

## GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 4, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Carl Goossen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

*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** Mennonite Church USA

**Sharing and Congregational Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** Deuteronomy 6:20-25, Judges 2:11-15

James 3:13-18

Deb Regier

\* **Congregational Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 33

**Leader:** Let us rejoice together in God who loves righteousness and justice.

**People:** Let us sing a new song to God, making melody with instruments and voices.

**Leader:** Blessed is the nation who trusts in God.

**People:** Blessed are the people who stand in awe of God.

**Leader:** A ruler is not saved by a great army;  
A warrior is not delivered by great strength.

**People:** Stockpiles of weapons are inadequate to win peace.

**Leader:** But God is faithful to the servants who hope in God's steadfast love.

**People:** We wait for God, our help and our shield.

**All:** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you. Amen.

\* **Invocation**

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

\* **Hymn No. 163** *Obey My Voice* (Sing twice)

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

**Message** *Independence Day Reflections* Rev. Harris Waltner

\* **Hymn No. 226** *You Are Salt For The Earth*

\* **Benediction**

**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.

A special welcome and thank you to Rev. Harris Waltner for bringing the message this morning.

**For Sharing and Prayer**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rudy Lichti's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was on Wednesday, June 30. The family has requested a card shower for him. Please send cards to Presbyterian Manor, 1200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 601, Newton, KS 67114.

Pastor Jim and Barb are attending the Western District Conference in Oklahoma City today. Others attending from Grace Hill as delegates are John and Miriam Claassen and Roberta Harms.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC annual meetings concluding today in Oklahoma City: newly elected leaders, strategic planning direction, and strengthened congregational connections.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) staff as they guide participating groups in several U.S. cities. Pray that they will have enthusiasm, open minds and love for participants and people they encounter.

## 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** *Today:* Social Hour – refreshments in the fellowship hall. *Next Sunday* Kaye Penner – *Solitude: The Nourishing Quiet* Luke 4:31-44; 5:15-16; 9:10-17.

**Suzanne Dextras** will be speaking for the Adult Sunday School on July 18. The following are some of her recommendations for additional spiritual readings:

1. Twelve Steps to Inner Freedom: Humility Revisited. By Joan D. Chittister (Suzanne Dextras' talk will be from this book.) You may order this from Eighth Day Books in Wichita as it is published by Benetvision and not easily accessible. \$10.95.
2. Discerning God's Will. Ben Campbell Johnson. Westminster John Knox Press.
3. Benedicts Way. Lonni Collins Pratt and Father Daniel Homan. Loyola Press.
4. Urgings of the Heart. Wilkie Au and Noreen Cannon. Paulist Press.
5. The Company of Strangers. Parker Palmer.
6. God Hunger. John Kirvan. Sorin Books
7. The Five People You Meet in Heaven. Mitch Albom. Hyperion.
8. Illuminated Life. Joan D. Chittister. Benetvision (see #1 on this list).
9. Weeds Among the Wheat. Thomas H. Green, S.J. Ave Maria Press, Norte Dame.
10. The Joyful Christian. C.S. Lewis. A Touchstone Book.
11. The Wisdom of the Desert. Thomas Merton. New Directions.

### Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

**Saturday 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 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. See Virgil Penner or Lon Hiebert for more information.

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

### Announcements

**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:** Katherine Claassen and Sharon Schmidt

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barbara Voth and Carol Claassen (Kendall)

**Ushers Today:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$883.32

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### CHURCH OFFICES

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

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### Et Cetera

**Come & Go Journaling Workshop** with Rachel Poling will be held every 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.

**"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!

**Forget-Me-Not Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** will meet on Thursday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheat State Manor Quiet Room. Forget-Me-Not is a support group for emotional support and information for families and friends of victims of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The group is sponsored by Wheat State Manor. Tricia Fee will be the facilitator. Meetings are free and open to new comers at any time. For more information contact Tricia Fee or Dan March at 799-2181.

**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.

**Anniversary of the Kauffman Museum Prairie Reconstruction** The following events are the first in a four-month series celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the prairie reconstruction project at Kauffman Museum. All events are open to the public, free and will be held at

Kauffman Museum at 27th and North Main in North Newton; call 316-283-1612 with questions.

**Kauffman Kids and Friends, July 11, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** "Introduction to Insects." Michael Unruh a recent graduate of Peabody High School will describe the main features and orders of and basic steps for collecting insects. Participants will make an "insect" snack to help them learn about insect parts. This program is designed for children age 6 to 12.

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, July 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** "Grasshoppers and Butterflies of the Flint Hills and Tallgrass Prairie." Dr. Valerie Wright, environmental educator and naturalist at Konza Prairie Biological Station near Manhattan, will give a PowerPoint presentation introducing insects of the prairie ecosystem. Dr. Ami Regier, assistant professor of English at Bethel College, will briefly read prairie poetry prior to Dr. Wright's lecture.

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** will be selling fresh peaches, nectarines and grapes on July 16 and 17. The tree-ripened fruit will be sold directly from the truck as soon as it arrives. The schedule is Friday, July 16: Faith Mennonite Church, 1403 South Main, South Hutchinson, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 17: MCC Warehouse, North Newton, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., or until sold out.

**The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR)** seeks volunteer mediators to assist with its Small Claims Court Mediation Projects in Harvey and McPherson Counties. If anyone in your congregation is interested and would need mediation training, consider attending KIPCOR's Summer Mediation Training Institute July 20-23, 2004, at Bethel College, at a reduced tuition. The training is open to anyone interested in learning more about solving interpersonal problems. For details, call 316-284-5217.

**Bethel College Fall Festival** is October 9. You are invited to begin thinking and working on projects for the Women's Association Market on the Green. For more information contact Kathryn Penner at 283-2099.