

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 14, 2009

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Marvin Zehr

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Valerie Klaassen

\* **Benediction**

Pastor Marv

**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!**

**Welcome to the Jazz Trio today!** Members are Nate Yoder on drums, Brad McKellip on guitar and Joel Linscheid on saxophone.

**Today following the worship service** the pastor candidate ballot vote will be held. Please stay seated after the postlude.

**For Sharing and Prayer**

We welcome David Greiser to our church and service of worship this morning. He will bring the message. He is the Director of the Pastoral Ministries Program at Hesston College.

Today is the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Pastor Marv and Jeannie Zehr. The flowers are in their honor. Let us rejoice with Pastor Marv and Jeannie at this joyous time in their life!

Judy Janzen is a patient in Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita recovering from knee replacement surgery on Thursday. After being dismissed from the hospital she will be at Mike and Jodi's in Potwin for a few days. Let us remember her in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers.

Thank you are two little words that don't begin to express how appreciative we have been of all the prayers, visits, cards, food and phones calls that we received during and now after my back surgery. One never realizes just how a person needs these deeds of encouragement until one is in that situation. Thank you to each and every one of you. A special thank you to Pastor Zehr for his visits to the hospital and phone calls. Blessings, Deb Hiebert

**Prelude**

Jazz Trio

*God Bless the Child* by Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog Jr.

**Welcoming Guests and Announcements**

*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. 664

\* **Prayer of Invocation**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 12** *Come, let us all unite to sing*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Rob Schunn

**Offering** Local Church

**Offertory** *Come Sunday* by Duke Ellington

Jazz Trio

**Special Music** *Amazing Grace*

Jazz Trio

\* **Hymn No. 502** *Spirit of God! descend*

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

**Sermon**

David Greiser

\* **Hymn of Response No. 139** *Far, far away from my loving father*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Marv

\* **Hymn No. 433** *Go, my children*

**Add to the church calendar:** Joyce Stuart, birthday on June 11

**Western District Conference:** Ask God's blessing on Errol and Virginia Koehn as they assume pastoral leadership of Gospel Fellowship Church (Faith Mennonite) in Montezuma, Kansas.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** A new Mennonite Voluntary Service unit begins in Madison, Wis. Pray for MVS staff and the leadership at Madison Mennonite Church as they establish partnerships with helping agencies in the community.

### **Summer Sunday School**

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary. **Today:** *Visioneering 2020* with Virgil Penner. **Next Sunday:** *Simply Christian* video and discussion with Carl & Kristine Goossen. During the next two adult Sunday school sessions, we will be participating in more lessons from N.T. Wright's Simply Christian video series from last summer. In preparation for next Sunday's session on "Relationships and Beauty," please ponder the following questions: (1) What relationships are essential to human life? Which are most important to you? (2) What is the most beautiful thing you have ever seen or heard? Did it have any relationship to your understanding of God?

**During the summer quarter, K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students** will explore instructions for "Making the Right Choices". There will be two groups: Pre-school through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They will be meeting in the basement area for their combined classes.

## Church Events

**This evening at 6:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group** Pool Party at Gary and Karma Hill's! This will also be an evening to go over information for Convention and to talk about our Youth Group Covenant for the trip. Supper will be provided.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth group meets at church.

## 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.

**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:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Preaching Next Sunday:** Pastor Marv

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Pastor Katherine

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,272.52

**Offering Next Sunday:** Scholarship Fund

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

**Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. First St., Newton,** will dedicate its new pipe organ with a recital Sunday, June 21, at 4 p.m. in the church, featuring church organists Greta Hiebert, Karen Bauman Schlabaugh and Martha Unruh Szambecki and other musicians. The organ was a gift of Meadows Mennonite Church in Illinois, which disbanded in 2007. The public is invited to the free recital with refreshments to follow; 316-283-7395, [office@shalomnewton.org](mailto:office@shalomnewton.org).

**The Annual Meeting of the KBRS Contributors** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 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 Village and Campus Woods Estates. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

**Advanced Spiritual Guidance training** will be offered by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary through the 2009–2010 school year. This seminar will foster competence and maturity in the practice of spiritual direction for people who have had at least two years of experience offering direction. The sessions are scheduled on seven dates beginning September 14, 2009, and ending April 12, 2010, on the AMBS campus in Elkhart, Ind. Marlene Kropf, D.Min., associate professor in spiritual formation and worship, is the facilitator. This seminar is limited to 10 people; a nonrefundable deposit is due by July 15. For more information, visit [www.ambs.edu/asgs](http://www.ambs.edu/asgs).

**Wheat State Manor is producing a cookbook** celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They would like recipes from the member churches, resident families and the Manor's employees. The history of the Manor and stories from older individuals from the member churches, related to the Manor, could also be included. As the Wheat State Auxiliary we are making recipe forms available on the table in the foyer and be used by anyone who would like to submit entries. Please take as many forms as you wish and return no later than July 12. Any questions contact Gladys Reimer, Miriam Claassen or Agnes Harder. The cookbooks would be available for sale at Whitewater's Oktoberfest.