

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 31, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

## Through the power and working of the Holy Spirit ...

Open our lives to you oh God through Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Open our ears and minds to receive the guidance of your Holy Word.

Open our eyes to see the needs in our world and then live in caring compassion for others.

Open our hearts to be forgiven and to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Open our lives to rejoice with those who are rejoicing and to be sad with those who are in sorrow.

Open our hearts to receive your healing.

Open our hearts to love you with all our being and love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Join our lives together in Christ to be your faithful church. Amen.

**Scripture Reading** James 5:13-18 Keith Burch

**Hymn No. 142** *Brothers And Sisters Of Mine*

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the nursery in the library*

**Scripture Reading** 1 Kings 19:9-15 Keith Burch

**Sermon** *Elijah's Greatest Need Provided in a Whisper*

\* **Hymn No. 523** *Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God From Whom*

**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!**

## 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.*

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.

\* **Congregational Call To Worship** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*  
**Hymnal No. 76**

\* **Gathering Prayer**

**Leader:** O Lord, calm the waves of this heart; calm its tempests.

**People:** Calm yourself, O my soul, so that the Divine can act in you.

**Leader:** Calm yourself, O my soul, so that God is able to rest in you, so that His peace may cover you.

**People:** Yes, Father in heaven, often we have found that the world cannot give us peace,

**Leader:** O but make us feel that you are able to give peace;

**People:** Let us know the truth of Your promises that the whole world may not be able to take away your peace.

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 84** *Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices*

### A Commitment of our Offerings

Support for our Mission Partners - The Sherrill Family

### Sharing and Prayer

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Angela Newcomer and Brett Buller were united in marriage in our church yesterday morning, July 30. Let us remember them as they begin their lives together.

Next Sunday we welcome our Mennonite Mission Network Mission Partners, the Sherrill family – Mike, Teresa, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Sophia and Grandmother Juanita Thompson (Teresa's mother). They will share in the worship service with children's moments and the message. They will also participate in the Sunday school classes. Following morning services we will have a congregational carry-in meal.

### ***The Ministry of Mike and Teresa Sherrill***

Since August 2002, the Sherrills have been serving in Sapporo, Japan developing youth ministries and leadership training. Mike teaches at Hokusei Gakuen University. Teresa has worked with a translation team on the Jubilee Sunday-school curriculum for children and helped introduce it to the Mennonite churches in Japan.

The Sherrills have been involved with cell-groups, parenting groups, Alpha Group and leadership training ministries as they pursue authentic Mennonite relational ministry for the vitality and growth of the Japanese church. They also serve their local church and the Hokkaido Mennonite Conference through preaching, prayer ministry and active involvement. The entire family hopes to share the love and peace of Jesus Christ as they endeavor to be a vital Anabaptist witness in Japan. Their home congregation is Pasadena (Calif.) Mennonite Church. The Sherrills will be returning to Japan in August after visiting their supporting congregations in the United States this summer.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Cleo Koop (First Mennonite, Halstead) who begins his sabbatical this week and for Karen Cox (Boulder) who begins her pastorate tomorrow.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The China Educational Exchange summer language program and orientation is convening now until August 17 in Beijing. Pray that new and returning English teachers will gain insights for their teaching assignments in Chinese universities.

## Summer Sunday School

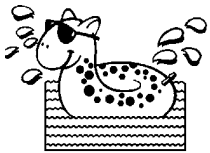
Classes begin at 10:45 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome!

**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:** Psalms: Spirituality in Every Key **Today's presenter:** Youth Group **Next Sunday's presenter:** Mike and Teresa Sherrill

## Church Events

**Next Sunday** 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.



**Next Sunday evening 6:00-8:00 p.m.** All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool. Come and enjoy a free evening of family swimming together with the church family. And don't forget to invite your friends.

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

## Announcements

**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.

**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.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$963.50  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

**Camp Mennoscah's 2nd Annual Mennofolk on the Prairie August 5-7**

Once again Family Camp has taken on a folk music theme for this summer. Musicians and non-musicians alike are welcome to join us in this weekend of music, family, and fun. There will be mini-workshops to help improve instrumental skills, a contra dance, and plenty of Mennoscah favorites like canoeing, fishing, swimming, and more. Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship! For more information or to register, contact your Camp Mennoscah church representative, visit our website at [www.mennofolk.org/Prairie](http://www.mennofolk.org/Prairie), or send an e-mail to [prairie@mennofolk.org](mailto:prairie@mennofolk.org). Hope to see you there!

**It's not too late to register** to participate in the annual conference in Tulsa, OK on August 12-14, although the early deadline of July 28 is past. Registration information and brochures are available online at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org). The theme, "We are Witnesses", will be developed through a series of Bible studies led by Lois Barrett, a sermon by SCC Moderator John Murray, and congregational stories of welcoming strangers and turning them into friends. Come and be a part of the larger church.

**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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Newton 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.

**Mennonite Women & Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah will be held September 9-11, 2005. See the flyer in your mailbox and registration forms in the foyer.

**A Kansas State Fair Planning Committee** invites church choirs to join a Kansas Sings Choir that will perform in the Grandstand on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Rod Walker from Kansas State University, the choir will perform eight anthems. Singers are asked to provide their own music which can be purchased from Senseney Music in Wichita. Dr. Walker will hold a required rehearsal on the afternoon of September 15. Information about this choir, including a registration form, is at the Western District Conference Library, 2517 North Main, North Newton. Interested directors and singers can also contact Berneil Rupp Mueller for information: 2808 Acacia Avenue, North Newton, KS 67117; 316-283-1663; [tabco@cox.net](mailto:tabco@cox.net).

**When Bethel College** celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival, October 1, a larger than normal crowd is expected with the dedication of the new sports complex and the fact that all Fall Festival events will be held on campus. Once again the Bethel College Women's Association will be hosting the Market on the Green. It's time to begin planning and preparing items for the market. As you consider what you might donate consider the following items: baked goods, homemade canned goods, homemade noodles, garden produce, and quality craft items. More detailed information will be sent to congregations in mid-August. If you have any questions contact Joretta Martens, 620-465-2380 or [dmartens@ourtownusa.net](mailto:dmartens@ourtownusa.net).