

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 12, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Kaye Penner & Jana Harms

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship in Giving Local Church Missions

Sharing and Prayer

The Gideon Ministry

Sarah Klaassen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thine name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

Music *The Lord's My Shepherd* Irvin/Grant Men's Ensemble

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

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Casey Schunn

Message *Encouragement to remain Faithful*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of realities that are unseen.

Hebrews 11:1 New Jerusalem Bible

* **Hymn No. 486** *God of our life*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 420** *Heart with loving heart united*

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** From Psalm 33 Pastor Katherine

Congregation: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

the people he chose for his inheritance.

From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all humankind;

from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth--

he who forms the hearts of all,

who considers everything they do.

Leader: No king is saved by the size of his army;

no warrior escapes by his great strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

despite all its great strength it cannot save.

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,

on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

All: We will wait in hope for the Lord;

he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,

even as we put our hope in you.

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Hymn No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC and Vision 2012 the three-year prayer and financial campaign that celebrates the mission of WDC. Pray for the benefit concert this evening in North Newton.

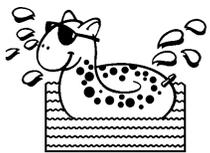
Mennonite Mission Network: Sara Ulrich, MMN mission associate, will be leading a Young Life camp for younger teens called WyldLife Camp in Kidderminster, England, August 17-21. Since the majority of the teens attending are not yet Christians, pray they will come to know Jesus personally.

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School will meet in their homerooms today. **Next Sunday:** *Safe Sanctuaries* – Marlene Bogard

The Junior Department (grades K-6) will be studying the *Parables of Jesus* in the basement. Grades 7-8 may help with the junior department or attend the adult sessions. A separate class will be maintained for the Preschool group (ages 2-5 yrs.) in Room 7.

Church Events



This evening at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments in the park before the swimming. **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.

September 9 at 4:30 p.m. Senior Faspa at Kidron Bethel Community Room.

September 23 Installation of Katherine Goerzen during worship
Noon - carry-in meal
1:00 p.m. - Semi-annual Business Meeting

Announcements

The August newsletter from the Sherrills is posted on the bulletin board.

Blood pressure checks will be done after Sunday School next Sunday, August 19 rather than today.

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!!

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: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Nursery Next Sunday: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Laurie Robinson

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,373.00

Offering Next Sunday: MCC Meat Canning

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

A Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church Lecture Series is scheduled for this afternoon 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. The lecture will be followed by refreshments of watermelon. Both the lecture and refreshments after are free and open to the public, so bring your friends and spread the word.

The (final) benefit concert of the Possum Boys will be tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. All proceeds from the offering will go to Western District Conference Vision 2012 prayer and financial campaign. Bring your friends; enjoy bluegrass, hymns, original folk music and wish them well as they sing together for the last time!

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.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, August 19 at 3:30 p.m., "Bernhard and Wilhemina Warkentin: Newton's Finest Citizens." Karen Penner will present an illustrated program that she prepared for the International Convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia held in Hays last June. Penner is a former Kauffman Museum Board member and currently serves on the boards of Warkentin House in Newton, and AHSGR. The program is co-sponsored by the Warkentin House and 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.

Open House at #35 Campus Woods Estates will be held on August 19 and on August 25, from 2-4 p.m. Campus Woods Estates is a residential addition to Kidron Bethel Village.

Dr. Samson Parekh, president of Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India will be in the Newton area next weekend. Anyone interested in hearing his report about the seminary is invited to Charlie's Restaurant, 200 Manchester, Newton (near First and Spencer) on Sunday evening, 5:30 p.m., August 19. (guests will need to order individually from the menu). RSVP to Carol Claassen by August 16: Phone: 620-752-3650 or E-mail: occlaassen@wheatstate.com.

Women's & Girls Retreat for Western District and South Central Conference Mennonite Women will be September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah. For more information, pick up a brochure/registration form in the foyer. We are excited to offer a high school girls program led by Elise Hiebert, Hillsboro. Anyone attending for the first time ever may deduct \$10 from their total bill.

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.

Do we have a voice? After WWII, Mennonite men and women helped change the state of American mental health care. In 2007, American healthcare access and affordability is nearing a state of crisis. *Can we once again make a difference?* Plan to attend: Healthcare Summit: Finding Our Voice on September 15, 2007 (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.). Registrations brochures will be available soon. Check out www.viewofhope.org for more information. The summit is sponsored by Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church and Western District Conference.

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.