

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 29, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship Leader: Cal Frye

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

One: *God, we praise you*

All: **For summer sun and laid-back days,**

One: For family vacations,

All: **And leisurely mornings.**

One: *God, we praise you*

All: **For fathers and mothers and all
who make up our circle of love,**

One: For friends who help us to wholeness,

All: **For the church, which gives us a taste of heaven,
a glimpse of the kingdom.**

One: *God, we praise you*

All: **With quiet deeds or joyful singing,
God, we praise you!**

Gathering Prayer

* **Hymn No. 332** *Blessed assurance*

Worship in Giving Mennonite Voluntary Service

Sharing and Prayer

* **Hymn No. 367** *For the healing of the nations*

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55, Mark 4:26-29 Tara Harms-Becker

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

Message *Outrageous Hope: Already but not yet* Fremont Regier

* **Hymn No. 499** *Lord, speak to me*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 119** *Praise God from whom* verses A & B

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 Fremont Regier as he brings the message this morning in the absence of Pastor Jim who is attending the Western District Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

For Sharing and Prayer

New Address: Ted and Connie Fukudome

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Phone: 425-242-0834 E-mail: cfukudome@gmail.com

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC and South Central Conference as they meet in joint worship this morning in Tulsa, OK. May God's voice be heard and may God's people be obedient.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for health and strength for Byrdalene and Willis Horst, MMN workers in Argentina, as they extend their service past usual retirement age in order to focus on recording the New Testament in the indigenous Pilaga language.

Church Events

This evening - Dessert Auction There will be a fundraiser for Brett and Cassie Klingenberg's mission trip this evening at Zion Mennonite Church. Things will kick off with a Hamburger Fry starting at 5:30 p.m. Brett and Cassie will tell about their plans and give a short power point of where they will be going. There will also be a Silent Dessert Auction and a Hot Shot contest on the basketball court. Grace Hill is invited to attend and bring pies and cakes for the silent auction.

August 1-7 Grace Hill/Zion Week at the Homeless Shelter.

Next Sunday, August 5 Outdoor Service at Harvey County East Lake, Volunteer Hall. A welcoming service for Katherine Goerzen will be included in the service. Breakfast (provided by Spiritual Council) at 8:30 a.m., worship service at 9:30 a.m. There will be no service at the church.

August 12 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Church Swimming Party at Newton Pool, Athletic Park. Refreshments in the park will follow.

September 9 at 4:30 p.m. Senior Faspa at Kidron Bethel Community Room.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Today's topic: Continue the DVD *Walking the Bible* **Next Sunday:** Worship at East Lake.

The Junior Department (grades K-6) will be studying the *Parables of Jesus* 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 Preschool group (ages 2-5 yrs.) in Room 7.

Announcements

Attention All Men: We will sing for the worship service on August 12 and will practice today right after Sunday School. Talk to Ken Wiebe if you have questions.

The Junior Sunday School Dept. is looking for teachers to begin a new quarter this fall!! Please prayerfully consider teaching or encourage someone else who has the gift of teaching. If you would like more information please talk to Katherine Claassen or Miriam Claassen. Thank you!!

Blood pressure checks will be done after Sunday School on August 19 rather than August 12.

If you would like to purchase Dillon's certificates in support of Offender Victim Ministries, please see Allen Patterson today or next Sunday.

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: Joyce Wedel and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Service at East Lake

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,559.45

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Grandparents and Grandchildren Weekend Retreat at Camp Mennoscah: Grandparents – bring your grandchildren of all ages and spend a relaxing weekend at Camp Mennoscah, August 4-5. Kevin Neufeld will be program director. Pre-registration is open until July 30. Camp starts Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$30 per adult (12 and over) or \$15 per child in the cabins or tents; \$40 per adult or \$35 per child in the retreat center. For further information, please contact camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Now It Springs Up is a new year-long devotional book authored by Michele Hershberger, Laurie Oswald Robinson, and Carol Duerksen. All three authors will be at book signings in their homes on August 4-5. Come enjoy refreshments, get your book for \$15 (a savings of \$3) and get it signed by the authors. Schedule: Aug. 4, 7-9 p.m. at Laurie's, 3 Grove Court in Newton; Aug. 5, 2-5 p.m. at Michele's, 300 S. Main in Hesston; Carol's farm Aug. 5, 7-9 p.m. Call 620-367-8432 for details.

Ten Thousand Villages, Newton will be hosting a come and go welcome reception for Cynthia Peacock on Monday, August 6 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cynthia has recently retired from MCC in India and she will be volunteering in the Newton store through December. Please join us in welcoming Cynthia to Kansas and to the Newton Ten Thousand Villages store.

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers August 9, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. We are looking for 50 + new volunteers to accommodate men awaiting matches. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than August 6. You may also email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Enjoy an evening of music with the Possum Boys and benefit the Western District Conference Vision 2012 campaign. The (final) concert before the Possum Boys lose two members will be held on Sunday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. All proceeds from the offering support camping, ministerial leadership, church planting, and resource ministries.

Turpin Mennonite Church, Turpin, OK will celebrate its 100th anniversary September 1-2 with festivities starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, a noon picnic, a German dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a Christian Endeavor program at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a worship service featuring former pastors, then a carry-in dinner and dedication services for land donated to the church. For information, contact Pastor Jeff Wintermote at 580-259-6440 or website www.turpinmennonitechurch.com.

Women's & Girls Retreat for Western District and South Central Conference Mennonite Women will be September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah. For more information, pick up a brochure/registration form in the foyer.

Do we have a voice? After WWII, Mennonite men and women helped change the state of American mental health care. In 2007, American healthcare access and affordability is nearing a state of crisis. *Can we once again make a difference?* Plan to attend: Healthcare Summit: Finding Our Voice on September 15, 2007 (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.). Registrations brochures will be available soon. Check out www.viewofhope.org for more information. The summit is sponsored by Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church and Western District Conference.

DEO (discipleship, encounter, outreach) has an urgent need for participants to serve in Phoenix, AZ. If you (or someone you know) are a young adult, age 18-25, and have a heart to follow Christ and serve others, we need to receive your application by August 1. Training is scheduled to begin August 14. Questions? Visit www.d-e-o.org or contact Kay Schroeder at KayS@d-e-o.org, phone: 316-283-5155 x. 247.

Lee Lever, WDC associate conference minister for Kansas, has been named by Mennonite Church USA as interim manager of the call system on a one-fourth time basis beginning August 1. Lee will assist Keith Harder in the Office of Congregational and Ministerial Leadership in addition to his one-half time position with WDC.

Camp Mennoscah is looking for a part-time housekeeper to help at the Retreat Center year round and at main camp during the off-season (Mid-August through May) beginning August 1, 2007. Hours are flexible and average 6-8 hours per week. For more information, contact Joyce Pankratz, Director at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.