

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 18, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Jason will be serving at San Luis Valley (Colorado) Resource Conservation and Development Council as assistant to the director in the La Jara Mennonite Voluntary Service Unit. He will be leaving the week of August 15.

Word to the Congregation - Pastor Jim

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-5

Sharing by Jason

Words of Commissioning by the congregation Hymnal No. 796

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 15

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* Invocation

* **Hymn No. 16** *God is here among us*

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.

Offering Western District Mennonite Men

Children's Moments Stump the Pastor

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Reception of New Members and Service of Child Dedication

Today we welcome Tim and Lisa Schmidt as members of Grace Hill and share in their public commitment to continue raising Eli in the Lord. Tim, Lisa and Eli live in their country home several miles south of KS 196 on Harvest Hill Road. Tim is a Computer Systems Analyst/Programmer with the Kansas Turnpike Authority. Lisa is an Academic Language Therapist and teacher trainer. Tim was baptized at the Hebron Mennonite Church, Buhler and Lisa was baptized at the Haysville Baptist Church. They were married in the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita. They have one son, Elijah Caleb Schmidt. Eli is a 3rd Grader at Remington Elementary School in Potwin.

Special Music

Jason Schmidt

Commissioning of Mennonite Voluntary Service Worker, Jason Schmidt

* **Hymn No. 323** *Beyond a dying sun*

Scripture Reading Luke 17:1-10

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Reader: Barbara Voth

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

Message *Motivation for Service*

* **Hymn No. 259** *When I survey the wondrous cross*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 615** *Shall we gather at the river?*

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 to the quartet this morning. Members are: Reid Kaufman, Grayce Brown, Kara Janzen and Jason Schmidt

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the youth of WDC who are learning and serving in their local communities and on service trips in new areas. Pray especially for those youth with few peers in their congregations that they may find mentors who will provide spiritual friendship.

Mennonite Mission Network: New and returning international workers serving with MMN and Mennonite Church Canada Witness will gather together with staff at Syracuse, Indiana, July 17-23, for the annual mission seminar. Pray that it may be a time of inspiration, renewed hope and rejuvenation for the 40 workers and 20 children who participate.

Summer Sunday School

- ◆ **The Junior Department** will meet as follows: The kindergarten through 8th 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 meet in the sanctuary.**
Today: Suzanne Dextras – *Spiritual Direction: Receiving Encouragement 2 Timothy 3:1-17.* *Next Sunday:* Marlene Bogard – *Worship: Going to Jerusalem Hebrews 12:18-24, 28-29.*

Church Events

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church. NOTE NEW TIME

Next Sunday morning the Praise Team will provide the Prelude music for worship beginning at 9:20 a.m. Please come and join in the singing!

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: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Rita Patterson

Keyboard Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Megan Klaassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Casey Schunn and Cody Claassen

Ushers Today: Kendall Claassen and Terry Klassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Tim Schmidt and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,176.75

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Exercise your mind and spirit with seminary classes this fall at Great Plains Seminary. Check out the courses being offered this fall on the books of Corinthians, Confessing our Faith and Christian Encounter with World Faiths. Classes are offered in Newton, Wichita and Hillsboro. See

the poster on the bulletin board for more information. See Pastor Jim for a registration for or go online to www.ambs.edu.

Volunteers are a vital component of hospice services. They can assist families in many ways: relief for caregivers; companionship for patients; write letters; provide bereavement support and help in the office. The training program explores the hospice philosophy and services as well as studying issues on grief and listening skills. Training is on Saturdays, August 7 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Contact Donna Becker at 283-8220 or 800-301-9499 to pre-register by August 4. There is no fee or obligation. Sponsored by Central Homecare & Hospice, your local non-profit community supported hospice-celebrating 25 years of service. Serving Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties.

Mennonite Women and Girls' Retreat, Camp Mennosciah, September 10-12. Keynote speaker is Rhoda Keener, Executive Director of Mennonite Women. Her theme is "The God of Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah ...Embracing Our Gifts and Calling." Music will be provided by Cousins Four. Optional Friday night arrival. Mother-Daughter Faith Adventure Saturday morning led by Marlene Bogard. Registration forms will be sent the beginning of August.

Needed immediately. Leader for the Service Adventure unit in Johnstown, PA to begin work in August. This is a great opportunity to work with young adults from across the country as they serve in the Johnstown community. Room, board, and insurance are just part of the benefits! Call Kent Miller (Mennonite Mission Network) toll free: 1-866-866-2872 or email: kentm@mennonitemission.net for more information.

Young Adult Fellowship is an annual event that takes place in conjunction with both MC USA and MC Canada for young adults ages 18-30. This year, we will be in Winnipeg, MB talking about how we live within community. This includes giving and receiving counsel, sharing, and growing as a community of Mennonite Christians. We hope to contrast the Anabaptist way of community with the individualism that we experience in our culture and how we live in this tension. Contact Lana Miller at 574-523-3051 (or toll free 1-866-866-2872) for more information or talk to Pastor Jim about the brochure that is available.