

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 25, 2006

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Clarinet: Valerie Klaassen

Prelude *Adagio*

Mozart

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

All: Day after day, an abundance of God's love,

One: Morning by morning, new signs of blessing.

All: A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

One: A friend's embrace, a child's smile,

All: A new insight, a sense of peace,

One: A shared meal, a treasured moment.

**All: All around us and deep within us
are signs of God's presence.**

One: How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?

* Gathering Prayer

* A Hymn of Praise No. 156 *All things bright and beautiful*

Offering Western District Conference

Offertory *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Gordon Schuster

* A Hymn of Stewardship No. 384 *We give thee but thine own*

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Special Music *Worship and Adore Him Medley*

Paul Nickelson

Valerie Klaassen and Linda Harms

Scripture Reading Luke 16:1-13

Curt Regehr

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

Sermon *Stewards of Money- Managing God's Money – Part 1*

* **Hymn No. 495** *O let all who thirst*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 425** *Come, come ye saints*

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

Nine members of our Youth Group along with four sponsors and Pastor Brett and Cassie have been on a service project in Wichita beginning Friday morning through today.

Thank you to all who baked cakes for the wedding reception for Brett and Cassie. It was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you for your part in making the reception a success.

Diana Schunn, Tammy Regehr and Katherine Claassen

Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Days brought approximately 1,000 visitors to the campus and over \$32,000 was raised. Proceeds will purchase beds for Bethel Health Care Centre residents. We are so grateful to all those who contributed, volunteered, and came out to enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. Thank you.

Western District Conference: Pray for Kathy Neufeld Dunn as she is installed at First Mennonite Church, McPherson today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Most Service Adventure participants and leaders conclude their service at the end of this month. Pray for smooth transitions as they reconnect with family and friends and begin new chapters in their lives.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. *Who Are the Mennonites? Our Story* **Today's Topic:** *Migration to North America*; Speaker: Keith Sprunger, retired Professor of History. **Next Sunday:** *New Beginnings – Rescue of World War II Mennonite Refugees* – video (will be in Fellowship Hall)

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 -8:00 p.m. The first gathering of the *Introduction to Grace Hill* class will be this Tuesday, June 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the church. This class is for anyone interested in learning more about Grace Hill and considering church membership. For further information please contact Pastor Jim. All are welcome!

Wednesday at 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. High school catechism class will meet at church.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

Next Sunday during worship Commissioning Service to Mennonite Voluntary Service for Hannah Klaassen.

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

Saturday, July 8 5:00-8:00 p.m. Come enjoy an ethnic Low German Mennonite meal Saturday, July 8, 5 - 8 p.m. at Grace Hill Fellowship Hall. This is a benefit for the William and Tina Fehr family from Potwin. The local Low German community will be preparing and hosting this traditional meal to assist the Fehr family with overwhelming medical expenses. Twenty-seven year old Tina, mother of four young children, was hospitalized four weeks for cancer surgery and is now facing several months of chemotherapy. Donations for the family will be accepted during the evening.

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 p.m. 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.

Sunday evening, August 13 Church swimming party in Newton.

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, an envelope offering will be taken today. Questions? Contact Barb Voth.

Spiritual Council would once again like to pay for first time campers to Camp Mennoscah. If you or someone you know is attending camp for the first time, please contact Diana Schunn.

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: Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin
Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Lisa Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Scholarship Fund \$2,090.51
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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Announcements

Et Cetera

The West Zion Concert Series continues this evening 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.

Health Ministries Clinic, a Christian medical clinic for low-income families without health insurance in Newton, invites you to its annual fundraiser "Chocolate at the Museum", June 30 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Kauffman Museum, North Newton. Tickets are \$15 and available from First Bank, Health Ministries, clinic board and staff or at the door.

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.

Mennonite Central Committee's theme, "Living in New Ways," challenges us to demonstrate God's love for all people. We invite you to make a Heart Block to demonstrate that love. These hearts will be used for making quilts that will be sold at relief sales to raise funds for MCC. Each block should be 6" finished (6 1/2" unfinished) or 9" finished (9 1/2" unfinished), pieced or appliquéd - you choose the color. Questions? Call Irma Gonzalez, MCC Central States at 316-283-2720.