

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 5, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

As the Youth group we pray that the church will continue to witness to the community and we will grow in our faith. May we grow in **Fellowship, Organization, Outreach and Discipleship.** *Youth Group*

God, we want to give of our best to Jesus. *2, 3 & 4 year-old class*

We pray for direction for further outreach and service opportunities while sustaining and nurturing our congregation. *Explorers Sunday school class – working individuals and parents of children pre-school through elementary.*

May this be a meeting place for motivating people to be active in the world in spreading peace, love, community, justice and equality.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Children's Moments *Stump the Pastor*

Pastor Jim

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

Special Music *You Are My All In All*

Emily Klassen, Rebecca Heroneme, Faith Slaymaker

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:26-28; 2:20-24 Pew Bible Pages 2-3

Reader: Nancy Harms

Sermon *There's Something Special About Our Original Parents!*

* **Hymn No. 623** *When Love Is Found*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 429** *Go Now In Peace*

Postlude

Mylin Brimm

* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Prelude

Mylin Brimm

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.

* **Calling us to Worship**

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Hymn No. 648** *Morning Has Broken*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

Mylin Brimm

Hymn No. 391 *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation*

Sharing and Prayer

Thank you Lord for the many blessings that we receive from You. Guide our church as we reach out to our community, enrich the lives of all who come in our doors and help us to serve You with a willing heart. *Pursuers Sunday school class – working individuals and parents with children pre-school through college.*

Lead us to expand in depth our knowledge of You and your work, expand the breadth of our fellowship and the growth of our church. *Challengers Sunday school class – Retired individuals and couples.*

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!**

Special thanks to Mylin for ministering to us through the Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. Also thanks to Emily, Rebecca and Faith for providing special music this morning.

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to all who provided casseroles and cookies for Bible School. The casseroles were a great help to the teachers and the cookies a nice treat for everyone! Thanks!

Western District Conference: Pray for Floyd Born as he is installed as Interim Pastor for Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge today. Also, give thanks as the Salina Mennonite Church celebrates its 25th anniversary today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the RAD (Reaching and Discipling) teams during this final month of service in Macon, Georgia, and Jokkmokk, Sweden. May they make the most of their time in doing what God has planned for them.

Summer Sunday School

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 hall 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.

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the fellowship hall. **Book:** *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey
Today's topic: Why did Abraham leave the metro area and raise his family in the desert? **Today's presenter:** Kenneth Wiebe **Next Sunday's presenter:** Kenneth Wiebe

Church Events

Today at noon Business Council will meet.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the Health Care Resolution to be brought to Charlotte 2005 is invited to a discussion at Virgil & Kaye Penner's home, 28 Regal Crescent, North Newton, Tuesday June 7 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Paul Fransen will be present to give input. Handouts are available on the back table in the foyer.

June 12 Grace Hill Talent Night 6:00 p.m. Displays open; 7:00 p.m. Program Don't miss it! Talent night is next Sunday. Bring your items for display to the room next to the kitchen by next Sunday morning. Plan to visit the displays in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m., enjoy the talent at 7:00 p.m. and tank up on ice cream after that!

For the Talent Show and Ice Cream Social: We would appreciate persons to volunteer to make a freezer of ice cream. Please talk to Virgil Penner if you are willing to do that.

Announcements

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Carol Claassen (Olin) and Brittany Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries \$1,632.75

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

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. All are welcome to attend.

Wheat State Manor will be holding a garage sale along with the city wide garage sale on June 11. Hot dogs and ice cream will be offered for sale during the garage sale.

Offender/Victim Ministries, Inc. would like to invite you to an Open House at our Newton offices on Sunday, June 12. Come meet the staff and other supporters of this ministry from 2:00-4:00 p.m. We are located at 900 N. Poplar, Suite 200 in Newton.

Central Homecare and Hospice invites you and your family to a community memorial service for Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties on Sunday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m. This service is open to the public and will be held at Hesston United Methodist Church, 600 North Ridge Road, Hesston. Please join us for a time of remembrance. Call 316-283-8220 for more information.

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.

The Annual Meeting of the Kidron Bethel Retirement Services Contributors is scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. Elections will be held for the Board of Directors and management will present updates on the ministry of Kidron Bethel. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Want to learn more about how to make "witnessing" an appealing activity? Come to the joint annual meeting of Western District and South Central Conferences on August 12-14 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and

find out. Bible studies led by Lois Barrett, and a sermon by SCC Moderator John Murray, will provide some insights. Registration information and brochures are available online at www.mennowdc.org.

Mennonite Women & Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be held September 9-11, 2005. Mark your calendars now!

A Kansas State Fair Planning Committee invites church choirs to join a Kansas Sings Choir that will perform in the Grandstand on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Rod Walker from Kansas State University, the choir will perform eight anthems. Singers are asked to provide their own music which can be purchased from Senseney Music in Wichita. Dr. Walker will hold a required rehearsal on the afternoon of September 15. Information about this choir, including a registration form, is at the Western District Conference Library, 2517 North Main, North Newton. Interested directors and singers can also contact Berneil Rupp Mueller for information: 2808 Acacia Avenue, North Newton, KS 67117; 316-283-1663; tabco@cox.net.

Gather 'Round is accepting applications from persons interested in writing for the second curriculum year. If you are interested, see the email notice posted on the bulletin board.