

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 28, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Praise Team

Coming Together in Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Acts 2:1

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** *Here I am to worship* Tim Hughes
(see insert for words)

* **Invocation**

Congregational Singing

* Hymn No. 120 *Holy, holy, holy!*

Love the Lord

They'll know we are Christians by our love

(see insert for words)

Patricia J. Shelley

Peter Scholtes

Offering Western District Conference

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 15:36-16:15 Rita Patterson

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

Sermon *The Church: Open Hearts and an Open Door!*

* **Hymn No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn Benediction** Patricia J. Shelly

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,
Secure in God's Word, seeking God's face,
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

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

Let us remember Pastor Brett Klingenberg and Cassie Friesen as they are united in marriage Saturday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson, Nebraska.

Pastor Brett will be gone from June 1-10 for his wedding and wedding trip.

Graduates: We regret that Lindsey Bannon (Travis Harms' fiancée) was omitted from the list of our graduates. Lindsey graduated from Bethel College, Elementary Education. Congratulations Lindsey!

Western District Conference: Pray for Peter Goerzen, Bethel College student from Tabor Mennonite, Newton, who will be a Ministry Inquiry Program student at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, for the summer. Also pray for the first Texas Youth Service trip in San Antonio, Texas May 28 – June 2.

Mennonite Mission Network: The annual Mennonite Voluntary Service retreat is being held May 29-June 2 at Knob Noster State Park in Missouri. Please pray for physical, emotional and spiritual renewal, as well as safe travel for the 100 volunteers and staff attending the retreat.

Church Events

Today at 10:45 a.m. Grace Hill membership orientation meeting. Beginning today at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor's study, Pastor Jim will lead a brief meeting to share plans for a series of membership orientation classes with any who might be interested in church membership. All are welcome!

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

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Parents of High School Youth: There will be a parent and youth meeting on Tuesday night at the church at 7:00 p.m. We will be talking about the upcoming mission trip to Wichita and other summer plans.

Wednesday at 7:00-9:00 p.m. High school catechism class meets at church. Please read pages 44-52. Reflect and journal on questions 1 & 2 on page 57.

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

Next Sunday at noon Business Council will meet.

June 5-9 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Daily Vacation Bible School at Zion Mennonite in Elbing. *Son Treasure Island* will be explored as the children learn about God's love. The program will be Friday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m., open house at 6:30 p.m. Questions – contact Sharon Schmidt or Sara Burch.

June 11 at 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. For all people involved in the mentoring program, students and adults, there will be a picnic supper on June 11. Please reserve the date on your calendar. More details will follow.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:20 a.m.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church Cemetery
Tena A. Voth April 27, 1910 - September 21, 2005
Clara Schmidt May 14, 1908 - October 16, 2005
Zelda Schmidt November 21, 1910 - April 25, 2006

Scripture Reading and Thoughts Excerpts from 1 Corinthians 15

Time of Silence

Remembering loved ones who are with the Lord.

Memorial Prayer

Leader: Eternal God, before you the generations pass.
Your character is love, Your way is compassion,
Your name is everlasting.
Today we remember those who lived, labored, and loved
among us.
Because of their lives, we know better how to live.
Because of their suffering, we find greater strength.
Because of their death, we better understand what is
important in life.

People: We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope.
We grieve, but not as those who center their thoughts on death.
We sense loneliness, but not as those who are left alone.
We thank you, God, that even in separation,
we experience love, peace and hope.

Leader: We praise you, God,
for light which arises out of darkness,
for comfort which is constant in the midst of confusion,
for hope which springs out of sorrow.

People: We thank you, God, for sending a Savior who says:
“I am the resurrection and the life;
those who believe in me . . . shall never die.”

ALL: O God, grant us grace to affirm in life, as in death,
that we are yours.
Our help is in you.
Our hope is in your promise,
through Jesus Christ, our loving Lord. Amen.

Congregational Song *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.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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.

Announcements

Beginning next Sunday we will have a combined adult and youth Sunday School class for the summer. This summer's sessions will focus on "Who Are the Mennonite? Our Story." **June 4** - Topic: Sixteenth Century Anabaptist Visions, Part I; Speaker: Dale Schrag, Director of Church Relations, Bethel College.

The Junior department (grades K-6) will be studying the "Walk with Jesus" series. Grades 7-8 may help with the junior department or attend the adult sessions. A separate class will be maintained for the Early Childhood group (ages 2-5 yrs.). Something for everyone!

Due to the anticipated absence of those attending Brett and Cassie's wedding in Henderson, Nebraska, the communion service which was planned for next Sunday, June 4, has been postponed to Sunday, June 11.

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.

