

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 6, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Never fear! God is our shield and our reward

Believe - and righteousness will follow

Commit - and the Lord will bless

The road is not always easy, but there is always hope

* **Hymn No. 544** *When We Walk With The Lord*

* **Congregational Commitment Hymnal No. 793**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *Al Shlosha D'varim* Grace Hill Colt Singers

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.

Thank you to the Grace Hill Colt Singers for providing music this morning. Members are Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen, Samantha Claassen, Melinda Regehr, Katie Regier and Casey Schunn. Accompanist – Megan Klaassen.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Jim will be on vacation this week, June 7 - 13. For pastoral needs please contact a member of the Spiritual Council, Sandie Lanzrath, chair.

Western District Conference: Pray for the new Hispanic church plant in Garland, Texas, as they look for adequate worship space. They are currently meeting in a car garage.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Cesar Moya and Patricia Uruena, Quito, Ecuador, ask for prayer as Colombians displaced by violence have come to their church recently. The church faces the challenge of helping the refugees with basic needs.

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 1:8-9

* **Invocation**

* **Hymn No. 87** *Great Is The Lord*

Hymn No. 301 *Joys Are Flowing Like A River*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Offertory *Simple Gifts*

Grace Hill Colt Singers

Special Music *Sing A Joyful Song*

Grace Hill Colt Singers

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sharing by Hannah Klaassen, Ministry Inquiry Program,
First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kansas

Unison Congregational Prayer – Hymnal No. 728

Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-18

Doreen Harms

* **Hymn No. 580** *My Life Flows On*

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare

Message

The Youth Pastor Search Committee is excited to bring forward Brett Klingenberg as the candidate for congregational consideration. The anticipated salary costs are around \$30,000 with a benefit package (including insurance, pension and continuing education) on top of that estimated at \$4,900. Please communicate any questions or concerns to Diana Schunn or Doug Claassen.

Today from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Question and answer time with the Search Committee.

On June 13 after worship we will vote on the motion made by the Search Committee.

Motion from the Search Committee: Grace Hill Mennonite Church calls Brett Klingenberg as Youth Pastor for a term of three years, beginning September 1, 2004.

Summer Sunday School

The Junior Department will meet as follows: The kindergarten through 8th grade kids will be meeting in the basement fellowship hall and the Early Childhood Class (ages 2-5 years) will be meeting in Room #6 in the education wing. The K-8 program is titled “Gifts from God” and the Early Childhood Class is titled “Worshiping God.”

Adult & Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Ann Schowalter will be speaking today on *Fasting: Hunger that Satisfies* and has invited us to review scriptures Daniel 9:3-6, Esther 3:8, 13 and 4:1-17 and Acts 13:1-3 in preparation for the topic on “fasting.” She will review these scriptures in addition to using the guided outline provided in the book *Spiritual Disciplines: The Tasks of a Joyful Life* by Sibley.

Next Sunday’s speaker: Gene Herr *The Sabbath: Time of Renewal*

Announcements

On June 20 the Children’s Moments will be entitled “Stump the Pastor.” Today one of the children’s Sunday school classes will receive a brown paper bag in which they are to place an item that Pastor Jim can hopefully use to “create” a story during Children’s Moments. We will

do this several times throughout the summer. So children, begin thinking of items for "Stump the Pastor!"

If you are planning to attend Camp Mennoscah this summer as a first-time camper, please contact Sandie Lanzrath as soon as possible. Spiritual Council is once again offering scholarships to those children.

There has been interest expressed by several people to give to the church through electronic funds transfer. If you are interested in contributing regularly to the church through a direct deposit from your checking or savings account please talk to Joyce Wedel for more information and a form to fill out.

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.

You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church" each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the library. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

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

Special Music Next Sunday: Ben Lichti

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Ushers Today: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert

Offering Last Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries \$1,189.31

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Hamburger Fry at the church for new mentors and mentees.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Next Sunday Gene and Mary Herr will be bringing the morning message as well as be speaking during the adult Sunday School hour. Roberta Harms will be the worship leader.

