

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

June 29, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Hymn No. 371 *Let there be light, Lord God*

Verses 1 & 4

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

**Special Music** *Go Light Your World* by Chris Rice Lindsey Harms

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 16:13-20 Marianne Eichelberger

**Sermon** *Christ's Church: Believing, Belonging and Building*

*Believing: Peter said, "You are the Christ"*

To believe in Christ is to believe in the working, transforming presence of God in OUR LIVES AND OUR WORLD.

† Think of some special ways you have seen God at work.

*Belonging: Jesus said, "I will build my church"*

Jesus is creating a community of believers as THE PLACE to live and grow our faith in Christ.

† How can you help Jesus build the church?

*Building: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom"*

Jesus has opened the ways of the kingdom for us to use NOW!

† What keys to living in Christ are most needed today?

\* **Hymn of Response No. 306** *In Christ there is no East or West*

\* **Blessing and Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

**Postlude** *Fugue in C Major* by Bach

\*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** *Holy, Holy, Holy* by Post

## 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 night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. Acts 18:9

\* **Prayer**

\* **Hymn of Praise No. 332** *Blessed assurance*

## Service of Child Dedication

Jacob David Enns born May 6, 2008

Congregational Response No. 791

The Dedication and Scripture of Blessing – Micah 6:8

Prayer of Blessing - Pastor Roy Keller, Grandfather

**Song of Blessing** *How Could I Ask for More?*

Alysha Claassen, aunt to Jacob

**Offering** Mennonite Voluntary Service

**Offertory** *Be Thou My Vision* by Cherwien

## Sharing and Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

**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.

Pastor Jim will be on vacation July 5 through 15. If there are pastoral needs please contact Pastor Katherine or a member of the Spiritual Council, Diana Schunn, chair.

This past week (June 25-26) Mitch, Rebecca and Charlie Isaac moved from Charlottesville VA, where Mitch spent the past year at the University of Virginia in a neuromuscular fellowship, back to Winston-Salem NC. This week he begins practice at Triad Neurological Associates in Winston-Salem. Their current contact information is:

Mitchell, Rebecca & Charlie Isaac  
1121 Claverton Ct.  
Winston-Salem NC 27104-5212  
336-577-9882 (Mitch's cell)  
mgisaac@gmail.com

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Eric Buller as he concludes his pastorate at First Mennonite Church, Ransom, Kansas today and prepares for his pastorate at Inman Mennonite Church.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN workers Aaron and Laura Kauffman request prayer for church planters Elsy and Martin Gonzalez and the church planting project in Anapoima, Colombia. Pray for a suitable lot and sufficient funds to build a Christian community center.

## Summer Sunday School

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary. **Today and next Sunday:** Visioneering 2020 with Virgil Penner.

**During the summer quarter, K-8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Church Events

**Today 3:30 p.m.** Catechism Class meets in the Youth Room

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** Catechism Class

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday** Rev. Amanda Rempel, chaplain from Kidron Bethel Village, will bring the morning message on the biblical character of Rahab.

**July 20 6:00-8:00 p.m.** All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool.

## Announcements

**The church secretary has a new toll-free number: 1-877-245-1032, effective immediately.**

**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: 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:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Deb Hiebert and Rita Patterson

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Roberta Harms

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Julia Washburn

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

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,745.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor: James Voth**

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**Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**The joint annual delegate sessions for Western District and South Central Conferences** ended last evening at Hesston Mennonite Church with an inspiring worship service and communion. Several hundred participants were challenged by the conference theme: "Bold Witness: Pray with Courage, Share as One", based on Acts 4:31-35. Members in all our churches are encouraged to continue their reflection on that theme and how that can best be lived out on a daily basis.

**The Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmovi, Arizona**, is in need of certified teachers for the coming school year. If you or someone you know is a Christian educator willing to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service in this unique location, apply immediately at [www.Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.Service.MennoniteMission.net).

**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](mailto:ctreaste@khde.state.ks.us) or call 785-296-8113 for more information.

**Camp Mennoscah Summer Camps** - Wow! We're halfway through our summer camps! It's been a great summer so far, and we don't want you to miss it. (Have you seen our River Play Rainbow People?) There are still spaces available for our Junior II and Junior III camps - but only a few for our Junior High II and Senior High camps. Contact us about availability. Our theme this summer is *The Bible: Digging for Treasure*. Bring a friend and come see what we're doing this summer. Confirmation cards should be arriving for those campers who have already registered. Please check the cards for any inaccurate information. Questions? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**Camp Mennoscah update:** work is continuing on the new director's residence. They are now in need of interior painters. The A.C. is on, so it will be a cool job! If you can help, contact Galen Waltner, 620-386-0287.