

## GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 13, 2004

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Office: 283-2644

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaughn

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship Leader: Roberta Harms

\* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

All children will be dismissed to their Sunday School classes **after** this morning's vote has been taken and the meeting is finished.

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

**A special welcome to Gene and Mary Herr.** Gene and Mary are semi-retired living in Newton. They have served various ministries and most recently created and directed the Hermitage, a place of prayer in Southern Michigan. Mary has a background in Language Arts teaching and also in a one-room school in Ohio. They very recently returned from Scotland where they participated in a Biblical Story Tellers tour on Celtic Saints led by Dennis Dewey. They will share with us both during worship and the combined Adult Sunday school hour, which meets in the sanctuary.

**Pastor Jim** in on vacation this Sunday.

### For Sharing and Prayer

**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 \$4,833. Pledges to cover the salary plus benefits have been received. We have received \$34,833 to date. Please communicate any questions or concerns to Diana Schunn or Doug Claassen.

**Today 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.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Camp Mennoscah's program for youth which begins today with the first of three junior camps.

### Prelude

Variations on "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Manz/Hobby

### \* Call to Worship

### \* Invocation

### \* Hymn No. 26 *Holy Spirit, Come With Power*

### 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.*

### Offering Local Church Missions

**Offertory** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Manz

### Sharing and Congregational Prayer

**Special Music** Ben Lichti

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 3:1-6  
Luke 3:15-17, 12:49, 50 Alma Schmidt

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

**Message** *The Holy Spirit as Fire - Tending the Fire Within*  
Gene and Mary Herr

### \* Hymn No. 356 *Breathe On Me, Breath Of God*

### \* Benediction

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 420** *Heart With Loving Heart* verses 1 & 3  
**Postlude** *Prelude in Classic Style* Young

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for mission workers Dorothy and Jake Unrau and the church leadership of Christliche Glaubensgemeinschaft, Altes Lager, Germany, that they will grow together to build up the body of Christ.

**Thank you to the following people from Grace Hill** that made our week of Bible School go by smoothly: Paul and Carmen Wade, teachers for the 3 & 4 yr. olds; Camille Claassen and Amanda Regehr, helpers for the 3 & 4 yr. olds; Carol (Kendall) Claassen & Debbie Claassen, teachers for the 5 & 6 yr. olds; Deb Regier, teacher for the 3rd grade; Matt Regier, helper for the 3rd grade; Tammy Regehr, teacher for the 5th grade; Katherine Claassen, recreation; Penny Hiebert, snack helper; and Kris Goossen, finished t-shirts. We had 76 children attend our Grace Hill/Zion Bible School this year. The final offering project total for the Hopi Mission School gymnasium project was \$420.13. Thanks once again to all the teachers, helpers, and “willing workers” for making Bible School a success!

**The Youth Group** will be leaving June 23 for a service project at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. There are several cabins under construction at the camp that they will be working to complete. They will be returning home June 27. Please keep the Youth Group and sponsors in your prayers as they travel and spend time at Rocky Mountain Camp.

## CHURCH OFFICES

*Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: [jvoth@cox.net](mailto:jvoth@cox.net)*

***Pastor Jim is at the church office on Tuesday mornings.***

*Pastor's Cell Phone (in case of emergency) 1-316-655-2811*

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*Secretary's E-mail: [kimdebc@wheatstate.com](mailto:kimdebc@wheatstate.com)*

*Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite2.net/>*

**Summer Sunday School**

**The Junior Department** will meet as follows: The kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 “Worshipping God.”

**The Junior Sunday School Department** is beginning a new offering project this summer which will be carried on into the fall – the Common Ground Garden. This program is part of the ministry of Jerry and Jene Yoder at their Topeka Voluntary Service Unit. The Common Ground Garden is an urban community garden which is used as a way to reach out to youth who are troubled in the Topeka area schools. The young people work in the garden which, in turn, provides food that is donated to local resource centers and the Rescue Mission to feed the homeless. The children’s Sunday School offering will be used to purchase specific tools needed for the garden.

**Adult & Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary.** Gene and Mary Herr will be speaking today on *The Sabbath: Time of Renewal*

**Next Sunday’s speaker:** Sandra Seward – *Meditation: Soaking Up God’s Word* Psalm 77

## Church Events

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**Saturday, July 10 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon** A workday has been planned at Gladys Reimer’s home to trim trees and do some clean-up. Lunch will be served. Contact John Claassen, Terry Klassen or Tim Schmidt if you have questions.

## 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.

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

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Tara Harms Becker  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin

**Ushers Today:** Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Kendall Claassen and Terry Klassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,450.00  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Scholarship Fund

## Et Cetera

**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.

**Register now for Western District Conference** 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.

## **KINDLING FOR YOUR PRAYER**

As we gather –

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in us the fire of your life.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

A premise for discipleship –

“The fruit of silence is prayer,  
The fruit of prayer is faith,  
The fruit of faith is love,  
The fruit of love is service,  
The fruit of service is peace.”

Mother Teresa

For continuing transformation – a summary of the service

The Holy Spirit burns as the fire of ..... within me.

Choose a word from Galatians 5:22,23 or slowly pray each one

love patience faithfulness  
joy kindness gentleness  
peace generosity self control

## **A TOOL FOR REFLECTION**

In the last week . . . . . in the last day

When were you most aware of God’s presence?

For what are you most grateful?

For what are you least grateful?

What has been most life giving?

What has taken life out of you?

What would you like to ask of God?

What promises does God give?