

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 17, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Music: Pastor Brett

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are
his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks
to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his
faithfulness to all generations. *Psalms 100:1-5 (NRSV)*

Gathering Songs

You are Holy

Can't Keep Quiet

Hallelujah

Welcome

Cory Hiebert

Hymn *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

Sharing and Announcements

Prayer

Offering Mennonite Men of the Plains

Charlotte 2005 - Can't Keep Quite *Youth Group Report*

Say the Word

Just As I Am

Scripture Exodus 1-3

1:22; 2:10, 11-15, 23-24; 3:4, 11, 14

Sermon *From Freedom Fighter to God Truster*

Pastor Jim

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision*

Benediction

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

For Sharing and Prayer

Lynette Harms has requested a letter of transfer to the First Missionary Church of Newton.

Brian and Lori Kennel have requested a letter of transfer to the First Mennonite Church of Newton.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations seeking pastoral leadership, for pastors new to their congregations, and for interim pastors serving in times of transition.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Service Adventure program will have leaders' orientation July 20-24 in Albany, Oregon. Pray that this will be a beneficial time to resource new leaders and rejuvenate returning leaders.

A Story – from www.mikeysFunnies.com

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws.

"You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the little fella. Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head.

His grandmother knelt down next to him "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles, she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!"

The boy looked up, "Really?"

"Of course," said the grandmother. "Why, just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."

Announcements

Health Ministries in Newton is always in need of soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and other toiletries often provided by hotels. If you are planning a vacation this summer that requires a stay in a hotel, perhaps you could save back your gift toiletries for Health Ministries. Please give any supplies you may save to Darrel/Kristen Lanzrath or Tim/Lisa Schmidt. These items will be delivered by the Jr. Youth Group during a service visit to Health Ministries. Thank you.

The Salvation Army School Supply Program assisted 350 children with the needed supplies for school in 2004. The Salvation Army office located at 208 West 6th Street will again offer school supplies. If you wish to share in this program you may send a gift designated for school supplies or call them at 283-3190 to see what kinds of supplies are needed.

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 Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Rita Patterson

Keyboard Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,438.31

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Seekers Sunday School class is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. - mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Next Sunday afternoon Youth group outing to the lake.

Next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Meet with us in the Fellowship Hall for the next Sunday Supper and Share Session with Jenny and Weldon Martens. They will share about their trip to Greece. If you wish to share fellowship around the table, please bring a brown bag supper at 6:00 p.m. Jenny and Weldon will begin the program at 6:30 p.m.

August 7 Mike and Teresa Sherrill, our mission partners, will be with us for our worship service. There will be an all church carry-in meal at noon.

August 7 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton pool.

September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Food and Fashion Show at Grace Hill for women and girls. Look for more details soon!

Those of you who attended the Charlotte 2005 biennial Mennonite Church USA assembly heard good reasons why members of the church "can't keep quiet". We have good news to share, and "we are witnesses" - the theme of our regional annual conference in Tulsa, OK on August 12-14. Adults, children and junior youth are invited to come to programs and activities planned just for them. Food (including ice cream), fun, fellowship, study, table group discussion and much more are on tap. Registration information and brochures are available online at www.mennowdc.org.

"We will not forget you." Pray for the church in Zimbabwe, host of the 2003 Mennonite World Conference. July 24 has been designated as a Sunday to focus our prayers for our sisters and brothers in Zimbabwe. Specific prayer requests include that the church in Zimbabwe will remain faithful and strong in advocating for truth and justice at all levels; for victims of ongoing home demolitions, including the elderly, sick, disabled, and children who are forced to abandon school; for churches that are providing temporary shelter and advocating for permanent homes for victims; for weary pastors who spend most of their time comforting numerous victims of HIV/AIDS and their families and burying the dead; and for peace to prevail. **Mennonite Central Committee** welcomes donations towards the purchase of 5000 blankets for people forced from their homes in the coldest time of the year. They will work with local committees in hiring people and making decisions on purchasing blankets and other supplies locally."

Et Cetera

OFFENDER/VICTIM Ministries, Inc. in Newton is recruiting for the position of Case Management and Juvenile Intake and Assessment Director. Responsibilities include working with crime victims and offenders through educational programs and conferencing models. Interested applicants should be able to relate in a nonjudgmental manner with individuals and groups within a wide range of problem areas, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds, and to handle emergency and crisis situations. Position begins immediately. Contact OVM at 316-283-2038 or by email at ovm@southwind.net.

Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. First Street, Newton is hosting a LEAVE MY CHILD ALONE! event on Wednesday, July 27, 7 PM at the church. This is an opportunity for parents and Junior & Senior High youth to learn about military recruitment tactics and provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act to release student information, and an opportunity to fill out forms and write letters that would "opt out" of that release of information. Please contact the church office (283-7395 or office@shalomnewton.org) if you plan to come or if you have questions. For more information you can also check out www.leavemychildalone.org

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. While participating in this benefit ride, you will also experience Christian fellowship and good food. Enjoy the beautiful autumn harvest season in Kansas and get wholesome exercise while raising funds for MCC to provide cisterns for families in Brazil. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles will accommodate the novice as well as the experienced rider.

Anabaptist Evangelism Learning Tour: Western District and South Central Conference will sponsor a bus tour to English, Spanish, and Vietnamese-speaking congregations in mid-Texas October 1-6, 2005. Participants will travel from Newton to Dallas, Garland and Waco, Texas to see how God is blessing the evangelism ministries of five congregations. There will also be opportunity for dining in ethnic restaurants, visiting the John F. Kennedy museum, and a third-world experimental farm. Total costs for the tour including registration, bus transportation, most meals and five hotel nights range from \$325 -\$550 depending on how many people share a hotel room. Firm registration deadline is August 15 including full payment (\$100 is non-refundable if there is a cancellation.) Contact Jim Dunn at jimandunn@earthlink.net for more information.