

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 12, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

**Prelude** *Cantabile* from Symphony No. 6 – Widor  
*In Thee Is Gladness* - 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.*

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.

## \* Congregational Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (NIV)

**All:** But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this  
all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

**North:** We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;

**South:** perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not  
abandoned;

**North:** struck down, but not destroyed.

**All:** We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

## \* Scripture Prayer Isaiah 64:8-9 (NIV)

O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay,  
You are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD;  
Do not remember our sins forever.  
Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

## \* Hymn No. 70 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**Offering** Local Church Missions

## Sharing and Prayer

Prayers of the church

Thank you Lord for the many blessings that we receive from You.

That everyone attending will feel ministered to and challenged to live responsibly in today's world.

As a church we become more Christ-like.

May we be more generous with time and fellowship and instructive in life issues.

We need to continue adding new families with children – be welcoming. We don't want to die out. Our prayer is to grow in numbers.

To attract our own youth adults back to church. To help them feel they have a place.

To focus on our personal relations with God and make time for this.

To get our Sunday school class together socially.

Encourage those who are members to remain involved and use their talents. Don't let anyone fall through the cracks.

That we can be tolerant of other's views and be open to discuss different topics openly.

Include everyone in everything. Don't leave anyone behind.  
Be nice to each other. Pray for each other. Don't hurt anyone.  
Reading the Bible every time. Treat others the way you would want to be treated. *Middlers, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders*

We pray for growth in the church. Please give us the strength to reach out to others and invite them in.

We pray for continual support of our church's members, both in their church life and in their vocation. *Messengers class*

*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

**Prayer Hymn No. 371** *Let There Be Light, Lord God*

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

**New Testament Reading** Romans 4:1-6, 16-17 Bible Page 1115  
Reader: Bonita Schroeder

**Special Music** *What would you do if Jesus came to  
spend some time with you?*  
- as heard on radio station XERF 1952  
Levi Goossen, guitar Chelsea Vaught, organ

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 12:1-9 Bible Page 11  
Reader: Bonita Schroeder

**Sermon** *Father Abraham: Pliable in God's Hands*

\* **Hymn No. 162** *The God Of Abraham Praise*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God From Whom*

**Postlude** *God of Grace- Manz*

\* 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.

**For Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Jim will be on vacation June 13-22. Pastor Brett will bring the morning message Sunday, June 19 and will be available for pastoral needs during this time.

Today Pastor Jim is leading the afternoon worship at Kidron-Bethel Village. Mary Ann Wiebe is serving as pianist.

**Western District Conference:** Praise God for the ministry of Eden Mennonite Church, Inola, Oklahoma as it celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Instituto Biblico Anabautista course on Acts will be taught to IBA students in Riverside, California, on June 16-18. Pray for rich blessings for the participants, their congregations and director Gilberto Flores as he teaches.

## Summer Sunday School

Classes begin at 10:45 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome!

**HEY KIDS!** Journey with Joshua this summer! All Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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:** Is the Old Testament worth the effort? **Today's presenter:** Kenneth Wiebe **Next Sunday's presenter:** Gary Isaac

## Church Events

**ON WITH THE SHOW!** Talent night is tonight! Displays open at 6:00 p.m., Talent begins at 7:00 p.m. and don't miss the ice cream after that!

**Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church. NOTE: change of day.

## 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:** Carol Claassen (Olin) and Brittany Claassen  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Diana Schunn and Deb Hiebert

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Galen & Roberta Harms family  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$914.25  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Scholarship Fund

## CHURCH OFFICES

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**Et Cetera**

**Offender/Victim Ministries, Inc.** would like to invite you to an Open House at our Newton offices this afternoon. 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 this afternoon 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.

**From Peace Connections: Shawl knitting/crocheting ministry to begin!** Receive the gift of inner peace, being in community and giving to others. Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. Knitting supplies: #11 knitting needles, 555 yards bulky weight

yarn; crochet supplies: Size M hook, 650 yards bulky weight yarn. Contact: Marilyn Helburg, 284-0133 or Peace Connections, 284-0000.

**Kids come and PLAY CREATIVELY!** Every day (Monday-Thursday) from 1-2 p.m. school age children are invited to stop by Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton, for some creative playtime. Several activities are available each day & change weekly - try recycled magazine beads, thumbbody prints, hopscotch, origami, bookmarks, and more!

**The church is a primary place** to transform strangers into friends. Learn how some congregations in our conferences have worked to "weave strangers into the fabric of fellowship." They will share their stories at the annual conference on Saturday evening, August 13, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Registration information and brochures are available online at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

**Needed: Transportation to Charlotte for about 20 boxes.** Both the Infant Toddler program and the Preschool program at Charlotte are coordinated by local people, Judy Friesen, Bethel College Church and Susan Graber, Shalom. As we have done for Atlanta and for Nashville, it is necessary to transport from the Newton area most of supplies and equipment that enable us to provide a meaningful experience for the youngest conference attendees. We are trying to find as many of the bigger things as possible in the Charlotte area, however, we still have a large amount that needs to be transported. We need to have the things at the conference center by Sunday evening, or first thing Monday morning the 4th, and will be finished at noon on Saturday. The conference is willing to help with expenses for anyone that is willing to transport these boxes. Please contact Judy Friesen at 620-327-3775 if you are willing to help us with this dilemma. Our program for young children depends on getting our materials there.