Help Wanted! This summer the Jr. Sunday School Dept. will be studying Gospel Light's "Walk With Jesus" series. We are needing storytellers and activity leaders during June, July and August so that our regular teachers may have a well deserved break. Please sign up in the foyer if you are interested. You may also sign up for the 2-5 yr. old class. Thank you!!

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: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Bible School and Education \$1,322.02

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

* **Choral Call to Worship** *Here I am to worship* Tim Hughes
Verse 1: Light of the word, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see; Beauty that made this heart adore You,

hope of a life spent with You

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God. And You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2: King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven
above, Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

To Refrain

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,

To Refrain

Love the Lord **Patricia J. Shelley**

Chorus: Love the lord your God with all your heart and soul,
With all your mind and strength, Let all that is within you praise the
Lord! With all your heart and soul; With all your mind and strength,
praise the Lord!

Verse 1: I will sing to the Lord while I have being.

I will set my mind on things above. I will pray in the spirit without
ceasing. I will fill my heart with truth and love.

To Chorus

Verse 2: Find your strength in walking with the Spirit; Find your
heart in Christ's unchanging love; Seek the length and breadth and
depth of wisdom; Fill your soul with the fullness of our God.

To Chorus

Verse 3: Let the lives we live reflect God's glory, Let the love we
share reflect God's grace. May we walk in truth and understanding;
May we grow in wisdom all our days.

To Chorus

They'll know we are Christians by our love **Peter Scholtes**

Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored,

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our
love,

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2: We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

To Refrain

Verse 3: We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

To Refrain

Verse 4: All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

To Refrain

Et Cetera

Volunteers still needed! Power Up for Summer Fun is a new program for the summer to provide breakfast and lunch for all Newton children ages 2-18 Monday - Friday from June 5 to July 21 at two of the elementary schools. This program has been developed and made possible by individuals and organizations connected with the community Bridges Out of Poverty initiative. More volunteers are needed to help with set up, clean up and supervision. **A third training session (required) will be offered on Wednesday, May 31 from 11:30-1:00 p.m.** at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. No registration necessary. Call 316-284-0000 for more information.

The Ten Thousand Village board of directors invites you to an Open House Reception honoring Heidi Huber, manager of the Ten Thousand Villages store in Newton. The farewell reception will be 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, at 625 N. Main, Newton. Heidi and her husband, Tim, are leaving in early July to serve with MCC in Bammental, Germany.

Please remember Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Days. Friday, June 9, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Fun for all ages, free snacks, entertainment, pig roast 5:30-7:30 p.m. (cost=donation) and quilt drawing at 8:00 p.m. Village Resident Garage Sale, Saturday, June 10, 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Benefit Auction 10:04 a.m. and Kidron Klassic Kar Show 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pig Roast and Quilt drawing proceeds go toward the purchase of Bethel Health Care Centre beds.

Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Spring Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, June 10, at Eagle Bend Golf Course, 1250 E. 902 Rd. (below Clinton Lake Dam), Lawrence, Kansas. The tournament is a fund-raiser for Bethel. Activities begin at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$70 (includes lunch, green fee, cart and donation). To register contact 316-284-5251, alumni@bethelks.edu, or see brochure on the bulletin board. Registration deadline is May 31.

A resident of Wheat State Manor is looking for a companion for an hour and one-half (6:00-7:30 p.m.) for two evenings a week. If interested, contact Mary Jane Schneider at 316-775-2593.

Camp Mennoscah - Summer camp is just around the corner and options abound for kids completing third grade to those graduating from high school. From First Camp, to Senior High Camp, there is sure to be

something to put a spark in your summer! Mark your calendars and register soon! Brochures for summer camps are available at your church, by calling or emailing Camp Mennoscah, or visiting our website: www.mennowdc.org/campmenno.htm. Is your child or grandchild coming to Camp Mennoscah? Would you like to help camp minister to the many children that come to camp during the summer? We are looking for head cooks and assistant cooks for many of the camps. If you are interested in donating time at camp this summer, please contact Joyce Pankratz, Director. (620-297-3290; campmno@mennowdc.org)

Have you been looking for an opportunity to visit the Bethel College campus? That search can end on July 14-15 when Western District Conference's annual delegate session is held, bringing hundreds of persons together for fellowship and worship from our four-state region. An added attraction this year is the participation of comedy duo *Ted and Lee*, who will give several performances guaranteed to make you laugh while absorbing the Biblical truths they communicate. Registration forms are available in the foyer.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: jvoth@cox.net

Pastor's Cell Phone (in case of emergency) 1-316-655-2811

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg Office Phone: 799-2238

Cell phone: 316-772-6267

E-mail: brett_210@hotmail.com

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

Secretary's E-mail: kimdebc@wheatstate.com

Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>