

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 22, 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: Gladys Reimer

Sermon *The Call, Life and Ministry of the Prophet Jeremiah*

Unison Scripture Response

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth;

but let those who boast, boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

* **Hymn of Response No. 163** *Obey my voice*

Sending Litany *Youth Summer Service Trip*

Congregation: We rejoice that each of you has chosen to give of your time this summer to serve the Lord at the Swan Lake Christian Camp. Thank you to our sponsors for your leadership and time.

Youth and Sponsors: We give thanks for this special time in our lives when we may travel together, work together, share together, have fun together and pray together.

Congregation: We send you with our prayers for good work and great recreation, safe travel, good food and great fellowship together. We look forward to your sharing with the congregation when you return. Go now with the bonds of peace binding you together in the love of Christ.

All: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 (NRSV)

* **Blessing and Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 427** *You shall go out with joy*

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

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** Jeremiah 7:23

Obey me, and I will be your God
and you will be my people.
Walk in all the ways I command you,
that it may go well with you.

* **Prayer**

* **Hymn of Praise No. 71** *Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee*

Reading from Jeremiah 8:18-22 Pastor Katherine

Hymn No. 627 *There is a balm in Gilead*

Offering Western District Conference

Sharing and Prayer

Reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn No. 395** *Here I am, Lord*

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

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 1:4-17 Lon Hiebert

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 We will continue to meet in the sanctuary. Sitting closer to the leaders will help facilitate the discussion. **Today: 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. **Next Sunday:** Visioneering 2020 with Virgil Penner.

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!

For Sharing and Prayer

The flowers this morning are for Waldo and Ruth Balzer's 66th wedding anniversary, which was on June 21.

Jason Schmidt and Carol Longenecker were married Saturday, June 14th at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, Bridgewater, Virginia. Let us rejoice with them and pray for them as they begin their married life together.

The Grace Hill Youth Group summer service trip begins today. Immediately following worship the youth group of 13 youth, 5 sponsors and two daughters, a total of 20, leave for Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, South Dakota. They will be doing maintenance around the camp like laying sidewalk and painting. They will return Thursday night. Pray that this will be a spiritually refreshing time of fellowship and service together for our great Youth!

Homeless Shelter Ministry. We share a week of service in the Newton homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church July 23-30. There is a sign-up sheet for four nights of volunteer staffing and providing a meal those evenings. The dates are July 23, 25, 27 and 29. If you would like to take the volunteer staff training please contact Pastor Jim.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC as it gathers on June 27-28 on the Hesston College campus for its annual conference session. May we be a "Bold Witness" of our faith (Acts 4:31-35).

Mennonite Mission Network: Nora Iwarat and Mey Idawaty minister to domestic workers on Cheung Chau Island, Hong Kong. Pray for them as they also take full leadership of All Nations Mennonite Church. MMN supports this ministry.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Announcements

Needed: A custodian to clean the church for the weeks of July 13-19 and July 20-26. If interested in this paid opportunity, contact a member of the Business Council as soon as possible.

Would anyone like to have the carpet remnant that was removed from the youth pastor's office when the new carpet was installed? It is in nearly new condition and would be the perfect size for a small office or dorm room. A donation would be appreciated. Contact a Business Council member.

Business Council: Kim Claassen, Marvin Harms,
Terry Klassen, Sandie Lanzrath, Jeff Toews

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: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Special Music Next Sunday: Lindsey Harms

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Grace Hill Scholarship Fund \$1,793.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Families, caregivers, service providers, pastors, church members, and friends of persons with disabilities are all invited to reflect on how communities of faith can include persons with disabilities in their ministries. Come listen to and dialogue with Paul Leichty, Executive Director of Anabaptist Disabilities Network, at the Mennonite Church of the Servant (1650 N. Fairview, Wichita) at 7:30 p.m., Thursday June 26. For more information, call (316) 260-9095 or (316) 871-8306.

The countdown to the joint annual conference for Western District and South Central churches is about over. This coming Friday, the opening worship will feature pastor Clarence Rempel; the concluding worship on Saturday evening will feature Michelle Armster. In between will be delegate sessions, workshops, meal meetings for men and women, children's programming from infant through junior high, alumni gatherings, and times for informal fellowship. As an added clarification, persons not registered for the entire weekend sessions are welcome to attend either the Friday or Saturday evening worship sessions in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary. No pre-registration is needed. An offering will be taken each evening to allow participants to help support the program. Pre-registration, however, is required for attending any of the meal events on Saturday.

Choral Concert at Hutchinson Correctional Facility Career Development Unit (Work Release/Minimum Security) You are invited to attend the first choir performance of the men at the South Unit of HCF. The choir, under the direction of Lyle Stutzman, will present a varied program of sacred music, folk songs and spirituals on Saturday evening, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. The chorus is comprised of HCF inmates and volunteer singers from the surrounding area. This concert is one of several educational and artistic components under the Prison Arts program sponsored by Offender/Victim Ministries. Please come and show your support for the Prison Arts Project. You must contact the OVM office (316-283-2038 or email - ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) to list only your name for admission purposes by Wednesday, June 25. Children under 18 are not permitted in the facility. HCF South Unit is located on G Ave. in Hutchinson across from the main unit.

Job opening: The Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program, in collaboration with Western District Conference, is seeking a part-time (15-18 hours per week) bilingual (either Spanish/English or Low-German/English) to work with farmworkers living and working in central Kansas. Position begins summer 2008, pays \$8.75 per hour, mileage and expenses. Contact Cyndi Treaster, Director, at ctreaste@khde.state.ks.us or call 785-296-8113 for more information.