

## GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 8, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

**Special Music** *Be Thou My Vision*  
Carl Goossen and Chelsea Vaught

**Scripture Reading** Luke 10:30-37                      Pew Bible Page 1028  
Reader: Ann Litton

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

**Message** *What the Good Samaritan gave up*

Make us worthy, Lord,  
To serve our fellow men  
Throughout the world who live and die  
In poverty or hunger.

Give them through our hands  
This day their daily bread,  
And by our understanding love  
Give peace and joy.

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

\* **Hymn No. 507** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* Verses 1, 2 & 5

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 427** *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

**Postlude** *Praise, To The Lord, The Almighty*                      Cherwien

\* 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!**

**For Sharing and Prayer**

**Prelude** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*                      Cherwien/Manz  
*Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices*                      Manz

\* **Hymn of Praise No. 50** *Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah*

\* **Invocation**

**Hymn No. 327** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### 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** Local Church Missions

**Offertory** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      Manz

**Youth Group Presentation** – Service Project

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp – June 23-27, 2004

Youth Group Participants: Joel Balzer, Cory Hiebert,

Daniel Klaassen, Megan Klaassen, Justin Klassen,

Andy Lanzrath, Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier

Sponsors: Rob and Diana Schunn, Doug and Katherine Claassen

\* **Hymn No. 156** *All Things Bright And Beautiful*

### Western District Conference Reflections

The 113<sup>th</sup> Session - July 2-4, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Those who attended: John and Miriam Claassen

Roberta and Galen Harms

Pastor Jim and Barb Voth

\* **Hymn No. 307** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

**Sharing and Congregational Prayer**

**In the hospital:** John Claassen - Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

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 this afternoon from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Grace Hill. They request no gifts.

Mrs. Jean (Leona) Unruh passed away Saturday, July 31 of an apparent heart attack. The funeral service was Friday, August 6 in Coquille, Oregon. Address: 1232 West 14<sup>th</sup> St., Coquille, OR 97423.

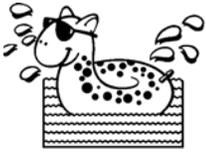
**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Ministerial Committee as it interviews new pastors, recommends educational options, and encourages leadership formation.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the Service Adventure program as six of the units are beginning a new service year this month. Pray for leaders to serve as good mentors and for participants to adjust to their placements and life in new communities.

### **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:** Pastor Jim – Summary/Reflection on Spiritual Disciplines. **Next Sunday:** Gary Flory – *Speaking Your Peace*.

**Next Sunday during worship** Karen Andres will be bringing the morning message. Pastor Jim will be on vacation August 9 – 23. If there are any spiritual life needs please contact a member of the Spiritual Council, Sandie and Don Lanzrath, chairs.



**Next Sunday, August 15, 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.

**Wednesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m.** Musical Practice begins for *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hits*.

**Saturday, August 28** Junior Youth Group will be working at MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) on August 28, Saturday. We will be assembling school kits and ask that church members keep in mind the needs for these kits as you are out shopping for school supplies. MCC also needs kit bags sewn which hold supplies for shipment. A donation area will be designated in the foyer of the church for those who would like to donate to this cause. A list of needed school kit items is available in the foyer. Jr. Youth Group is asked to be at the church by 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 28th in order to leave for MCC. Please pray for the Jr. Youth Group as they begin a new season of service and fellowship.

**October 23 & 24** Please make plans to attend the Grace Hill retreat at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, Kansas the weekend of October 23-24. (A pleasant 1½ hour drive south and west). Plan to come for the Saturday evening meal and activities, spend the night in one of the camp's fine lodgings, enjoy the sounds of the river and wildlife, fellowship in sharing, laughter and prayer and be a part of our special Sunday activities including breakfast, worship, lunch and the grand finale. This year's theme? A hint: It dwells somewhere in Acts chapters 27 and 28. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

**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:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Jason and Renae Peters

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Jason and Renae Peters

**Ushers Today:** Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Kendall Claassen and Terry Klassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$765.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning

### 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/>*

**Announcements**

**Et Cetera**

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

**The Newton Area Crop Walk** will be Sunday afternoon, September 26. If you would like to consider being a contact person, please contact Fremont Regier at 284-9370. There is an information meeting this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1<sup>st</sup> & Main, Newton.

**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.

**Kauffman Kids and Friends**, August 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m. “Prairie Discoveries.” Carol Goering of Newton will introduce children age 6 to 12 to prairie grasses and plants. After an outdoor walk through the Museum's prairie reconstruction, participants will make an art project to take home. **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum**, August 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m. “The Prairie as an Agricultural Resource: New Modes of Production.” Jim French, a writer and policy analyst from Partridge, will challenge the traditional notion of agriculture as the production of commodities and discuss directions for the future. Dr. Brad Born, associate professor of English at Bethel College, will briefly read prairie poetry prior to French's lecture. All events are open to the public, free and will be held at Kauffman Museum at 27th and North Main in North Newton; call 316-283-1612 with questions.

**Eden Mennonite Church Christian Education Committee** presents *Journey of Love* featuring David E. Nelson, Center for Religious Experience and Study Associate Minister, on Saturday, August 21 from 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This day is for anyone who is active in the church;

wants to deepen their relationship with Jesus; and desires to work for the Kingdom of God as a part of a team. Registrations are due by August 15. For more information see the yellow flyers in the foyer or contact Eden Mennonite Church at 620-345-8315.

**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.

**You are invited to Jumpstart, 2004!** Care to tame a wild beast? Want to learn how Bible quizzing can provide opportunities for discipleship and inter-generational interaction? Attend Jumpstart, 2004 on Saturday, September 25 and discover how asking simple, good questions can transform an adult Sunday school class. Experience prayer in ways that will shape your church's youth ministry or Christian education. Get wisdom on how to tend children with special needs such as ADD in your classroom. Jumpstart, a biennial event sponsored by the SCC/WDC education committee is proven to breathe new life into tired teachers and youth workers. Come for worship, inspiration, networking and more. Registration forms are available from Roberta Harms. Deadline is September 14. Questions? Call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

**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.