

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 17, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Pastor Jim

## *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**

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 59** *Sing praise to God who reigns*

### **Children's Moments**

Sara Burch

### **Service of Child Dedication**

Lucille Anna born May 11, 2007 to Brad and Suzy Burch

\* **Hymn No. 620** *Child of blessing, child of promise*

### **Worship in Giving** Scholarship Fund

### **Sharing and Prayer**

**Special Music** *Solfeggietto* Karl Philipp Emanuel Bach  
Maria Jantz, Harp

**Scripture Reading** 1 Kings 2:1-4; Ephesians 6:1-4 Rob Schunn

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

### **Message** *Fathers: We need Father's Day!*

As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; Psalm 103:13

### **Father's Day Prayers**

**Fathers:** Thank you God for the responsibility of fatherhood you have given to me in my life. Thank you for my spouse and my children. I love them. Forgive me when I have failed as a husband and father. Help me to follow Jesus in my fatherly responsibilities. Help me to live a faithful, humble, peaceable life in this world. I wish to honor you with all my being.

**Church Family:** Thank you God for our fathers; for their faithful example; for their encouragement and love. Give them courage to live faithful, humble, peaceable lives as followers of Jesus. Help me to honor my father; to forgive him when he fails me and to speak well of him before others. Help my father to understand me when we disagree and give me courage to live a faithful, humble, peaceable life with my father. Thank you Lord for my father. Amen.

\* **Hymn No. 523** *Dear Lord and Father of mankind* Verses 1, 2 & 5

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 371** *Let there be light, Lord God*

**Postlude** *Studi Di Media Difficolta: Etude 1* Ettore Pozzoli  
Maria Jantz, Harp

\* 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!**

## Summer Sunday School

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary today. **Today's Topic:** *Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses* a DVD by Bruce Feiler. **Next Sunday:** continue the DVD, *Walking the Bible*.

**The Junior Department** (grades K-6) will be studying the *Parables of Jesus* 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 Preschool group (ages 2-5 yrs.) in Room 7.

## For Sharing and Prayer

On behalf of the Youth Pastor Search Committee we are pleased and excited that Katherine Krehbiel has accepted the call of a 3-year commitment as Grace Hill Youth Pastor. She will begin August 1.

**In the hospital:** Caroline Schmidt, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Waldo and Ruth Balzer's 65th wedding anniversary. We praise the Lord for their long life together.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Sarah Klaassen, seminary student, who is interning at WDC this summer and learning about regional conference ministry.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Please pray for international mission workers and participants in Christian Service programs who are completing their assignments this summer. Pray that these experiences will produce fruit in their lives, for the people with whom they served and the congregations to which they return.

**Thoughts for early summer 2007:** We are thankful for the rains that have come and trust that there will be days of sun and drying. Let us pray for one another that we may keep safe this summer in work and play, in harvest and planting, in conventions and vacations, in travel by car, bus, train, bicycle, boat and plane. In all our outdoor activities drink plenty of water. Make time to relax and rest. Let us make time to visit one another and break bread together. Let us daily make time to exercise physically: walking, stretching, lifting, moving as we are able. Let us exercise our spiritual lives with daily prayers with family at the table, quiet prayers as we rise and lie down, daily reading of Scripture using devotional guides or simply reading through the Bible. Sing your favorite hymns or choruses. Memorize a passage of Scripture. In everything let us give thanks.

*Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds..., let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25*

## Church Events

**Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.

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

**Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Seekers S.S. Class is in charge.

**Next Sunday at 6:30 p.m.** Galen and Roberta Harms, and Dean and Rita Patterson will be sharing about their January trip to the Philippines. They will be sharing this with the Mariner's Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. We would like to extend an invitation to the church family/friends to attend this event.

## 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:** Barb Voth and Carol (Kendall) Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Twigs

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$8,690.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

### **Mennonite Disaster Service Greensburg volunteers still needed.**

Volunteers and equipment are still needed in Greensburg. Excavators, skid steers and skid steers with grapple forks are needed in the continuing clean-up effort. Yes, groups and individuals are still very much needed as cleanup continues. Contact Marvin Penner, MDS Volunteer Coordinator at [marvinpenner@cox.net](mailto:marvinpenner@cox.net) or call him at 985-291-1296.

**The Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**, Wichita is pleased to announce the fourth event of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert/lecture series. Keith Plenert, violinist, will present a concert on Sunday, June 24. This event will be held at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine, Wichita at 3:00 p.m. The program will include music by Bach, Mozart, and Kreisler, as well as two selections from “Shindlers List” for violin and piano. The public is cordially invited to attend and admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the “extreme make-over” of Youth Development Services, an on-going 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary project of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

**Summer is here, and there is a lot of excitement and anticipation for the summer programs at Camp Mennosciah!** If you haven't signed up for a great week of camp... good news! There's still time! There is still room in the following camps: Pre-Junior II, Junior II, Junior III, Senior High (boys only). Brochures for camp are available in the foyer or by contacting the camp at 620-267-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org). It's gonna be a great summer!

**A new and second hymnal supplement** for *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, entitled *Sing the Story* will be introduced at the Mennonite Church USA biennial assembly in San Jose, CA, July 2-6. It will also serve as the primary songbook for the WDC/SCC annual conference in Tulsa, July 27-29. Also, special drama monologues based on I Samuel written by Michele Hershberger will be a part of all three worship sessions. Register now! [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org)

**Mennonite Central Committee** is recruiting for a new Executive Director, based in Akron, Pennsylvania. This person provides overall leadership for the relief, development, peace and service agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in Canada and the United States. For more information go to [www.mcc.org/serve/](http://www.mcc.org/serve/).