

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 8, 2008
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: James Voth
Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen
Chorister: Suzy Burch

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

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name; make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God; sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of all who see the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek God's presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done — miracles and judgments, O offspring of Abraham, O children of Jacob!

People: Jacob, Israel, came to Egypt, living as an alien. And God made the people fruitful and strong.

Leader: God made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts were turned to hate.

People: God sent Moses as a servant, and Aaron whom God had chosen, that all might keep God's statutes and observe God's laws. Praise the Lord!

* Prayer

* Hymn No. 2 *In thy holy place we bow*

Offering Local Church Missions

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *Shout to the Lord*

Flutists: Courtney Claassen & Samantha Claassen

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

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Kris Janzen

Special Music *The God of Abraham praise*

Vocal: Pastor Katherine Signing: Katy Schmidt

Sermon *Moses: From Egyptian prince to wandering shepherd
To Prophet-leader of God*

* Hymn of Response No. 164 *When Israel was in Egypt's land*

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn No. 446 *Wade in the water*

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

Marie Wiebe is now a resident of Kidron-Bethel Assisted Living.

We rejoice with the Zion Mennonite Church of Elbing as they celebrate their 125th anniversary today with worship at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon, and program at 2:00 p.m. Speakers will be Reverends Bruce Bradshaw, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, and Willis Busenitz. All are welcome.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the ministry of Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing as it celebrates its 125th anniversary today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the students who will be graduating on Saturday, June 14, from United Evangelical Theological Seminary near Madrid, Spain, where MMN worker Dennis Byler teaches.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at church.

The Thursday morning Bible Study of the Psalms will meet this Thursday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Pastor Jim.

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

June 22-26 Youth Group summer service trip to Swan Lake Christian Camp in South Dakota.

June 24 at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School We will continue to have this session in the sanctuary. Sitting closer to the leaders will facilitate the wonderful discussion we had last Sunday. **June 8, 15 & 22: Simply Christian.** The adult Sunday School summer sessions will bring a new perspective on topics such as Jesus or our faith. Sessions will include a combination of video and teacher led discussion by Carl and Kris Goossen.

During the summer quarter, K-8th Grade students will explore instructions for peaceful living from Moses, Jesus, Paul and James. They will learn how Abigail, Isaac, and Elisha avoided conflict with creative solutions. They will meet in the basement fellowship hall. Preschoolers (ages 2-5) will meet in the Early Childhood classroom for stories about peace too!

Announcements

Attention all men: We will practice today right after Sunday School to prepare for singing next Sunday, June 15.

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.

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: Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin
Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Brittany Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Men's Choir
Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$2,158.00
Offering Next Sunday: Scholarship Fund

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Petals of the Sunflower: The Garden of Bernhard and Justine Harder,

Immigrants from West Prussia.” Freelance writer Melvin D. Epp will tell the story of the European-style garden recreated by a Mennonite family on the Kansas prairie. Free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

The Bergthal Mennonite Church near Great Bend, Kansas, is hosting a free Wednesday evening film series for the month of June with a focus on the War in Iraq. Each Wednesday evening will begin at 6:30. June 11th we will present the MCC documentary, "Iraq: Emerging Voices". June 18th we will watch "Soldiers of Conscience". Supper will be included. June 25th we will watch segments of "Contaminated Forever: The Deadly Aftermath of Depleted Uranium Weapons". We invite everyone to join us for these Wednesday evening gatherings.

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers June 12, 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. More than 50 men are waiting to be matched. 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 9 so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary Bake Sale, this Friday, June 13 from 8 a.m. until mid afternoon. The Bake Sale is in conjunction with the Whitewater City Wide Garage Sale. Food may be brought to Wheat State Manor on Thursday until 6 p.m. or Friday morning after 8 a.m.

Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day is from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 13 at 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton. The event offers fun for all ages, free snacks, entertainment, a pig roast from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (cost is a donation), quilt drawing at 7:20 p.m., benefit auction at 7:34 p.m. and the Kidron Klassic Kar Show from 5 - 8 p.m. on the campus. The Kidron Auxiliary “Winner’s Circle” quilt is on display at the church today and tickets may be purchased now. Proceeds from the quilt and Celebration Day festivities will go toward the purchase of a new transport van for Bethel Health Care Centre at Kidron Bethel Village. For more information about Celebration Day, call Dee Ann Hein at 284-2900 ext. 237.

The Annual Meeting of the Kidron Bethel Retirement Services Contributors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 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 information on the Village and Campus Woods Estates. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Families, caregivers, service providers, pastors, church members, and friends of persons with disabilities are all invited to reflect on how communities of faith can include persons with disabilities in their ministries. Come listen to and dialogue with Paul Leichty, Executive Director of Anabaptist Disabilities Network, at the Mennonite Church of the Servant (1650 N. Fairview, Wichita) at 7:30 p.m., Thursday June 26. For more information, call (316) 260-9095 or (316) 871-8306.

Mennonite Mission Network seeks a Church Relations Associate, preferably in the Newton, KS office. The position is .5 FTE. The ideal candidate will have a broad understanding of Mennonite Church USA. Responsibilities include scheduling staff and international workers to speak in Mennonite Church USA churches, attending weekly Church Relations Team meetings, and serving as coordinator for local (Newton) events as negotiated with supervisor. Other requirements include good communication abilities, familiarity with computer database use, preferably Raiser's Edge7 software, and ease of answering and speaking on the telephone. This person will be a committed Christian and active in a congregation. For more information, see Staff Opportunities at www.MennoniteMission.net or call Linda Krueger, HR Coordinator at (574)523-3009.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is seeking a full-time Service Program Administrator to oversee programming in the central and northern part of the 16-state region. Office location is flexible within these boundaries. Eligible candidates must hold a biblical view of nonviolence and be active participants in a Christian faith community. A full job description is available upon request. Please direct inquiries, letters of intent and resumes to Tina Schrag (316.283.2720 or tschrag@mcc.org) by June 20.

Camp Mennoscah Support Staff—Join in the camping fun this summer. Kitchen helpers are needed for the weeks of June 8-14, June 15-19, June 22-28, July 20-26, and July 27-August 1. No experience needed, only the willingness to follow directions and have fun. Kitchen helpers/parent volunteers receive a full discount for a camper. And a stunning camp tee shirt will go home with you! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.