

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 3, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Tara Harms-Becker and Kaye Penner

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Daniel Klaassen, Justin Klassen, Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier

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

Scripture Reading John 15:9-17

Camille Claassen

Message

Katherine Krehbiel, candidate for Youth Pastor

* **Hymn No. 580** *My life flows on*

* **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!**

A special welcome to Katherine Krehbiel, our candidate for Youth Pastor. 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 there 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.

Today marks the beginning of a five-week tour for the WDC Vacation Bible school troupe. Megan Klaassen and Rebecca Claassen, Bethel College; Regina Weaver, Hesston College; and Teresa Hershberger, Bluffton University; are team members with Norma Johnson, retired pastor and Christian educator, the leader. *Be Bold! God is with you*, VBS curriculum will be used in Hillsboro, Turpin, Clinton, Hydro and Dallas. Schowalter Foundation provided funds for this project.

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 Psalm 8

* Gathering Prayer

One: Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching;

All: Open our minds to the truth of your Word;

One: Open our hearts to love one another;

All: Open our lips to share stories of faith;

One: Open our hands to do justice, show kindness and walk humbly;

All: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;

One: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

* **Hymn No. 112** *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic*

Worship in Giving Mennonite Church USA

Children's Moments *Rev. Norma Johnson and the Western District
Conference Vacation Bible School Troupe*

Prayer of Dedication for WDC Vacation Bible School Troupe

Rev. Norma Johnson

* **Hymn of Response No. 487** *Teach me, O Lord*

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *Near to the Heart of God*

For Sharing and Prayer

The red rose at the front of the church is in honor of Charles Mitchell Isaac who was born Monday, May 28, 2007, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to Mitchell and Rebecca (Charles) Isaac. Charlie weighed 7 lb., 10 oz., measured 21¾” and has lots of dark curly hair. Mitch finishes his residency in neurology late June, and the family will be moving to Charlottesville, Virginia for Mitch to do a year’s fellowship in electromyography.

Volunteers and equipment for loading and debris removal are still needed as Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) continues to respond to the tornado damage in the Greensburg, Kansas area. Please consider giving of your time or donation to help the community of Greensburg. For further info and prior to volunteering, please call Marvin Penner in Newton 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 the Traveling Vacation Bible School Troupe which begins five weeks of travel in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Pray that the Troupe will “Be Bold” in living and proclaiming their faith in Christ to the children that attend VBS and that they as leaders will have flexibility and strength for each week.

Mennonite Mission Network: Korea Anabaptist Center, with support from MMN, is cooperating in a new Christian Peace Academy with other peace organizations in Seoul in offering five eight-week courses in May and June on biblical understanding of peace, nonviolence and other topics. Pray for KAC staff as they facilitate two of the courses.

Church Events

Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School at Grace Hill. Saddle up your horses we have a trail to ride. Come join us at Avalanche Ranch. Please contact Sara Burch or Cassie Klingenberg with any questions. The open house will be Friday at 6:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow the program. All are invited to come!

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Social Council meets at church.

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

This Wednesday, the Youth will be having a hot dog roast at Kendall and Carol Claassen's house. The party starts at 6:00 p.m. Bring a hot dog stick, stuff to play with, plenty of bug spray, and any indoor games you want to do when it gets dark. We will be going till at least 10:00 p.m., or whenever people need to leave. See you all at the Claassen's this Wednesday. There will be an email with directions this week.

Announcements

Sunday School teachers for the junior department are still needed for the summer. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

We are missing one or two copies of some Adult Choir music that was borrowed from other places. If you could keep your eyes open for "O Thou Eternal King Ride On," "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (Rutter), "Hosanna" and if you happen to find the copy, go ahead and place it in my box at church. Thanks for your time for helping us find this missing music!- Chelsea Vaught

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month: canned meats. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Brittany Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Bible School Children

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$2,252.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

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Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg Office Phone: 799-2238

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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: Lighthouse, Brothers and Sisters, Bill Froese and Brian Voth, Cross Road, The Master's Trail Hands, One Way Up. 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? At the MC USA San Jose '07 assembly our delegates will be asked to make several key decisions concerning health care access. Keith 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. 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.

Urgent help is needed for this summer! Camp Mennoscah is in need of nurses for each week of camp during the summer. Rewards: lots of smiles, thank you(s) and seeing children enjoy the beauty of God's nature at camp. Benefits: \$210 per week or a free week of camp for your child. Qualifications: LPN, BSN, RN, EMT, PhD. and a willing heart to attend to the needs of campers – whether it be a cut or homesickness. If you would like to spend a week at camp, please contact Joyce Pankratz, director, at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for further information. It's a great way to see how God touches the lives of our children.