October 23-24 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Kauffman Museum "American Mennonites: Interfacing East and West" by historian John L. Ruth. Ruth will reflect on historical and modern relationships between Mennonites of Dutch and Swiss background. The program is sponsored by the Western District Conference Historical Committee and is free to the public. Seating is limited. Kauffman Museum is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

Central Homecare and Hospice will be holding it's annual memorial service for the communities of Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. This service is open to the public and will be held at the Hesston United Methodist Church, 600 North Ridge Road, Hesston. Please join us for a time of healing and hope as we remember those whom we have cared for and who have passed away.

Reception for Melanne Mueller, 5:00-7:30 p.m. on June 8 at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. Melanne is the founder of Avie Records of London, the production and marketing company for "Peace," a new CD of classical music by the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston. Drama by Sheralynn Neff, 7:30-7:45 p.m. Sheralynn, a Santa Fe Middle School student, will present "Dr. Ida Scudder and Her Vision for the People of India."

Et Cetera (continued)

The Bethel College Women's Association Annual Meeting and the first annual Faculty Public Lecture will be held on June 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College. Our guest speaker will be Assistant Professor of History, Mark Jantzen, speaking on "Reviving Peace Hymns in the Vistula Delta." The 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.

Habitat for Humanity of Harvey County is having an auction and barbecue on Thursday, June 10 beginning at 5:34 p.m. at Hills Mini-Storage, 2030 West First Street, Newton. A barbecue pork sandwich, beans, fruit, chips and a drink will be for sale courtesy of Denno's Barbeque. Many items will be auctioned including a week's stay at Branson, an outdoor fireplace, new lawn mower, portable dog pen, household and patio furniture and a large amount of new and used building materials. Please come and support Habitat's efforts to start their fourth new home.

Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day, Saturday, June 12, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Fun for all ages, free snacks, entertainment, pig roast 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (cost – donation). Village Resident Garage Sale, Friday, June 11, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 12, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A Quilt Raffle will be held as part of the Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day on June 12. Purchase your tickets for \$1.00 each from Melvin Klaassen or Kaye Penner. Purchase and enter as many tickets as you wish! A picture of the quilt may be seen on the ticket jar in the lobby or on the activities bulletin board.

Presentations on Mental Illness, June 16 & 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Peace Connections, 612 Main, Newton. Stacy Yarnell offers a view from someone who has a mental illness, for anyone challenged by a mental illness and for those who love them. Session I: "Mental Illness: A Look from the Inside Out," June 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Session II: "Mental Illness: How to Help Those You Love," June 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Goal: To encourage caretakers, friends and family and to find ways that best release the stresses related to mental and emotional challenges.

To the churches who support the work of Health Ministries Clinic, a community clinic located in Newton, that serves the uninsured in Harvey, Butler, Marion and McPherson counties. You have been most generous and we appreciate your continued support for this mission. We are having our first ever fundraiser for the Clinic. The event will be Friday, June 18 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Kauffman Museum in North Newton. The "Joy of Chocolate" evening will feature chocolate goodies in many varieties, a jazz combo, and interesting museum exhibits.

Tickets are \$15 and will benefit Health Ministries Clinic. Tickets may be purchased at both First Bank locations in Newton or speak to Pastor Jim about tickets. For more information please call Susan Rhoades at 283-6858.

Mennonite Men of the Plains will host a Father's Day benefit at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge on Sunday, June 20 at 3:30 p.m. This will be a variety show with interesting local talent. The proceeds will help provide scholarships for seminary and Ministry Inquiry Program students from WDC and SCC congregations.

Western District Conference is one month away! Register now for sessions July 2-4 in Oklahoma City. There is something for all ages; for delegates and non-delegates. All worship is based on the Good Samaritan parable; all business flows from our worship together. There will be preaching, singing, sharing, discerning, walking for peace, and creating new friendships. Brochures are available in the foyer or call the WDC office at 316-283-6300.

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