

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 9, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

## Children's Moments *Keeping the Faith*

Pastor Jim

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day  
and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.  
2 Timothy 4:8

*Hymnal No. 546 Guide my feet while I run this race  
Keep the faith while we run this race*

## Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Pastor Brett

### \* Hymn No. 545 *Be thou my vision*

### Scripture Reading Mark 5:21-43

Lon Hiebert

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

### Sermon *The Touch of Faith*

Pastor Jim

### \* Hymn No. 516 *Just as I am* Verses 1, 3, 5 & 6 English Traditional Tune Pastor Brett, guitar

### \* Benediction Pastor Brett

### \* Benediction Hymn No. 421 *Bless'd be the tie that binds* Verses 1, 3 & 6

## 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**

## 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 Excerpts of Ephesians 4:4-13 Pastor Jim

**Leader:** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the  
bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit - just as you  
were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord,  
one faith, one baptism;

**All: One God and Father of all, who is over all and through  
all and in all.**

**Leader:** But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ  
apportioned it ... to prepare God's people for works of  
service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

**All:** Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of  
the Son of God and become mature,  
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.  
**For there is One God and Father of all, who is over all  
and through all and in all.**

### \* A Hymn of Praise No. 102 *To God be the glory*

### \* Gathering Prayer Pastor Jim

Hymn No. 629 *Immortal Love, forever full*

Offering Local Church Missions Pastor Jim

**Western District Conference:** Remember the WDC annual sessions next weekend in North Newton. Pray that participants will be energized by the worship, workshops, delegate sessions, displays, fellowship, reunions, prayer stations, Bible teaching/preaching and comedy. Grace Hill delegates are Galen Harms, Roberta Harms, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Matt Regier, Diana Schunn and Pastor Jim Voth.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the leadership of the Hispanic Church Planting Academy, a partnership of MMN and Iglesia Menonita Hispana, as they build relationships with area conferences and Hispanic churches to develop an intensive training program for church planters.

**Pastor Brett will be gone July 16-22** to Camp Mennoscah as the program director for the junior high week.

## Summer Sunday School

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary. *Who Are the Mennonites? Our Story* **Today's Topic:** *Six Years with the Hutterites*, Speaker: Robert Rhodes, Assistant Editor of *The Mennonite Weekly Review*. **Next Sunday:** *My Personal Pilgrimage*, Speaker: Robert Rhodes

**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.).

**Today at noon** Peace and Social Concerns Committee will meet.

**This evening at 7:00 p.m.** The youth group will be leading a contemporary worship service this evening 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.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Catechism Class meets at church.

**Friday and Saturday** Western District Conference annual delegate sessions at Bethel College.

**Next Sunday Carry-in meal at noon.** It is Western District Conference Sunday and extra guests are expected, so please bring extra food items. Table service will be provided.

**Please send announcements for next Sunday's bulletin to Pastor Jim this week.**

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

**There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board** to help with the homeless shelter August 9-15. Sign up to bring food or stay the night, or both! Also, at your local Wal-Mart you can support the homeless shelter by buying raffle tickets for a playhouse. Each ticket is \$5 and all proceeds go to the shelter.

**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:** Barbara Voth and Carol Claassen (Kendall)

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Sharon Schmidt and Rita Patterson

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Jana and Laura Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,902.25

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Men of the Plains

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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**Et Cetera**

**Announcements**

**The churches at Potwin** will be holding Bible School, "Treasure Seekers" at Potwin Methodist Church July 10-14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Visitors in the Former Yugoslavia** share their adventures, Monday, July 10, 7:00 p.m. at Peace Connections, 612 Main, Newton. Deb, Erin, John & Wes Bergen recently spent two weeks in Sarajevo and Dubrovnik, two cities heavily shelled during the 1992-96 war in the Balkans. They will show pictures and tell stories of how a country recovers from war. Bring your family to hear perceptions from two generations.

**Prison Arts Play Production at Hutchinson Correctional Facility** Offender Victim Ministries' Prison Arts Project invites members of the public to attend the presentation of *T Bone n Weasel* at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility Central Unit Auditorium on July 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. (Arrive by 7:00 p.m.) The play has adult language and themes and is intended for mature audiences. Nine men are currently participating in the Prison Arts Project Drama Workshop, seven are actors and two are stagehands. John McCabe Juhnke of Bethel College is the director. All who wish to attend must have prior clearance. For this purpose please phone OVM prepared to submit the necessary information: 316- 283-2038. Submissions may be received no later than July 10.

**The annual Women and Girls' Retreat** is being planned for September 8-10. Join your friends for a time of learning and relaxation! The theme of "Family Matters" – how we think about, talk about, and structure the nurturing groups in our lives – will guide our large group input and worship sessions. Other activities will include workshops, swimming, campfire, and time for individual contemplation and group fun – all at Camp Mennoscah! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

**What's New at MCC** Sign up to receive *What's New*, the weekly e-mail newsletter of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). *What's New* contains news digests from throughout the MCC system, ways to get involved with MCC's work, advertisements for positions with MCC, links to new informational resources available from MCC and stories from MCC workers and partners around the world. To subscribe, go to [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org) and type in your e-mail address after you select "What's New" e-mail newsletter.