

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 19, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Debbie Claassen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Special Music

A Place in the Choir by Bill Staines, arr. by John Leavitt

My Lord, What A Mornin' (Traditional Spiritual) arr. by Rollo Dilworth

Darla & Tara Harms-Becker,

Jene`, Jevin & Jayce Yoder, Roberta Harms

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

Sermon *Jacob's Story*

Pastor Brett

Scripture Reading Genesis 33:1-4

Reader: Lon Hiebert

* **Hymn No. 560** *In Lonely Mountain Ways*

* **Benediction**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

All: May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our strength and our redeemer. AMEN.

* **Benediction Hymn No. 560** *In Lonely Mountain Ways* verse 3

Postlude *Allegro con Fuoco (Sonata by Spindler)* Tara Harms-Becker

* 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!**

Prelude

Jo Harms-Becker, Darla Harms-Becker
Jayce Yoder, Jevin Yoder

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.

Let us now prepare to worship our Creator and Lord by leaving the troubles of the world behind and entering into God's presence in a spirit of humility and praise.

* **Prayer of Gathering**

* **Scripture Call to Worship** *Psalm 23*

* **Hymn No. 89** *For The Beauty Of The Earth*

Offering Scholarship Fund

Offertory *Be Exalted, O God* by Brent Chambers, arr. by Carl Seal
Tara Harms-Becker

Children's Moments *Stump the Youth Pastor*

Sharing and Prayer

* **Hymn No. 121** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10-16

Reader: Lon Hiebert

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Jim will be on vacation through Wednesday, June 22. Pastor Brett will be available for pastoral needs during this time.

The Spiritual Council would like to thank all of those who donated to our Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Fund. Your generous donations will allow us to pay for all of our first time campers this year. We will be issuing checks to reimburse the cost of the camp in the next week or so. If you have a first time camper that we missed, please contact Sandie Lanzrath.

Calling The Worldwide Anabaptist-Mennonite Community To Fervent Prayer For Our Suffering Brothers And Sisters In Eritrea, East Africa Strasbourg, France - Amnesty International reports that on May 28, 2005, government security forces raided a wedding celebration in Asmara, Eritrea, and detained over 200 guests. All are reported to be members of Meserete Kristos, an evangelical Anabaptist church banned by the current government of Eritrea. According to Amnesty International, this kind of harassment and persecution is a feature of life in Eritrea. Since 2002 only Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran churches have been allowed to operate and evangelical churches have been banned. Amnesty International reports that harassment of those defying the 2002 ban has intensified recently. Many members and leaders of these churches have been imprisoned and tortured. For more information on the arrests see www.release-eritrea.org.uk

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Committee as it makes final plans for the annual conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma – including major decisions about the structure and funding of WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN workers as they visit congregations in the U.S. and Canada during their North American Ministry this summer. Pray that they will communicate well how God is working through their ministries and that congregations will be motivated to respond to needs across the street and around the world.

Summer Sunday School
Classes begin at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

HEY KIDS! Journey with Joshua this summer! All Kindergarten through 8th Grade students are invited to the basement fellowship hall to “dig for truths” from the stories of Joshua. We also have big plans for the little ones of our bunch! All preschool students, ages 2-5, are invited to the Early Childhood classroom for a fun-filled time learning about the great characters of the Old Testament.

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the fellowship hall. **Book:** *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey **Today’s topic:** Understanding the Old Testament **Today’s presenter:** Gary Isaac **Next Sunday’s presenter:** Alma Schmidt

Church Events

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Council will meet at church.
Education Council will meet at church.

Friday The youth group party at East Lake will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Bring swimsuits, towels, and other fun things. Please talk to Brett about transportation if needed.

YOUTH: Also, please turn in Charlotte conduct sheets and medical release forms soon. Thanks.

July 17 Worship service at Harvey County East Lake.

July 24 at 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper and Sharing Session with Jenny and Weldon Martens.

August 7 Mike and Teresa Sherrill, our mission partners, will be with us for our worship service.

August 7 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton pool.

Et Cetera

Doug and Jude Krehbiel (known to many as "Road Less Traveled") have set hearts to singing and toes to tapping with their spirited music, much of it of their own composition. Come to Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 12-14 to the joint annual meeting of South Central and Western District Conferences to hear them sing and play as part of the worship services. Download registration forms online from www.mennowdc.org.

Needed: Transportation to Charlotte for about 20 boxes. Both the Infant Toddler program and the Preschool program at Charlotte are coordinated by local people, Judy Friesen, Bethel College Church and Susan Graber, Shalom. As we have done for Atlanta and for Nashville, it is necessary to transport from the Newton area most of supplies and equipment that enable us to provide a meaningful experience for the youngest conference attendees. We are trying to find as many of the bigger things as possible in the Charlotte area, however, we still have a large amount that needs to be transported. We need to have the things at the conference center by Sunday evening, or first thing Monday morning the 4th, and will be finished at noon on Saturday. The conference is willing to help with expenses for anyone that is willing to transport these boxes. Please contact Judy Friesen at 620-327-3775 if you are willing to help us with this dilemma. Our program for young children depends on getting our materials there.

Gather ‘Round is accepting applications from persons interested in writing for the second curriculum year. If you are interested, see the email notice posted on the bulletin board.

Announcements

In order for small children and their parents to feel welcome we would like to provide a special area for them to be seated so that the parents may feel comfortable caring for their children and may be close to the nursery as needed. The ushers will also have an area where they can seat guest parents with small children if they request to be seated toward the back of the sanctuary. We are suggesting that the last three pews on the south section of the sanctuary be made available for parents with small children. If you have further questions or comments please contact a member of the Administrative, Spiritual or Worship Council. Let us all come before the Lord with thanksgiving and hospitality toward one another in this special place God has given us to worship.

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: Diana Schunn and Deb Hiebert
Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Teresa Martin

Special Music and Keyboard Next Sunday: Rosewood Winds
Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$3,277.00
Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

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