

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 5, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music: Tim, Lisa and Eli Schmidt

Welcoming Service - Katherine Goerzen

Harvey County East Lake Volunteer Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary ... for you.

Gathering Prayer

Singing

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Founds, Rick

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, To show the way.
From the earth to the cross, My debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Not Be Shaken

Norm Strauss

Chorus 1
When the nations crumble, The word of the Lord will stand
Kings may rise and fall, But His love will endure
Though the strong may stumble,
The joy of the Lord is strength to my soul
I will not be shaken, I will not be moved, I will not be shaken

Verse 1

I will declare my choice to the nations
And I will shout for joy in the congregation
I will worship God (Worship God) All my days

Verse 2

Those who love the Lord are satisfied
Those who trust in Him are justified
And I will serve my God (Serve my God) All my days

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.

Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have
been granted in what he ordaineth?

Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
as with his love he befriends thee.

Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the "amen" sound from God's people again;
gladly forever adore him.

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Welcoming Katherine and Peter Goerzen

Sharing by Katherine

Welcome by the Spiritual Council

Litany of Welcome

Pastor Jim Katherine and Peter welcome to Grace Hill. We look forward to your ministry among us and invite you to join us in our congregational mission.

Congregation We believe that God has called us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Our ministry is to the communities in which we worship, live and work. We also minister in partnership with the MCUSA, Western District Conference, and other related Christian agencies. Committed to Jesus as Lord, we minister through worship, fellowship, caring, instruction, outreach and prayer that every person may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and experience the kingdom of hope, love and peace.

Pastor Jim We are also a part of the Western District Conference, a regional conference of the Mennonite Church USA. Made up of 62 member congregations, three associate member congregations, and five church plants. Member congregations are located in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska. The Western District Conference empowers its Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations to

Congregation Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ,
Dwell in just and loving relationships,
Connect to God's mission in the world.

Pastor Jim We also identify with the Mennonite Church USA, a denomination of some 109,000 members throughout the United States. Let us read together the vision of Mennonite Church USA:

Congregation God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Congregation Katherine and Peter, we rejoice that you have come to join us in this journey of faith. With your ministry focus being our youth, we commit ourselves to learn to know you, share our lives with you and care for you in the name of Christ.

Pastor Jim As I call out the name of the various councils and groups in the church I invite the members of each to stand at that time and extend a welcome to Katherine and Peter by saying: Welcome Katherine and Peter!

All Welcome in the name of Christ!

Pastor Jim Together let us commit ourselves to Christ in the words of 1 Corinthians 3:11:

Congregation No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ". Amen and amen!

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:16-19 NRSV

16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, *17* and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. *18* I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, *19* and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Message *The Right Tools for the Job*

- The networking of prayer, vs. 16
- The energy of the Spirit, vs. 16
- The dwelling of faith, vs. 17
- The foundation and vast measure of love, vs. 17-18
- The Goal: That you may be filled with the fullness of God, vs. 19

* **Hymn** *They That Wait Upon the Lord*

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.
Teach me, Lord, teach me, Lord, to wait.

Benediction

Katherine

* **Closing** *Trees of the Field* (Hymnal, pg. 427)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

The trees of the fields will clap their hands, (repeated 3 times)
while you go out with joy.

Postlude

* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support for our mission. We are happy to announce that we have raised more than enough funds for the trip. By the way, we are going to Venezuela instead of Kosovo, kind of a last minute switch that we are excited about.

Brett and Cassie Klingenberg

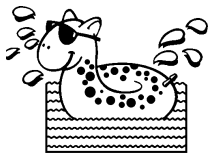
Western District Conference: Pray for Dorothy Nickel Friesen, WDC conference minister, as she takes vacation to rest and retreat in preparation for her continued service to the church. Give thanks for her call to ministry and the call for her to serve a second five-year term with WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Paraguayan National Mennonite Conference leaders gather August 10-11 for training, including sessions on inner healing. MMN mission associates C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz request prayer that participants will experience liberation from inner wounds.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Saturday Youth Group at the Lake. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to Marion Reservoir. Bring your own sack lunch and a drink for lunch, supper will be provided. You will have the opportunity to welcome Katherine and Peter as well as say our final “adios” to Brett and Cassie. We will also have the opportunity to send off and welcome outgoing and incoming youth group members. Questions? Talk to Rob or Diana Schunn.



