

## GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 27, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Debbie Claassen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

**Prelude** Suzy Burch and Valerie Klaassen

**Call to Worship** Psalm 16:1-11 Pew Bible Page 538

\* **Invocation**

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

### 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.*

**Offering** Western District Conference

**Offertory** *For The Beauty Of The Earth* Samantha Claassen

### Sharing and Congregational Prayer

**Old Testament Reading** 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Page 351-352  
Reader: Valerie Klaassen

**Special Music** *Precious Lord* Suzy Burch and Valerie Klaassen

**New Testament Reading** Luke 9:51-62 Page 1027

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare*

**Message** *Following Jesus – Is there a Godly fanaticism?*

\* **Hymn** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, yet will I follow; (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 119** *Praise God From Whom* Verses 1 & 2

### 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:** Gladys Reimer, Newton Medical Center

The rose bud this morning is for Lily Katherine born to Brian and Michelle Hilgenfeld on Thursday, June 17, 2004.

Also congratulations to Michelle Hilgenfeld who on June 11 completed a 3-year subspecialty in Pediatric Nephrology at Children's Mercy Hospital, at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC annual sessions which begin on Friday in Oklahoma City. May the Holy Spirit guide, lead, and empower the delegates as they discern the future directions of our area conference.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that Youth Venture teams may be fully prepared for service, beginning in July, in Bolivia, Canada,

Northern Ireland and Spain. Participants explore God at work in a culture other than their own through service and worship.

### **Summer Sunday School**

- ◆ **The Junior Department** will meet as follows: The kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade kids will be meeting in the basement fellowship hall and the Early Childhood Class (ages 2-5 years) will be meeting in Room #6 in the education wing.
- ◆ **Adult & Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary.** Marie Wiebe will be speaking today on *Prayer: Coming into God's Presence* Isaiah 37:9-20; 36-37; Acts 4:23-31 **Next Sunday** Holiday – Social Hour

### **Church Events**

**Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** Praise Team will meet.

**Friday – Sunday** Western District Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Next Sunday** Harris Waltner will be bringing the morning message. Pastor Jim and Barb will be attending the Western District Conference.

**Saturday, July 10 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon** Workday at Gladys Reimer's home to trim trees and do some clean-up. Lunch will be served. Contact John Claassen, Terry Klassen or Tim Schmidt if you have questions.

**Saturday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Grace Hill Men's Cookout. Men and boys are invited – bring a friend/neighbor. Adults \$8.50, Boys (12 and under) \$6.50. Deadline for reservations is today. Please make reservations with Virgil Penner.

**August 15 6:00-8:00 p.m.** All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool.

Kit. MMA is a church-related organization that helps Christians practice holistic stewardship of their time, talents, money, health, and relationships.

**You can HEAR the worship service even better using the church's FM radio transmitter.** All that is needed is a small AM/FM radio with headphones. Tune to FM 104.9 and you may receive the worship service seated anywhere in the sanctuary. Several radios are available at church or bring your own. If you have any questions our sound technicians will be glad to assist you.

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the library. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Paul or Carmen Wade and Teresa Martin

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Katherine Claassen and Sharon Schmidt

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Ushers Today:** Tim Schmidt and Rob Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Scholarship Fund \$1,509.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

*Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: [jvoth@cox.net](mailto:jvoth@cox.net)*

***Pastor Jim is at the church office on Tuesday mornings.***

*Pastor's Cell Phone (in case of emergency) 1-316-655-2811*

*Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1-888-516-8474*

*Secretary's E-mail: [kimdebc@wheatstate.com](mailto:kimdebc@wheatstate.com)*

*Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite2.net/>*

### **Announcements**

**If you are new to our church,** please contact Edgar Harder, our Mennonite Mutual Aid advocate, about receiving an MMA Welcome

### **Et Cetera**

**The West Zion Concert Series** continues with its summer concert this evening at 7:00 p.m. Featured performers are Generations III Trumpet

Trio; Chris Shaw, Organ; Alison Stucky, Marimba; Gary Riley, Baritone; & Donna Stucky, Piano. A free will offering will be taken and refreshments will be served after the concert in Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 101 S. Washington Ave. in Moundridge.

**Come & Go Journaling Workshop** with Rachel Poling. Beginning on Tuesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. and continuing each Tuesday through August. Drop in for one session or several. There is no "right way" to journal...come to discover your own way of writing for healing, inner peace, amusement, etc. No fee; donations welcome.

**Join Peace Connections for the Listening to Our Bodies** breathing and movement classes this summer. Classes will be held on Tuesdays 7:15-8:15 a.m. and Fridays 1:15-2:15 p.m. during July & August and will be taught by Cathy Anderson, Registered Yoga Teacher. Cost: \$5 per class drop-in. Come a few minutes early. Do not eat heavily before class. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a beach towel or blanket to lie on.

**The M2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers July 1, 2004, 6:30 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M2 is an in-prison friendship program that seeks to help inmates make the necessary life changes to become successful when they are released. Most of the inmates in M2 receive no other visits than those of their M2 friend. Eighty-four men are currently awaiting M2 matches. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact Gary Isaac at OVM (316-283-2038) for more information.

**The Mennonite Singles Group** will not meet the first Saturday of July since it is a holiday weekend. Plans are being made for a get together another weekend in July. Be looking for details later! Any questions? Call Jonathan Ensz @ 620-367-4627, or Karen Hostetler @ 316-722-0506, or email Karen @ [mennosingles606@yahoo.com](mailto:mennosingles606@yahoo.com).

**Praying Congregations:** The Western District Conference invites delegates attending the annual session in Oklahoma City July 2-4 to bring prayers with them. These prayers should be written on colored paper in 1" x 14" strips. Prayers, solicited from children, youth, and adults, may focus on local congregation, WDC, the world or personal concerns. However, the meeting of representatives in Oklahoma to

discern the future direction of WDC is one major reason for intercessory prayer. The prayers will be woven into a paper tapestry at the conference sessions with on-site prayers added by conference attendees. Whether you are present for WDC this year or not, your prayers under gird the work of the church.

**This is your last reminder!** Register for the Western District Conference, July 2-4, Oklahoma City, immediately. "Go and do likewise", based on the Good Samaritan parable, will guide the work and worship of WDC. Call 316-283-6300 or email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) now.

**"All-Church Work Night" at the Et Cetera Shop:** Wednesday, July 7, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Newton Et Cetera Shop. We have recently been inundated with donations, especially now that garage sale season is under way. If you have always wanted to see what volunteering at the Et Cetera Shop is like, or just have a couple of hours to help out, please consider attending the "All-church Work Night." We need about 20-25 people to help work through some of our overflow. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Jessica Maroz, General Manager, at (316) 283-9461 by July 5 to reserve your space. Thanks!

**July 10, noon - Kansans Concerned for Iraq** statewide rally on the south steps of the Kansas state capital building in Topeka. People from a variety of cultures and traditions will share their ideas. Speakers include Esther Holzendorf from Speak Out in Kansas City. Esther has 2 sons, one who served in Korea and one in Iraq. Others with military experience in Iraq and people in Kansas from the Middle East will speak as well. New World Order Choir from Lawrence will provide music, along with other musicians. Following the rally, a march around the capital is being planned for those interested. The rally is coordinated by the Topeka Peace & Justice Center, Bill Beachy, executive director. Phone: 785-232-4388, Email: [TopekaCPJ@aol.com](mailto:TopekaCPJ@aol.com). Call Peace Connections if you want to carpool from Newton to Topeka.