

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 29, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Debbie Claassen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

* Benediction

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!**

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:20 a.m.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church Cemetery

Grace Nickel October 2, 1911 – September 5, 2004
Robert Janzen August 26, 1938 - February 13, 2005
Clarence Harms October 8, 1903 - March 29, 2005
Erma H. Hiebert February 5, 1918 – March 27, 2005
Helena Friesen July 28, 1922 - March 24, 2005

Scripture Readings Revelation 21:1-5 Isaiah 40:6-8
and Thoughts

Pastor Jim

Time of Silence

Remembering loved ones who are with the Lord.

Memorial Prayer

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.

Prelude

Jana, Laura and Sara Harms

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.

Let us now prepare to worship our Creator and Lord by leaving the troubles of the world behind and entering into God's presence in a spirit of humility and praise.

* Centering with the Spirit

* Prayer of Gathering

* A Hymn of Praise No. 644 *When Morning Gilds The Skies*

Offering Offender Victim Ministries

Sharing and Prayer

Prayer Hymn No. 371 *Let There Be Light, Lord God*

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

Scripture Reading Acts 21:37 – 22:21 Pew Bible Page 1103
Reader: Roberta Harms

Sermon *Outreach: Becoming authentic and second nature.*

Committed to Jesus as Lord, we minister by worship, fellowship, caring, instruction, outreach and prayer that every person may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and experience the kingdom of hope, love and peace.

* Hymn No. 389 *Take My Life* Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

For Sharing and Prayer

In the hospital: Marvin Harms, Newton Medical Center

An assignment for each of our Sunday school classes: as you meet today; both adult and junior classes, please take a few moments together and discuss “What is your prayer for the church?” Please write down your prayer(s) and place it in Pastor Jim’s mailbox. We have already received some very good responses. Together these prayers will become our congregational prayer for next Sunday, June 5.

Thank you to those who have worked on the landscaping and playground equipment project. It looks great and is much appreciated!

Western District Conference: Pray for the staff of Camp Mennoscah as they prepare for the summer camping season.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Janie and Neal Blough in France ask prayer for tomorrow’s meeting of the European committee of the Francophone Network held in Strasbourg. This network is under the auspices of Mennonite World Conference to forge relationships between French-speaking Mennonites in Europe, Africa and Canada.

HEY KIDS! Summer fun doesn't end at Grace Hill after Bible School! Journey with Joshua all summer long in Sunday School! All Kindergarten through 8th Grade students are invited to the basement fellowship to "dig for truths" from the stories of Joshua. We also have big plans for the little ones of our bunch! All preschool students, ages 2-5, are invited to the Early Childhood classroom for a fun-filled time learning about the great characters of the Old Testament.

Beginning next Sunday we will have a combined adult Sunday School class for the summer. The adult class will be studying the Old Testament using "The Bible Jesus Read" by Philip Yancey.

In order for small children and their parents to feel welcome we would like to provide a special area for them to be seated so that the parents may feel comfortable caring for their children and may be close to the nursery as needed. The ushers will also have an area where they can seat guest parents with small children if they request to be seated toward the back of the sanctuary. We are suggesting that the last three pews on the south section of the sanctuary be made available for parents with small children. If you have further questions or comments please contact a member of the Administrative, Spiritual or Worship Council. Let us all come before the Lord with thanksgiving and hospitality toward one another in this special place God has given us to worship.

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.

You can HEAR the worship service even better using the church's FM radio transmitter. All that is needed is a small AM/FM radio with headphones. Tune to FM 104.9 and you may receive the worship service seated anywhere in the sanctuary. Several radios are available at church or bring your own. If you have any questions our sound technicians will be glad to assist you.

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper & Sharing Session with Hannah Klaassen. Bring a brown bag supper for yourself and share in the fellowship. Following the meal Hannah will share pictures and information about her trip to the Middle East. The next Sunday Supper & Sharing will be July 24 with Weldon and Jenny Martens. If you have suggestions for other speakers or questions see a Worship Council member.

Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Bible School with Zion at Grace Hill. *Kingdom of the Son – a Prayer Safari* will be the theme for children ages 4 through 6th grade. **The Bible School Program** will be on Friday, June 3, at Grace Hill at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Penny Hiebert or Sharon Schmidt. *Pray for the teachers, helpers and children as they go on a Prayer Safari this week!*

Next Sunday at noon Business Council will meet.

June 12 Grace Hill Talent Night 6:00 p.m. Displays open; 7:00 p.m. Program TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The talent night is in 2 weeks! Please turn in your requests for stage time and display space by next Sunday! Don't hide your talent under a bushel – let it shine! Ice cream social to follow.

July 17 Worship service at Harvey County East Lake.

August 7 Mike and Teresa Sherrill, our mission partners, will be with us for our worship service.

August 7 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton pool.

Curry Bash (a curry dinner) will be held on Sunday, June 5 from 12:00 – 1:00 at Hesston College Bontrager Center. At 1:00 p.m. John and Krista Murray will share about their family trip to India. Donations will support *deo* (Discipleship, Encounter, Outreach). Please RSVP by May 31 by calling Norma at 327-4885. Hosted by the Open Circle S.S. Class of Hesston Mennonite Church.

Please remember Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day is on Friday June 10, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. Fun for all ages, free snacks, entertainment, pig roast 5:30-7:30 p.m. (cost=donation). Village Resident Garage Sale, Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **The Kidron Bethel Retirement Village** plans to renovate its nursing care area to accommodate three neighborhoods. One of the three will be dedicated to Special Care like dementia. Proceeds from the pig roast Friday evening June 10, a garage sale on June 11, and a quilt drawing will go toward that renovation. **The quilt is being displayed in churches and only today can Grace Hill have it.** Check it out in the north end of the foyer. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Get as many tickets as you wish. You don't have to be present to win the quilt.

The Bethel College Women's Association Annual Meeting and Faculty Lecture will be held on Thursday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College. Our guest speaker will be Professor of Sociology and Peace Studies, Julie Hart, speaking on "Peacebuilding Through Election Assistance in Unstable Democracies: Observations from the Venezuelan Process". A power point presentation with photos will be included. Julie was invited by the Carter Center in Venezuela to help monitor elections during 2004. This program is free and open to any interested persons in the community. The Bethel College Women's Association will also hold its election. Refreshments will be served.

Community Playschool celebrated the end of its school year with a final program on May 13. Included in the evening's activities were the presentation of diplomas to the children going to kindergarten next school year and a presentation of photos taken of the children in activities throughout the year. As we wrap up another school year we would like to thank the members of your congregation for their continued support of Community Playschool. You are part of a team working to make a difference in the lives of real people in our community, specifically the 54 children and their families whom we served this year. We will be taking a short break for the summer before gearing up for the next school year which, significantly, will be the 40th year of operation for our organization. Jeanette Leary and Bonnie Krehbiel, co-directors

CPT Delegation to Colombia: July 12-25, 2005 with Julie Hart. Participants will meet with human rights workers and church leaders in Bogota, travel to the industrial city of Barrancabermeja where CPT's

long-term team is based, and spend time in the countryside where paramilitaries and other armed groups threaten the lives of displaced people. Cost is \$1800 U.S. CPT is a faith-based group that seeks participants for all delegations who are interested in human rights work, committed to nonviolence, and willing to participate in team worship and reflection. Cost covers round-trip airfare from a designated U.S. city, all on-ground travel, two meals a day, simple accommodations, and all honorariums and delegation fees. For more information or to apply, contact CPT, (PO Box 6508, Chicago, IL 60680; phone 773-277-0253; fax 773-277-0291; e-mail delegations@cpt.org).

Important business and inspirational worship are on the schedule for the South Central and Western District Conference joint annual conference, August 12-14 at the Warren DoubleTree Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Brochures/registration forms will be coming to churches soon, and will also soon be available online at: www.mennondc.org.

Nursery This Sunday: Marge Harms and Tammy Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,429.32

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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