

## GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 1, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

### Prelude

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

\* **Invitation to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-7

**Leader:** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People:** Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

**Leader:** For the Lord is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

**People:** In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

**Leader:** The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

**People:** Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;  
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

\* **Invocation**

**Hymn No. 117** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

### 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** Mennonite Church USA

\* **Hymn No. 383** *God, Whose Giving* Verses 1 and 3

### Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* **Hymn No. 306** *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 12:13-21                      Pew Bible Page 1031  
Reader: Roberta Harms

### Special Music

Carl Goossen

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

**Message** *Building Bigger Barns with Near-sighted Vision*

\* **Hymn No. 487** *Teach Me, O Lord*

\* **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!**

**Summer Sunday School**

- ◆ **The Junior Department** will meet as follows: The kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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:* Carole Hull – *Waiting: Time for God* Isaiah 30:15-18. *Next Sunday:* Pastor Jim - Summary/Reflection on Spiritual Disciplines.

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

To our Grace Hill friends and family: In honor of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Allen and Elaine Patterson, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Sunday, the eighth of August from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Grace Hill. They request no gifts.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the five DEO (Discipleship Encounter Outreach) participants who are being commissioned today for their year of service – including orientation, Denver internship, and home congregational ministry.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Mary Bess Hayward, mission associate with MMN in Ukraine, as she teaches classes for those seeking to know about the Bible and Christianity and also classes for mature Christians and leaders on obeying God.

**Today at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Mariners S.S. Class is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week – Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

**August 15 6:00-8:00 p.m.** All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool.

**August 25 at 7:00 p.m.** Junior Sunday School Teachers Meeting/Classroom Set-up.

**September 19** Installation Service for Brett Klingenberg. Noon meal.

**September 26 at 7:00 p.m.** Semi-annual church business meeting.

**Sunday, October 3, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Senior Faspa in the Kidron Community Room.

**October 10** Children's Musical and meal.

**October 23 & 24** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

**Attention Youth:** Those who have completed grades 1-11 are invited to participate in *The Rock Slinger & His Greatest Hits*. Please return the bottom of your invitation to Valerie Klaassen's mailbox **today**. If you have lost your invitation, would like to invite a friend or have not received a practice tape or CD let Valerie know.

**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:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught and Carl Goossen

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Ushers Today:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$968.50

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

*Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: [jvoth@cox.net](mailto:jvoth@cox.net)*

***Pastor Jim is at the church office on Tuesday mornings.***

*Pastor's Cell Phone (in case of emergency) 1-316-655-2811*

*Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1-888-516-8474*

*Secretary's E-mail: [kimdebc@wheatstate.com](mailto:kimdebc@wheatstate.com)*

*Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite2.net/>*

**NOTE:** If you are having problems getting the church website, make sure you have the right address shown above.

**Announcements**

**Et Cetera**

**Deo (Discipleship Encounter Outreach)** is hosting a commissioning service for the incoming 2004-05 team. Please come and join us to celebrate the lives of these young people as they commit their year to discipleship. Your presence and prayers are highly appreciated. August 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine, Wichita.

**Central Homecare & Hospice a not-for-profit agency** is offering Hospice Volunteer Training 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. If you are not able to attend all of the training, arrangements can be made to finish training on a different date.

**Everyone is invited to an Open House** at the “MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) House Against Hunger,” located at 500 Witmarsum West in North Newton, Sunday, August 8, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The house is nearly completed and is currently on the market.

**Grand Camp** is a special time for grandparents and their school age grandchildren to spend some time together at Camp Mennoscah. August 7-8 are the dates for the retreat and there will be fun activities throughout the weekend for all ages. To register or for more information, contact the camp at (620)297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**Mennofolk on the Prairie Family Camp at Camp Mennoscah** is quickly approaching - August 13-15. Bring your instruments, your voice, your ears and your dancing shoes for a weekend of folk music and family fun. Both children and adults, musician and non-musician alike, will enjoy activities from jamming with other musicians, trying out new instruments, singing, and contra dancing, to camp activities such as canoeing, fishing and swimming. To register or for more information, contact the camp at (620)297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or Gregg Friesen at [prairie@mennofolk.org](mailto:prairie@mennofolk.org).

**Agri-Urban's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual “Day on the Farm”** will be Saturday, August 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Maynard Knepp/Carol Duerksen Farm – 3 miles north, 4 miles east, ¾ mile north of Goessel. Enjoy a day of story telling, animal petting and leading, food and more! See the poster in the foyer for more details and tickets.

**“Fierce Goodbye: Living in The Shadow of Suicide,”** produced by Mennonite Media, will air Sunday August 22, 2004, 12 noon ET, 11 a.m. CT/PT, on Hallmark Channel. This program is for and about family survivors of suicide. Therefore the national “800-SUICIDE” hotline

number appears at various points throughout the program. Please be in prayer for all who view the program.

**Hesston College** will offer *Leadership & Pastoral Care*, a Hesston College course taught at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston by Palmer Becker. The course will be August 24 through December 16 from 8:00 – 9:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See the brochure in the foyer for more information.

**The Mennonite Women's and Girl's Retreat** will be held at Camp Mennoscah September 10-12. This year's theme is “The God of Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah. . . Embracing Our Gifts and Calling”. A registration packet with all the details is available in the foyer.

**The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 11, 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 water wells and related water facilities in a third world country. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles respectively, as well as a family ride of shorter duration, are planned.

**Jumpstart! 2004 – Revitalizing Christian Education and Youth Ministry** will be held on Saturday, September 25 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. For teachers of youth, children and adult; youth pastors and youth sponsors, and education committees. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Mennonite Central Committee Central States** is seeking applications for three positions: workroom supervisor, human resources coordinator and service program co-administrator. See the bulletin board for details.

**Camp Mennoscah is in need of help!** The 1991 Ford Ranger Pickup that has served us well for many years has developed major transmission and front end problems. It is no longer road worthy. We are looking for a full size 4 wheel drive pickup to replace it. Our preference is a 3/4 ton that has less than 100,000 miles. Now in a bind, we are looking for donations of cash or a donation of an actual pickup for the Camp. If you are looking for a tax deduction this year, would you consider Camp Mennoscah during this time of need? If you have questions, please contact Deron or Torrey at the Camp - 620-297-3290.