

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 24, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Debbie Claassen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

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

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 3:1-15

Suzy Burch

**Sermon** *Moses - Using the Right Tools*

\* **Hymn No. 328** *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 418** *Move In Our Midst*

**Postlude**

Jana Harms

\* 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

**Western District Conference:** Pray for creative Sunday School teachers who welcome guests, visitors, new residents – as well as regular attendees – into Christian nurture experiences.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for participants at the European Colloquium being held July 23-30 in Castelldefels, Spain. Seventy-five adults, young adults and children from across Europe, all related to Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church Canada Witness ministries, are gathering for teaching, fellowship and worship together.

## Prelude

Brett & Jana Harms

## 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.*

Let us now prepare to worship our Creator and Lord by leaving the troubles of the world behind and entering into God's presence in a spirit of humility and praise.

\* **Call Worship** Isaiah 49:13; 12:5

**Leader:** Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

**People: break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

**Leader:** For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

**People: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Let us sing to God!**

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 99** *We Praise Thee, O God*

**Offering** Western District Conference

**Offertory** *Lord Be Glorified*

Laura Harms

**Children's Moments** *Can't Keep Quiet!*

Pastor Jim

## Sharing and Prayer

**Sharing about the Adult Convention at Charlotte 2005**

Virgil and Kaye Penner and Pastor Jim and Barb Voth

\* **Hymn No. 355** *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

## Summer Sunday School

Classes begin at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

**HEY KIDS!** Journey with Joshua this summer! All Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to the basement fellowship hall to “dig for truths” from the stories of Joshua. We also have big plans for the little ones of our bunch! All preschool students, ages 2-5, are invited to the Early Childhood classroom for a fun-filled time learning about the great characters of the Old Testament.

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the fellowship hall. **Book:** *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey  
**Today’s topic:** Ecclesiastes: The End of Wisdom **Today’s presenter:** Dumont and Barb Schmidt **Next Sunday’s presenter:** Youth Group

### Church Events

**This afternoon** Youth group outing to the lake.

**This evening at 6:00 p.m.** Meet with us in the Fellowship Hall for 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.

### **News from Charlotte 2005**

More than 8,600 Mennonites attended the Mennonite Church USA Assembly in Charlotte, NC, July 4-9. You'll find a summary news release at <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/news/071505.htm#1>. You can also find the Charlotte 2005 daily newspaper at [www.goshen.edu/mpress](http://www.goshen.edu/mpress).

### **“We” are Mennonite Church USA**

The Delegate Assembly celebrated the formation of Mennonite Church USA— congregations, area conferences, church wide agencies and Executive Leadership. A Power Point presentation about Mennonite Church USA is available at [www.MennoniteUSA.org/resources](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/resources).

### **Healthcare access**

Charlotte 2005 delegates also passed a resolution on healthcare access. A primary outcome of the resolution is that delegates committed themselves to encourage their congregations to study the booklet, *Healing Healthcare* and report back to the access commission by September 30, 2006. Delegates received a copy of the study booklet. Additional copies are available for purchase at [www.MennoniteUSA.org/resources](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/resources) and use the search engine for *Healing Healthcare*.

### **Iraq statement**

Delegates at the Charlotte 2005 Assembly passed a statement on the war in Iraq. Copies of the statement may be found in the foyer.

### **OneSource**

Delegates were also introduced to a new website where all Mennonite resources will eventually be available. Check it out at [www.MennoniteUSA.org/resources](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/resources). A section of this website includes a place where pastors and congregational leaders can share their “best practices” with each other. If you have items to share with other congregations, send them to [bestpractices@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:bestpractices@MennoniteUSA.org).

**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.

**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:** Lisa Harms and Rita Patterson

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

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

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Men of the Plains \$901.75

**Offering Next Sunday:** Support for our Mission Partners -  
The Sherrill Family

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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**"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.

**Shalom Mennonite Church**, 800 E. First Street, Newton is hosting a LEAVE MY CHILD ALONE! event on Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m. 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](mailto:office@shalomnewton.org)) if you plan to come or if you have questions. For more information you can also check out [www.leavemychildalone.org](http://www.leavemychildalone.org).

**Registration for the joint annual meeting of South Central and Western District Conferences** in Tulsa, OK on August 12-14, is due by July 28 without a late fee. Registration information is available online at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org). Come prepared to vote on important business; share in spirited and inspiring worship services; listen to congregational stories about weaving strangers into the fabric of fellowship; study important lessons from Acts 10; and make new friends while renewing old friendships.

**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.

**Dig deeper into faith with a fall class at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension.** Classes (each 3 credit

hours) are: *Theology and Ethics of the Gospels*, Jerry Truex, professor, Monday evenings in Wichita. *Art in Worship*, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, professor, weekends in Newton. *Mission and Peace*, Lois Barrett, professor, Tuesday evenings in North Newton. *Family Systems and Pastoral Care*, Keith Harder, professor, weekends in North Newton. New lower audit rate of \$65 per credit hour. Deadline: August 17, 2005. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, director, AMBS-Great Plains, 316-283-6300 or [lbarrett@ambs.edu](mailto:lbarrett@ambs.edu). Or see our web site: [www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains](http://www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains).

**Anabaptist Evangelism Learning Tour:** Registration firm deadline is August 15 for an October 1-6 tour from Newton to Dallas and Waco area churches where first-hand reports of God's blessings in evangelism ministries will be received. Transportation, registration and most meals are \$325, 4/room; \$350, 3/room; \$400, 2/room; or \$550, 1/room. Register by sending name(s), address, e-mail, phone number and full payment to WDC/SCC Evangelism Tour, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

**The Newton Ten Thousand Villages** is looking for a reliable person or persons with strong communications skills and a friendly attitude for the paid position of Saturday Manager. Job duties include managing the store and volunteers 9 hours on Saturdays while maintaining positive customer relations. Commitment includes 3-5 Saturdays a month. Will report directly to the General Manager. Position begins August 20, 2005. Will include training before start date. Please send resume to: Heidi Huber, Ten Thousand Villages, 625 N. Main, Newton, KS 67114. For more information contact Heidi Huber at (316) 283-0061.

**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](mailto:ovm@southwind.net).

**Notice:** The Call for Action from Kidron Bethel Village regarding the Public Good IRA Rollover Act is posted on the bulletin board.