Next Sunday 6:00-8:00 p.m. All church swimming party at the Newton Public Pool, Athletic Park. Come and enjoy a free evening of family swimming together with the church family. And don't forget to invite your friends. There will be refreshments in the park following the swimming.

Announcements

At the July 26 Administrative Council meeting the following motion was made: The Administrative Council affirms the mission of the Homeless Shelter as a form of outreach and encourages the congregation to prayerfully and actively support it.

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!!

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

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month: boxes 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.

Adult and Youth Sunday School Next Sunday: Homeroom Sunday

Nursery Next Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Special Music Next Sunday: Grace Hill Men's Group

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service \$1,096.10

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CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

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.

David Wolfe and Linda Kusse-Wolfe are living in Qom, Iran for three years in a Muslim-Christian exchange program sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee. After a devastating earthquake in Iran in 2003, MCC was one of the primary responders to the disaster. Their help in Iran led to dialog and at the invitation of the Iranians, MCC established this Muslim-Christian exchange program. David and Linda will talk briefly about their experiences in Iran and be available for dialog about people-to-people and Christian-Muslim understanding possibilities. If you are interested in seeing what kinds of things they encourage, bring your lunch and join us on August 9, 12:00 noon at Peace Connections 612 Main, Newton. We hope you can attend. For more information, see David and Linda's blog at <http://quakersinqom.blogspot.com>.

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.

Et Cetera

A Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church Lecture Series is scheduled for Sunday, August 12 at 3:00 p.m., Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church., 655 S. Lorraine, Wichita. The lecture will be presented by Jim Juhnke, professor emeritus of history at Bethel College, entitled "The Great Trek and the Coming of Christ." He will present an illustrated program on the recent tour to the Ukraine and Uzbekistan. This tour focused on the story of Russian Mennonites who followed visionary leader Claas Epp to Central Asia in 1880 to prepare for the second coming of Christ. We have been assured by Juhnke this will not be a repeat of the program he presented at Kauffman Museum on July 8th of this year. The lecture will be followed by refreshments of watermelon. Come to the lecture and find out why. Both the lecture and refreshments after are free and open to the public, so bring your friends and spread the word.

Rock concert tickets? Opera tickets? Symphony tickets? Possum Boys tickets? You have only one more chance to hear the Possum Boys in their final concert on Sunday, August 12 at 7 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. All proceeds from the offering go to the Western District Conference Vision 2012 campaign - a prayer and financial campaign to support camping, ministerial leadership, church planting, and resource ministries.

The 12th annual Agri-Urban Day on the Farm will be held August 18 at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen farm (3 miles north, 4 miles east and ¾ mile north of Goessel, Kansas). This family event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes animals, activities and food. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Randolph Flaming who worked tirelessly for Agri-Urban and Day on the Farm. 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, 2321 N. Main St., North Newton, KS 67117 or bring them to Day on the Farm and enjoy all the great activities.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 15, 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 water projects in Africa and Asia. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles respectively, as well as a family ride of short duration, are planned.

Camp Mennoscah is urgently 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 (around camp schedule) and average 6-8 hours per week. For more information, contact Joyce Pankratz, Director at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Bethel College seeks a Payroll and Benefits Administrator. This is a full-time position requiring experience processing payroll, administering a full range of employee benefits and cashier responsibilities. Strong interpersonal and organizational skills are necessary. Submit letter of application, resume and three professional references with email contacts to: Terri Headrick, Director of Human Resources, Bethel College, 300 E. 27th St., North Newton, KS 67117 or theadrick@bethelks.edu. See detailed job description at <http://www.bethelks.edu/careers>. Bethel College is an EOE.

Help promote world peace and cultural understanding by being a host family for an exchange student! Forte International Exchange Association (FIEA) is desperately trying to find families within one week, to place over 80 high school students! Take a moment to talk it over with your family and pray about being a host family. Your decision could open a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a student and your family! Community Rep: MeLissa Warkentine Carter at 405-258-4837 or melissacar@bethelks.edu. May God guide you in your decision making.