

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 7, 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: Gladys Reimer

- * **Sending Hymn** *Benediction* Patricia J. Shelly
The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,
Secure in God's Word, seeking God's face,
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

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** *O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic*
Hymnal No. 112
- * **Gathering Prayer**
- * **Gathering Hymn No. 84** *Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices*

A Commitment of our Offerings Mennonite Church USA

Children's Moments Mike and Teresa

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn No. 145 *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy*

Scripture Reading Luke 19 1-10 Reader: Lisa Schmidt
Congregation: "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner'!"

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

Sermon *Seeking Zacchaeus: Mission through Engaging People*
Mike and Teresa

- * **Hymn No. 395** *Here I Am, Lord*

- * **Benediction**

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 Very Special Welcome to 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. **The adult class will meet in the sanctuary this morning.** Teresa will lead the Junior Department S.S. in the basement. Following morning services we will have a congregational carry-in meal. All are invited! Immediately following Sunday school and before the meal we will join together in the sanctuary for prayer.

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.

For Sharing and Prayer

New address: Rachel Balzer, 203 Avalon Hill, Helena, AR 72342

Tim Frye and Asia Kliever were united in marriage in Enid, Oklahoma yesterday, August 6. Let us remember them as they begin their lives together. Tim is the son of Cal and Jo Frye.

Western District Conference: Pray for the annual conference sessions of WDC and South Central Conference in Tulsa, August 12-14.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN worker Richard Friesen in Argentina who is working with an indigenous team to revise the Toba New Testament. Pray that the team members will quickly learn necessary skills to do this task.

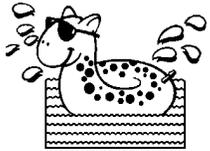
Announcements

Dillon's certificates are available from Allen Patterson today.

Health Ministries in Newton is always in need of soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and other toiletries often provided by hotels. If you are planning a vacation this summer that requires a stay in a hotel, perhaps you could save back your gift toiletries for Health Ministries. Please give any supplies you may save to Darrel/Kristen Lanzrath or Tim/Lisa Schmidt. These items will be delivered by the Jr. Youth Group during a service visit to Health Ministries. Thank you.

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.

Church Events



This 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. There will be ice cream and cookies/brownies in the park following the swimming.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Friday – Sunday Western District Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Those who will be attending are Pastor Jim and Barb Voth, Pastor Brett, John and Miriam Claassen, and Galen and Roberta Harms. Brenda Glanzer Lilliston will be bringing the morning message next Sunday.

Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. Junior Sunday School Teacher Training at church.

September 7 Et Cetera, Et Cetera, Et Cetera - Zion and Grace Hill women and girls are invited to a *Salad Supper and Et Cetera Shop Style Show* Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Church members are asked to bring 1 large salad to share - table service will be provided. Please invite family and friends to this fun evening!

September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Semi-annual business meeting at church.

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Support for Sherrill family \$1,632.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

Last call for the joint annual meeting of South Central and Western District Conferences in Tulsa, OK on August 12-14. Beginning Friday evening, several hundred adults and children, including junior high youth, will gather to reflect on the theme, "We are Witnesses", based on Acts 10. There will be lots of music, inspiring worship, Bible studies led by Lois Barrett, a keynote address by SCC Moderator John Murray, congregational stories, and important business for delegates to consider in table groups and open forum. If you are not planning to attend, you can be part of this expression of the church by praying for those who will represent you.

Choir directors fall open house at conference resource library. Choir Directors are invited to attend an open house and resourcing time at the Conference Resource Library, 2517 N. Main, North Newton on Monday, August 22 from 7-9 p.m. Come and browse through our collection of over 400 anthems that are available for check-out, many added in recent years. Plan for Advent and Christmas. Bring copies of your favorite piece from the last year. Swap music, ideas and stories with other choir directors. The library will be open just for you! Questions? Call Marlene Bogard, 316-283-6300.

2005 Mental Health Spiritual Retreat "Make a Joyful Noise" will be held at Camp Mennoscah September 3-4. The retreat is planned for those who are related in some way to mental illness, including family members and friends. The purpose is to support each other, and enjoy fun, fellowship, music and worship. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Mennonite Women & Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be held September 9-11, 2005. Retreat theme: Nurturing Relationships; Keynote speaker: Kathryn Damiano; Music: Cousins Four. See the flyer on the bulletin board and registration forms in the foyer. Registration deadline is August 19.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, 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 cisterns for families in Brazil. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles will accommodate the novice as well as the experienced rider.

Hear how God is blessing evangelism outreach of mid-Texas churches by going on the Anabaptist Evangelism Learning Tour, October 1-6. In eight days, August 15, the registration will close. Transportation, registration and most meals are \$325, 4/room; \$350, 3/room; \$400, 2/room; or \$550, 1/room. Register by sending name(s), address, e-mail, phone number and full payment to WDC/SCC Evangelism Tour, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

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