

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 15, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Ben Lichti

Father's Day

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

* Prayer

Hymns of Praise and Affirmation

* **No. 648** *Morning has broken*

No. 338 *I know not why God's wondrous grace*

Offering Scholarship Fund

Children's Moments *Abba Father and our Daddies*

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *Faith of our Fathers* Grace Hill Men's Chorus

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

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1-18 Curt Regehr

Sermon *Hesed - God's Loving Kindness*
Hesed - The Glue of Relationship

* **Hymn of Response No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior*
Grace Hill Men's Chorus

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

Thank you to our Grace Hill Church family for the use of this beautiful facility for Megan and Brad's wedding last Saturday. We are so fortunate to have such a roomy, well-planned space for special events such as this. Thank you as well for your support and well wishes!

Valerie and John, Megan and Brad

Western District Conference: Pray for the "church fathers" among us – those men who give leadership, counsel, time, and finances to sustain local congregation and WDC ministries. Pray for Jay Goering, WDC moderator, as he prepares to lead our annual conference sessions June 27-28.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray that the DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) summer staff persons in the training program will develop their leadership skills and spiritual formation.

Church Events

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

The Thursday morning Bible Study of the Psalms and fellowship will meet this Thursday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Pastor Jim

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

July 20 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool.

August 3 at 7:00 p.m. Brett and Cassie Klingenberg will report on their experiences of the past year.

October 18-19 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School We will continue to meet in the sanctuary. Sitting closer to the leaders will help facilitate the discussion. **June 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

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: Kaye Penner and Brittany Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Special Music Next Sunday: Lee Suderman

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Ben Lichti and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,145.25

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

The annual conference, scheduled for June 27-28 in Hesston, is not just a time for delegate business. There will be inspirational worship and music, workshops, information from Mennonite Church USA representatives, meal meetings for men and women to which all are invited, and programming for children, infants through junior high. Make your plans now to attend, whether you are a congregational delegate or not.

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 Summer Camps—Don't miss out on all the fun! There is still time to register for an exciting week of camp. Many of our camps have room for more fun-loving campers. Our theme this summer is *The Bible: Digging for Treasure*. Our program directors have worked hard, and our summer staffers have planned all sorts of fun activities. Bring a friend and come see what we're doing this summer. Questions? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.