelings to basic human needs, making clear requests, responding with empathy, and coming back to life when angry. Co-facilitators Molly Traffas & Myrna Krehbiel. Suggested donation: \$20-40/session. Limit 12 persons per session. Registrations appreciated. Call Peace Connections in Newton at 284-0000 or email info@peaceconnections.org.

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers June 7, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. We are looking for 50 + new volunteers to accommodate men awaiting matches. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than June 4. You may also email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Bethel College Women's Association is sponsoring a Faculty Public Lecture on Thursday, June 7, 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Bethel College Fine Arts Center. Dr. William Eash will acquaint us with *Monastic Life and Gregorian Chant*. Refreshments will be served after the lecture and a short Bethel College Women's Association Annual Meeting. Come join us.

Please remember Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day. Friday, June 8, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Fun for all ages, free snacks, entertainment, Pig Roast 5:30-7:30 p.m. (cost=donation), Quilt Drawing at 7:20 p.m., Benefit Auction starts at 7:34 p.m. and Kidron Klassic Kar Show 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the campus. Pig Roast, Quilt drawing and Benefit auction proceeds go toward the purchase of equipment for Bethel Health Care Centre. Kaye Penner has tickets for the quilt drawing for \$1.

Come to the annual Western District Conference delegate sessions in Tulsa, OK, July 27-29, to fellowship with friends old and new, to hear an update on Vision 2012 that is bringing increased resources dedicated to the enhancement and expansion of our ministries, and to experience inspiring worship services and informational workshops. Registration brochures are in the foyer, or online: www.mennowdc.org.