

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 3, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Katherine Goerzen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

**Responsive Reading of the Ten Commandments** Hymnal No. 807

Light print – south side Dark print – north side Italics - All

**Offering** Mennonite Church USA

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Prayer Response Hymn No. 359** *Lead us, O Father* Verses 1 & 2

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

**Scripture Reading** 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Camille Claassen

**Special Music** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Women's Choir  
*Spirit of God*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:41-52

**Sermon** *Hannah and Mary: 'Sisters' in Sorrow and Blessing*

\* **Hymn of Response No. 580** *My life flows on*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 359** *Lead us, O Father* Verses 3 & 4

**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.*

\* **Call to Worship** Readings from Luke 1:46-55, the hymn of Mary

Leader: My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

Women: for the Mighty One has done great things for me -  
holy is his name.  
His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

Men: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud  
in their inmost thoughts.

Leader: He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.

All: He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty,  
remembering to be merciful  
to Abraham and his descendants forever.

\* **Prayer**

\* **Hymn of Praise No. 592** *Love divine, all loves excelling*

## For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you to the church family for your concern and sympathy shown to us through your cards, kind words, flowers, food and memorial gifts. You've made a difficult road easier to travel.

Ken Wiebe and family

### **New addresses:**

Waldo Balzer, 405 S.W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Newton, KS 67114

Joel Balzer, 3100 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Apt. C6, Lawrence, KS 66047

**Western District Conference:** Pray for those with health concerns: Jose Vazquez, co-pastor of the House of Healing Church, Dallas, TX; and Ruth Buller, wife of Pastor Eric Buller (First Mennonite Church, Ransom, KS) who are both receiving cancer treatment.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mission workers serving with Mennonite Partners in China request prayer for local Chinese churches and other Sichuan earthquake survivors as they continue working together to rebuild their communities. MMN is a partner with MPC.

## Summer Sunday School

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School - Today:** "Child Advocacy" with Diana Schunn. **Next Sunday:** Meet in Visioneering 2020 groups.

**During the summer quarter, K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students** will explore instructions for peaceful living from Moses, Jesus, Paul and James. They will learn how Abigail, Isaac, and Elisha avoided conflict with creative solutions. They will meet in the basement fellowship hall. Preschoolers (ages 2-5) will meet in the Early Childhood classroom for stories about peace too!

## Church Events

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

**This evening at 7:00 p.m.** Brett and Cassie Klingenberg will report on their experiences of the past year.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

**September 7** The Spiritual Council invites all church members and spouses ages 65 and over to Faspa on Sunday, September 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Kidron Bethel Community Room. This year's theme is "Holiday Memories."

**In Home Church Fellowship Meals September 21 and October 26**  
*"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts," Acts 2:46* The Spiritual Council invites everyone in the congregation to participate in fellowship meals to be shared in our homes. You are invited to register as either a host or a guest for one of the following Sundays: September 21 at noon or in the evening and October 26 at noon or in the evening. Hosts are asked to provide a meal for 6-10 persons. Registration forms will be in your mailbox next Sunday. You are encouraged to complete the form and return it to the designated box in the foyer by August 31.

## Announcements

**Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month:** boxed meals. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

**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:** Marge Harms and Melinda Regehr

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

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Tara Harms-Becker and Katherine Goerzen

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,025.01

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## Et Cetera

**The 13th annual Agri-Urban Day on the Farm** will be held August 16 at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen farm (3 miles north, 4 miles east and ¾ mile north of Goessel). This family event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes animals, activities and food. Agri-Urban was developed to bring farmers and urban dwellers together to support Western District Conference, Bethel College and Mennonite Church USA. The success of Agri-Urban is dependent on contributions made by both farmers (who raise the animals) and urban dwellers (who contribute toward feed costs). To contribute send checks payable to Mennonite Agri-Urban, c/o Ben Schrag, Treasurer, 406 Wedgewood Ct., Hesston, KS 67062 or bring them to Day on the Farm and enjoy all the great activities.

