

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 10, 2008

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Violin: Carl Goossen

Sharing and Prayer

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-16; John 21:15-17

Daniel Klaassen

Sermon *Peter: Galilean, Fisherman, Rock ... Always First*

* **Hymn of Response No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

Postlude *In Thee is Gladness*

Burkhardt

*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

A service of baptism is being planned for Sunday, September 14, 2008. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with baptism by pouring. A light brunch will be served to the congregation and then we will travel to Camp Mennoscah where there will be a service of baptism by immersion in the river beginning at 1:00 p.m. We plan to charter a bus to Camp Mennoscah to leave from and return to the church. In order for us to know what size bus to charter we have a sign-up sheet in the foyer. **Please sign up by Sunday, August 24th**. The cost is \$15.00/person which includes a suggested \$1.00 gratuity.

New address:

Ben Lichti, 620 E. 10th St., Newton, KS 67114

Phone: 316-213-8544

Prelude *Adoro Te Devote* Callahan
The King of Love My Shepherd Is Callahan

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 and Prayer Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn of Praise No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 4:7-10 Pastor Jim

Hymn No. 396 *The work is thine, O Christ*

Sending Service Tara Harms-Becker
Service Adventure, Philippi, West Virginia
Heart and Hand Thrift Store
World Vision Kid Reach Mentoring position

* **Congregational litany of sending Hymnal No. 796**

* **Sending Prayer** Pastor Katherine

Special Music *Make Me Your Voice* by Habib Bardowell
Tara Harms-Becker and Katherine Goerzen

Offering Local Church Missions

Offertory *Amazing Grace* Callahan

Congregational Reading Hymnal No. 858 Daniel Klaassen

Western District Conference: Pray for growth in understanding between rural and urban congregations of WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for SOOP volunteers serving at Fraser Valley Gleaners in British Columbia who are helping to process and dry food to be distributed to the hungry around the world.

Coming Worship Events

- August 24** Back To School Sunday in worship
August 31 Children's Moments: Stump the Pastor
September 7 Our 14 baptismal candidates will share their testimonies with the congregation during worship.
September 14 9:30 a.m. Worship: Baptism by pouring
10:45 a.m. Brunch
1:15 p.m. Baptism at Camp Mennoscah

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School - Today: Meet in Visioneering 2020 groups. **Next Sunday:** To be announced.

During the summer quarter, K-8th 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

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative 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. You are encouraged to complete the form and return it to the designated box in the foyer by August 31.

High School Youth Group

The Youth Group will be going to Marion Reservoir after church on Sunday August 24. All High School Youth are invited, including incoming Freshmen and Seniors who have already graduated! We will plan to return to the church around 8 or 8:30 p.m. For more information, please see the notes in your church mailboxes.

Announcements

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

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: Kris Goossen and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Courtney Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Curt Regehr

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,739.00

Offering Next Sunday: MCC Meat Canning

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon at 3:30 pm, "Great Trek Mennonites Remembered: Khiva Museum on Track." John Sharp, Hesston College historian and history professor, will report on the progress of the museum exhibition that will showcase the contributions of Great Trek Mennonites in Central Asia. Sharp's multimedia presentation will include photos from his May 2008 tour to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. The program is free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

Susan Mark Landis will be speaking at Tabor Mennonite Church this evening about her recent trip to Iran. Using a Power Point presentation, Susan will reflect on her experiences there and will have time for questions and invite some responses. Susan is the Peace Advocate of Mennonite Church USA. Doug and Jude Krehbiel will offer some peace related songs for the prelude and there will be refreshments afterwards. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. Tabor is located 8 miles north of Newton (on highway 15) and 1 mile east.

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.

Faith Mennonite Church invites all Western District Conference churches to join in the occasion of their 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 6 and 7. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on September 20 originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mexico. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned.

Offender / Victim Ministries Announces: *Inside Story* at HCF August 22 The Rock Castle Drama Troupe, a group of actors incarcerated at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, will present *Inside Story*, a stage adaptation of stories selected from Dave Isay's Story Corps Project. With humor and poignancy, these stories remind us that "no matter who we are or where we come from," as Isay states, "there is much more in common that we share than that divides us." *Inside Story* is directed by Dr. John McCabe-Juhnke, professor of Communication Arts at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. The performance is sponsored by the Prison Arts Project, a program of Offender / Victim Ministries. The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. August 22 with arrival time at 7:00 at HCF Central. Guests must submit names to OVM by August 18. Dress smartly with no shorts or flip flops. OVM phone is 316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Over the past five years, 2.8 million people have fled their homes for safer locations within Iraq. In response to requests from three long-term partner organizations, Mennonite Central Committee is undertaking a \$2-million humanitarian crisis response. MCC is sending 20,000 relief kits, 62,000 blankets, 62,000 school kits, 12,000 newborn kits and 5,500 sewing kits to be distributed in 11 of the 18 governates in Iraq. Relief kits are urgently needed. Other items such as heavy blankets, newborn kits and sewing kits also are required. To help cover the cost of shipping these items to Iraq, MCC is asking for a cash donation of \$10 with each kit. Please check the MCC flyer on the bulletin board for a detailed list of Relief Kit contents, or www.mcc.org/iraqrelief. Please contact MCC Central States with any questions at 316-283-2720.

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.

New DVD / Video Catalog from Conference Resource Library: The 2008 edition of the Western District Conference Resource Library DVD / Video Catalog is now available at www.mennowdc.org/VideoCatalog2008.pdf. View hundreds of resources available for small group, youth group or adult Sunday school. In the last year, 50 new DVD's have been added! Call 316-283-6300 or email crlib@mennowdc.org to reserve the ones you can't live without.