

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 14, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

\* **Sending Hymn No. 119** *Praise God From Whom - Old Hundredth*  
All verses

## 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.

Our speaker today is Brenda Glanzer Lilliston. She serves as a chaplain/pastoral care coordinator and bereavement coordinator at Central Homecare and Hospice in Newton. She is ordained in the Mennonite Church, USA and is a board certified chaplain. She lives with her husband in Wichita and is a member of Hope Mennonite Church.

During the sermon "Sketches", a monologue that tells the story of Jesus' friendship with Mary and Martha, will be shared. "Sketches" was written by the Genesis Resource Group (Brenda Glanzer Lilliston, Leslie James and Joanna Pinkerton.) Art work by Joanna Pinkerton.

## For Sharing and Prayer

Those in attendance at Western District Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma are John and Miriam Claassen, Galen and Roberta Harms, Pastor Brett, and Pastor Jim and Barb Voth.

Pastor Brett will be on vacation this week through next Sunday, August 21.

**Western District Conference:** Prayer requests from Texas: Pray for our church plants and, in particular, the youth as they are about to enter a new school year. We pray for continued attendance of our Texas youth at Mennonite schools.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the Mennonite Voluntary Service participants and staff who are attending orientation August 15-19 at Camp Amigo, Sturgis, Michigan. More than 20 young people will be commissioned for service in locations across the U.S.

## 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 Hymnal No. 662**

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 102** *To God Be The Glory*

**A Commitment of our Offerings** Local Church Missions

### Sharing and Prayer

**Hymn No. 352** *Gentle Shepherd, Come And Lead Us*

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 12:20-26

Reader: Cal Frye

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

**Sermon** *Foolishness Fading, Foolishness Flourishing*

Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

\* **Hymn No. 614** *In The Bulb There Is A Flower*

\* **Benediction**

## Summer Sunday School

Classes begin at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

**HEY KIDS!** Journey with Joshua this summer! All Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to the basement fellowship hall to “dig for truths” from the stories of Joshua. We also have big plans for the little ones of our bunch! All preschool students, ages 2-5, are invited to the Early Childhood classroom for a fun-filled time learning about the great characters of the Old Testament.

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the fellowship hall. **Topic:** Hunger No More (Mennonite Media Video)

**Presenter:** Peace and Social Concerns Committee

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

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,484.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** MCC Meat Canning

**Attention Junior Youth Members & graduating Junior Youth Members:** Come Grow in Jesus as we begin a new activity year together at the Breadbasket Restaurant in Newton Sunday noon, August 28th. We will welcome new Junior youth group members and send on graduating members to the Youth Group! We will meet after Sunday school in the foyer. Transportation will be provided by the sponsors. All members are asked to bring \$10.50 for the lunch. See you there!

Pastor Brett and your sponsors, Tim and Lisa Schmidt  
and Darrel and Kristen Lanzrath

**It is that time of year to begin thinking about school kits for Mennonite Central Committee.** Jr. Youth Group will be making and taking school kit supplies to MCC this fall. Since most items are now on sale, this is the best time to look for needed kit items. Jr. Youth would greatly appreciate any help in providing items to fill the kits. Please see the display in the foyer of the church for needed items. Grace Hill is always complemented by MCC on their generosity of donated items! 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.

**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.

### CHURCH OFFICES

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### Church Events

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Worship Council meets at church.

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

**Sunday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.** Meet with us in the Fellowship Hall for the next Sunday Supper and Share Session with Virgil and Kaye Penner. They will share about their trip to Europe. If you wish to share fellowship around the table, please bring a brown bag supper at 6:00 p.m. Virgil and Kaye will begin the program at 6:30 p.m.

**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 18** "Safe Sanctuaries Training" at Grace Hill.

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

**September 28 at 6:30 p.m.** Our Wednesday evening activities will begin Wednesday September 28 at 6:30 p.m. with an all church wiener roast. Wednesday evening activities will continue through April 2006. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Kaye Penner and Barb Voth, Wednesday evening coordinators.

**Et Cetera**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Day on the Farm** will be Saturday, August 20 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. Activities include story telling, buggy and covered wagon rides, goat milking, pig catching, food and more! See the poster on the bulletin board for more information and free tickets. The event is sponsored by Agri-Urban to promote the relationship between farm families and city families. Agri-Urban supports Western District Conference, Bethel College and Mennonite Church USA.

**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 Art of Worship Planning with Marlene Kroph*** will be held at Zion Mennonite Church on Saturday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will help enhance your efforts at planning worship services and explore the biblical shape of worship as it is expressed in creative ways from week to week. Cost is \$25 per person or a group rate (six or more) of \$100 plus \$7.50 per person. Please register by September 12. Contact Pastor Jim for more information or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**The Newton Ten Thousand Villages** is looking for a reliable person or persons with strong communications skills and a friendly attitude for the paid position of Saturday Manager. Job duties include managing the store and volunteers 9 hours on Saturdays while maintaining positive customer relations. Commitment includes 3-5 Saturdays a month. Will report directly to the General Manager. Position begins August 20, 2005. Will include training before start date. Please send resume to: Heidi Huber, Ten Thousand Villages, 625 N. Main, Newton, KS 67114. For more information contact Heidi Huber at (316) 283-0061.

**Tomorrow is the firm deadline to register for the Anabaptist Evangelism Learning Tour**, October 1-6, from Newton to Dallas and Waco, Texas area churches where first-hand reports of God's blessings in evangelism ministries will be received. Send your name, address, e-

mail, phone number and payment of \$325, 4/room; \$350, 3/room; \$400, 2/room; or \$550, 1/room to WDC/SCC Evangelism Tour, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop** is seeking a full-time General Manager to supervise 200 volunteers and up to 10 staff. Must be computer-savvy, a self-starter, have solid math and strong communication skills, ability to prioritize. Must be able to lift, bend and be on your feet much of the day. Must work independently or in a group. Occasional evenings or weekends. Excellent public relation skills and a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience required. Knowledge of Spanish a plus. For information, contact Deb Goering at 316-284-2982. Applications closed on August 26, 2005, or until position is filled.

**News from the Et Cetera Thrift Shop** It is with great pleasure and excitement to share with you the news of the continued and growing vision of the work at the Ten Thousand Villages store in Newton, Kansas. The Mennonite Central Committee Et Cetera Thrift Shop/Ten Thousand Villages store board has voted to create a separate board that is solely focused on the sustainability, growth and mission of the Ten Thousand Villages store. The creation of this new board has been through the personal recruiting of people who have the needed expertise to run a retail gift business. Currently there are five people who have shown interest and accepted a position on the Ten Thousand Villages store board. This group of people along with consultation of the MCC Et Cetera board will recruit additional members to make up a store board consisting of at least eight to twelve people. The current MCC Et Cetera Thrift Shop board will continue to serve the interests and mission of the Et Cetera Shop. The members of this board will continue to replace and receive board members through the present plan of appointees from the representing churches. We appreciate your continued support by means of your church representative on the Et Cetera board, volunteers in both stores and by communicating to your congregation the mission, work and volunteer opportunities of both stores. It is critical to both of these mission programs to educate our constituency and we appreciate all that you can do to keeping it in the forefront.

Blessings to all of our friends in your congregation,  
Deborah Goering, MCC Thrift Shop, Board Chair