**Jumpstart is coming - Saturday, September 13** at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Join with dozens of other Christian educators, pastors and church education committees and get a boost for the coming year at this biannual energizing event. Learn about options for adult faith formation and what's new in Gather 'Round. Discover websites to enrich your teaching and techniques for scripture memorization. Send a team of folks, you will be glad you did! For brochures go to: [www.mennowdc.org/Jumpstart2008.pdf](http://www.mennowdc.org/Jumpstart2008.pdf). This event is sponsored by the WDC Resource Commission.

**Camp Mennoscah - Work and Play Camp** is September 14-18! Join us for the dedication of the new director's residence on Sunday, September 14, and stay for a few days. We'll be brightening camp up after a long summer season and getting ready for the winter months. There will be fun and games, chatting and fishing—plenty of playtime. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for more information. Work and Play Camp is for those 55 and older.

**Camp Mennoscah House Dedication:** Our summer youth camping season was great! We had a great time with all the campers and are looking forward to all the groups still coming. The Camp Mennoscah staff and the Retreat Commission extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported us through prayers, time, and gifts. We'll see you again soon at the dedication of the new residence on September 14 at 4 p.m.!

## Et Cetera

**Explore new territory** – Christian spirituality, nonviolence and Christian faith, pastoral ministry! Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension is offering classes this fall in North Newton and Wichita. Students may enroll for seminary (graduate) credit or audit classes. Classes are one evening a week or concentrated in four weekends during the semester. Classes begin September 4. Please register by August 20. Contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plains, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone: 316-283-7098; email: [lbarrett@ambs.edu](mailto:lbarrett@ambs.edu). Or see [www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains](http://www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains) for a complete listing of classes, professors and times of meeting.

**Mennonite Women's & Girls' Retreat** will be September 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. "*The Woven Threads of Sisterhood*" will be the theme with featured speakers Raylene Hinz-Penner and Debbie Schmidt. Join us for activities and programming for girls young and young at heart: Grade 3 through age 90! Registration forms are available in the foyer. Registration deadline is August 18.

**Camp Mennoscah - Family Camp/ Mennofolk on the Prairie** will take place October 10-12, 2008. Gather with family and friends for a weekend of music, games, food, worship, fishing, and all kinds of camp fun. Please register by September 28 using the information found in the 2008 Camp Mennoscah catalog.

**Marco Guete**, Western District Conference associate conference minister for Texas and church planter, has resigned effective January 31, 2009 to become the Conference Minister of Southeast Mennonite Conference (Florida, Georgia, South Carolina) of Mennonite Church USA. The WDC Staff Relations Committee will meet August 20 to begin the process of transition, job description, and search. We are indebted to Marco for his eight years of faithful service to WDC and are committed to continuing our conference goals to in church planting and pastoral leadership. Pray for Marco and Sandra, the WDC Leadership Commission, church plants, and all leaders who will experience transition.

**Mennonite Central Committee** has an *urgent* need for a meat canner operator for the 2008 and 2009 canning seasons. If you, or someone you know, is interested in working hard, traveling throughout Canada and the United States, and helping feed the hungry around the world through this service with MCC please contact Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720 or Tim Friesen at 717-859-1151.

**Vision 2012 in Western District Conference** has reached the 2/3 mark and raised \$1 million! Thank you. However, we have one year to finish the three-year goal of \$1.5. Your congregational promoter is available to talk with you about your participation. Are you able to join the 1,000 people giving \$1,000? Over 600 people have already done so and with your help, we will fully fund Vision 2012. Support the mission of WDC: camping ministry, church planting, ministerial leadership, and resource library. Contact Marv Penner, volunteer Development Director, at WDC, Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; 316-283-6300 or [marvinpenner@cox.net](mailto:marvinpenner@cox.net).

**The Western District Conference Low German Mennonites** from Mexico Task Force is pleased to announce that Lotti Boschmann (Bethel College Mennonite Church) has accepted a part-time position as a Community Health Worker/Health Promoter for central Kansas in collaboration with the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program. She will talk (in Low German or Spanish) with farmworker families, identify needs, make referrals, and present health education sessions. This position is funded through grants and is supported by the WDC Task Force with job supervision provided by a regional case manager. She begins her work in late August.

## CHURCH OFFICES

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