

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 11, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Postlude *God of Grace*

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* 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!**

Prelude *Variations on "Oh Worship the King"* Burkhardt

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

* **Hymn No. 81** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

Offering Local Church

Offertory *This Is My Father's World* Tucker

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Milton Guhr - Gideons

Hymn No. 544 *When we walk with the Lord*

Scripture Reading Genesis 24:1-4, 10, 52-54 Doug Claassen

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

Sermon *Stewardship: Beginning Thoughts*

* **Hymn No. 467** *Author of life divine*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

* **Sending Prayer and Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn No. 384** *We give thee but thine own*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Joanna Harder as she is installed at Peace Mennonite Church, Lawrence, Kansas. Praise God today for Paul Isaak, Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, as he celebrates 50 years of pastoral ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the new believers who today publicly declared their faith through baptism at Macau Mennonite Church's third baptismal service. Mission workers Cindy and Tim Buhler ask prayer that God will bless the public witness of this event held at a busy beach.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. *Who Are the Mennonites? Our Story* **Today's Topic:** *Sixteenth Century Anabaptist Visions, Part II*; Speaker: Dale Schrag, Director of Church Relations, Bethel College **Next Sunday:** *In the Lowlands of Prussia to the Land of the Czars*; Speaker: Mark Jantzen, Professor of History, Bethel College

The Junior department (grades K-6) will be studying the *Walk with Jesus* series in the basement. Grades 7-8 may help with the junior department or attend the adult sessions. A separate class will be maintained for the Early Childhood group (ages 2-5 yrs.).

Church Events

This evening 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Picnic supper for all people involved in the mentoring program, students and adults, at Virgil and Kaye Penner's backyard, 28 Regal Crescent, North Newton. Everyone is asked to contribute \$1.00 for the supper.

Friday 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. You are invited to attend an open house and wedding reception for Brett and Cassie Klingenberg at Grace Hill.

June 23-25 Youth Group Service Trip to Wichita

June 27 at 7:00 p.m. The first gathering of the *Introduction to Grace Hill* class will be Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m. at the church. This class is intended for those interested in church membership and in exploring the faith, history, ministry and mission of Grace Hill. For further information please contact Pastor Jim. All are welcome!

Announcements

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.

If you would like to volunteer to participate in worship this summer through special music, prelude, offertory or postlude, please contact Royce Schmidt or other members of the Worship Council.

The Praise Team would like to purchase a 100 watt amplifier, a djembe drum (like a bongo drum) and some music stands. The amplifier could be used by anyone at church and at present we are using some borrowed music stands. The estimated cost of the above is approximately \$600. If you would like to participate in this project, we will have an envelope offering for this on Sunday June 25. Questions? Contact 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: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen
Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Brittany Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,319.00
Offering Next Sunday: Scholarship Fund

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Volunteers still needed! Power Up for Summer Fun is a new program for the summer to provide breakfast & lunch for all Newton children ages 2-18 Mon.-Fri. from June 5 to July 21 at two of the elementary schools. This program has been developed and made possible by individuals & organizations connected with the community Bridges Out of Poverty initiative. More volunteers are needed to help with breakfast at Slate Creek and lunch at South Breeze. Another training session (required) will be offered on Tues., June 13, from 12-1 p.m. at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. No registration necessary. Call 316-284-0000 for more information.

Camping season is here! Summer staff is getting camp ready for you to come and have a great summer here at Camp Mennoscah! There is still room in Junior High I camp, June 18-24 and Pre-Junior I camp, June 25-29. Please send in your registration card and pre-registration fee as soon as possible if you would like to attend. If you have questions, please contact Joyce Pankratz, Director by calling 620-297-3290 or by e-mail at campmno@mennowdc.org. See you soon!

The Annual Meeting of the Kidron Bethel Retirement Services Contributors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 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 Campus Woods Estates. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Hospice Care of Kansas offers volunteer classes. You can make a difference. . . hold a hand, drive a car, address envelopes, feed a pet, give a hug, touch a heart, change a life. Free training to be held on June 20 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Call 283-2116 or 1-877-877-2385 to RSVP and schedule interview.

The time for the annual delegate session of Western District Conference is drawing closer. It will be held July 14-15 at Bethel College, with the theme "Bread de Vida" (Bread of Life) based on John 6:1-35. Dale Schrag, Director of Church Relations at Bethel College, will deliver the keynote sermon on Friday evening. Plan to participate in this important time of fellowship, inspiration and sharing with several hundred old and new friends from our four-state region.

Mennonite Central Committee's theme, "Living in New Ways," challenges us to demonstrate God's love for all people. We invite you to make a Heart Block to demonstrate that love. These hearts will be used for making quilts that will be sold at relief sales to raise funds for MCC. Each block should be 6" finished (6 1/2" unfinished) or 9" finished (9 1/2" unfinished), pieced or appliquéd - you choose the color. Questions? Call Irma Gonzalez, MCC Central States at 316-283-2720.