

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 13, 2008

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship Leader: Matt Regier

Scripture Reader Galatians 1:11-24; 2:19b-20

Jana Harms

Sermon Paul

Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn of Response No. 337** *Ask ye what great thing I know*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Sending Song No. 442** *Christ be with me*

* **Benediction** taken from Roman 15:13 and 2 Corinthians 13:13

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!

A special welcome and thank you to Sherri Duft for bringing special music this morning. Sherri is the daughter of Gary and Linda Harms, granddaughter of Wilma Harms and Melvin and Donna Klaassen.

For Sharing and Prayer

New address: Mylin and Rachel Brimm
5906 Englewood Ave., Raytown, MO 04133
Phone: 816-743-0659

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

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

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for God is Good!

People: All the Time!

Leader: All the Time!

People: God is Good!

* Prayer of Invocation

* **Hymn of Praise No. 114** *In thee is gladness*

Offering Local Church Missions

Offertory Prayer based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Offertory

Reader's Theatre

"The Breadth and Length and Height and Depth"

adapted from Ephesians 3:14-19 and Romans 8:35-39; 11:33

by Patricia Shelly

Readers: Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen,
Katie Regier, Brittany Claassen

Special Music

Sherri Duft

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

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Dewayn (and Marilyn) Isaac on their farewell today at Eden Mennonite Church, Inola, OK. They will retire and plan to move to Ontario.

Mennonite Mission Network: New and returning international workers serving with MMN and Mennonite Church Canada Witness are gathered together with mission staff July 19-25 at Goshen, Ind., for the annual mission seminar. Pray that it may be a time of inspiration, renewed hope and rejuvenation for all who participate.

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.

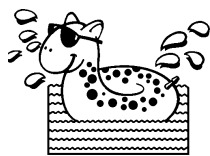
Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School - Today: Social Hour
Next Sunday: Meet in groups for Visioneering 2020.

During the summer quarter, K-8th 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

High School Youth: Pool Party at Tim and Lisa Harms' today at 5:00 p.m.! Come for great food and fellowship!



Next Sunday 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool, Athletic Park. Come and enjoy a free evening of family swimming together with the church family. And don't forget to invite your friends. Refreshments will be served by the Social Council in the park following the swimming.

August 3 at 7:00 p.m. Brett and Cassie Klingenberg will report on their experiences of the past year.

Et Cetera

August Bonanza! Four weeks of Mennonite Media documentaries on Hallmark. Issues: Addictions, Hunger, Forgiveness, Aging. Mennonite Media documentaries from the past several years will be airing on Hallmark Channel through Faith & Values Media: Four Sundays in August 2008, 6 a.m., August 3: Finding Hope in Recovery: Families Living with Addiction; August 10: Hunger No More: Faces Behind the Facts; August 17: Journey Toward Forgiveness; August 24: Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change. For more information and links go to www.mennomedia.org or www.thirdway.com or call 800-999-3534.

CHURCH OFFICES

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Announcements

TEACHERS WANTED!! The Junior Sunday School Dept. is looking for teachers who would like to be a part of the lives of our church children and youth this fall. We will be using the Gather 'Round curriculum plus we have six new supplemental books to help with lesson planning. Please talk to Katherine Claassen, Jr. S.S. Supt. if you are interested in teaching or being a helper.

Ladies: We have been asked to sing special music on August 3. We will practice after Sunday School on July 20 and July 27. Please join us. We hope to have a good-sized group. See Gladys Reimer if you have questions.

Grace Hill library books and various historical files are now entered into the new desktop computer in the library. Access instructions are on the desk beside the computer. Thanks go to Business Council, Terry Klassen and Gerald Wedel for renovating the cabinetry and Kim Claassen for supplying electrical connection to enable this computerization.

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.

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: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Samantha Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Ben Lichti

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,554.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Men of the Plains