

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 18, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

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**

One: God, we praise You!

All: **For summer breezes and time to work outdoors,**

One: For family vacations,

All: **And beautiful sunrises and sunsets.**

One: God, we praise You!

All: **For fathers and mothers and all who make up
our circle of love,**

One: For friends who help us to wholeness,

All: **For the church, that gives us a taste of heaven,
and a vision of God's kingdom.**

One: God, we praise You!

All: **With quiet deeds or loud music,**

One: With our voices raised in song.

ALL: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **A Hymn of Praise No. 69** *The Lord is king*

Children's Moments

Pastor Jim

* **A Hymn for Father's Day No. 490** *Lord of the home*

Verse 1 - All Verse 2 - Fathers Verse 3 - Mothers

Verse 4 - Fathers and Mothers Verse 5 - All

Offering Scholarship Fund

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Special Music *Morning Has Broken*

Camille, Samantha and Debbie Claassen

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Katherine Claassen

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

Sermon *Stewards of our Relationships*

A working definition of a steward of God: One who is driven to be faithful and trusted; driven to serve, care and honor others; driven by joy, driven to live these qualities for only one purpose: To honor and love The Master.

A steward is one who owns nothing but is responsible for everything.
John C. Maxwell

* **Hymn No. 322** *For we are strangers no more*

* **Benediction** 2 Corinthians 9:8

Congregation: **And God is able to provide us
with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
we may share abundantly in every good work.**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 596** *And I will raise you up*

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**

In the hospital: Virgil Penner, Newton Medical Center

Thank you to all for your visits, prayers, cards, and expressions of concern while I was in the hospital. And a special thank you to those who stepped in last Sunday to help in many ways with the mentoring picnic at our house. We are in awe of a loving God and caring friends.

Virgil Penner

Thank you for allowing me to share the Gideon report during worship on June 11. The offering of \$552.00 was greatly appreciated. This will purchase 442 New Testaments or 110 Bibles. Again, we thank you.

Milton Guhr.

The floral plant is in honor of Edgar and Agnes Harder's 53rd wedding anniversary.

Western District Conference: Pray for the upcoming WDC Annual Conference in July, that it will be a wonderful time for all participants as they fellowship and work together.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Anna and Joe Sawatzky in Mthatha, South Africa, ask prayer for growth in their relationships with the people of the African-Initiated Churches and for insight into the faith and life of these churches.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. *Who Are the Mennonites? Our Story* **Today's Topic:** *In the Lowlands of Prussia to the Land of the Czars*; Speaker: Mark Jantzen, Professor of History, Bethel College **Next Sunday:** *Migration to North America*; Speaker: Keith Sprunger, retired Professor of History.

The Junior department (grades K-6) will be studying the *Walk with Jesus* series 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 Early Childhood group (ages 2-5 yrs.).

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Friday - Sunday The High School Youth Group will be heading to Wichita to do a short service trip. While there, the youth will be working with Inter-faith Inn, Trees For Life, The Lord's Diner, and other agencies. We will be staying two nights at Immanuel Baptist Church, who has graciously allowed us to stay for free. We also hope to visit the Jewish Synagogue and Muslim Mosque during the trip. Please pray for our group as we work, learn, eat, and have fun together.

Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. The first gathering of the *Introduction to Grace Hill* class will be Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m. at the church. For further information please contact Pastor Jim. All are welcome!

Sunday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. The youth group will be leading a contemporary worship service on Sunday, July 9 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. This will be an opportunity for youth and young adults to worship God in an informal, relaxed setting and an attempt to reach out to the community. Pastor Brett will give a short message and the Praise Band will provide music. The service will be geared toward youth, but everyone is welcome.

CHURCH OFFICES

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If you would like to volunteer to participate in worship this summer through special music, prelude, offertory or postlude, please contact a member of the Worship Council.

The Praise Team would like to purchase a 100 watt amplifier, a djembe drum (like a bongo drum) and some music stands. The amplifier could be used by anyone at church and at present we are using some borrowed music stands. The estimated cost of the above is approximately \$600. If you would like to participate in this project, we will have an envelope offering for this on Sunday June 25. Questions? Contact Barb Voth.

Homeless Shelter - Grace Hill is responsible for one week a quarter, and our next week will be August 9-15. Put this date down, be thinking how you would like to volunteer. Please talk to either Brett or Cassie about training or any other questions.

We are pleased to have the new bibles and hymnals in the pews for people to use. Thank you for your financial support. Spiritual Council

Portable screens and keyboard are now located in the closet at the back of the sanctuary.

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: Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,766.75

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Announcements

Et Cetera

The Annual Meeting of the Kidron Bethel Retirement Services Contributors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 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 Campus Woods Estates. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Hospice Care of Kansas offers volunteer classes. You can make a difference. . . hold a hand, drive a car, address envelopes, feed a pet, give a hug, touch a heart, change a life. Free training to be held on June 20 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Call 283-2116 or 1-877-877-2385 to RSVP and schedule interview.

Irvin and Laverne Mosiman will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary with an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren on Sunday, June 25 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at The Federated Church in Whitewater.

The West Zion Concert Series continues on June 25 at 7:00 p.m. The following performers will be featured: Donald Duncan, playing trumpet and flugelhorn; Hannah Neufeld, mezzo-soprano vocalist; Alison Stucky, marimba; and Chelsea Vaught and Christopher Shaw, playing duets on the 1980 Dobson tracker organ. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert and immediately following the concert there will be a time of fellowship, with refreshments being served. West Zion Mennonite Church is located at 101 S. Washington Avenue in Moundridge.

The M-2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers July 6, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. Applicants awaiting a friend presently number around 70. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than June 30. You may also email: isaac.ovm@southwind.net.

The deadline (July 1) for registering for the annual delegate session of Western District Conference is almost here. It will be held July 14-15 at Bethel College. Important changes in conference structure and growth strategy will be described and acted upon. Comedy duo Ted and

Lee will give presentations guaranteed to make you laugh while gaining some new Biblical insights. Children through middle school age will have programs and activities designed especially for them. Be sure to include this in your summer travel plans. See brochure in foyer.

The annual Women and Girls' Retreat is being planned for September 8-10. Join your friends for a time of learning and relaxation! The theme of "Family Matters" – how we think about, talk about, and structure the nurturing groups in our lives – will guide our large group input and worship sessions. Other activities will include workshops, swimming, campfire, and time for individual contemplation and group fun – all at Camp Mennoscah! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Take the DEO challenge. DEO (Discipleship, Encounter, Outreach) is still looking for young adults (ages 18-30) who are ready to experience an intimate encounter with Jesus. Participants spend two months developing their faith before serving in community-based organizations in Phoenix and Denver. The yearlong program wraps up with a two-month internship in the participant's home congregation. For more information, e-mail Diana Cook at Service@MennoniteMission.net or check online: Service.MennoniteMission.net/DEO.

The Newton Et Cetera shop needs immediate help in all volunteer areas including sorting, clerking and pricing. We recently have experienced an increase in donations and we therefore need immediate help. If you are interested, please contact Diana Miller at 283-9461.

Ten Thousand Villages Newton is looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of roles, including off site events and in store opportunities. Volunteers can commit to as little as once a month or as much as their schedule allows. For more information contact Pandeia Smith, manager, at 316-283-0061.