

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 15, 2004

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Office: 283-2644

Keyboard: Jason and Renae Peters

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship Leader: Donna Balzer

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

**Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 23:23-29      Pew Bible Page 774  
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2      Page 1192  
Reader: Caleb Regehr

**Special Music** *God Be In My Head*      Marshall  
*I Love Thee, Lord*      Spanish folk song  
Jason Peters, Renae Peters, Jason Schmidt, Jill Schmidt

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

**Message** *Seasons of Faith – God’s Call in My Life*      Karen Andres

\* **Hymn No. 481** *O God, Your Constant Care*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 119** *Praise God From Whom*

**Postlude** *Doxology*      arr. by Hayes

\* 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 special welcome to Karen Andres, who brings the message this morning. Karen is Associate Pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church and Chaplain for Central Homecare and Hospice. Pastor Jim Voth is on vacation.

**For Sharing and Prayer**

**Prelude** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      arr. by Helvey  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      arr. by Bennett

\* **Gathering Song of Praise** *Come, Now Is The Time To Worship*

**Chorus:** Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart,  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.

**Verse 1:** One day every tongue will confess You are God,  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose you now.

**Verse 2:** Willingly we come to surrender our lives,  
Willing our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength  
We gladly serve you now.

\* **Invocation**

\* **Hymn No. 343** *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

## **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** Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning  
**Offertory** *In Thee Is Gladness*      arr. by Organ

**Children’s Story**      Megan Klaassen

**Sharing and Congregational Prayer**

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

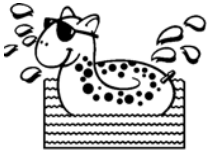
Kenny Lanzrath of Casper, Wyoming, brother of Don Lanzrath, passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2004. Let us remember the family in prayer at this time.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the emerging ministry to the Old Colony Mennonites living in Southwest Kansas through the WDC Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for new Mennonite Voluntary Service participants as they begin new assignments in various communities following orientation August 16-20. May God give them love for the people they serve.

### **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 & Next Sunday:** Gary Flory – *Speaking Your Peace*.



**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. Refreshments will follow the swimming. Don't forget to invite your friends!

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

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

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

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.** Business Council meets at church.

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

**Wednesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m.** Junior Sunday School Teachers Meeting/Classroom Set-up.

**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.

**Sunday, October 3, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Senior Faspa in the Kidron Community Room.

## Announcements

**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:** Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Joyce Wedel

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Penny Hiebert and Curt Regehr  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen

**Ushers Today:** Kendall Claassen and Terry Klassen  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Tim Schmidt and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,180.15  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## CHURCH OFFICES

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***Pastor Jim is at the church office on Tuesday mornings.***

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*Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1-888-516-8474*

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*Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>*

**NOTE:** The church website has been changed back to the original address as printed above. To view the bulletin on the website will require using the Adobe Reader program, which is free from Adobe at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. If you have questions about this, contact Tim Schmidt.

## Et Cetera

**Kauffman Kids and Friends**, this afternoon 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**, this afternoon 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.

**“Fierce Goodbye: Living in The Shadow of Suicide,”** produced by Mennonite Media, will air Sunday August 22, 2004, 12 noon ET, 11 a.m. CT/PT, on Hallmark Channel. This program is for and about family survivors of suicide. Therefore the national “800-SUICIDE” hotline number appears at various points throughout the program. Please be in prayer for all who view the program.

**Hesston College** will offer *Leadership & Pastoral Care*, a Hesston College course taught at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston by Palmer Becker. The course will be August 24 through December 16 from 8:00 – 9:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See the brochure in the foyer for more information.

**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. Registration deadline is August 28.

**Mennonite Central Committee** is looking for drivers for the shuttle at the Kansas State Fair. Our church is responsible for drivers on Tuesday, September 14. Please see Kendall Claassen or Kim Claassen if you are interested in driving.

**The Western District Conference Music and Worship Committee** is sponsoring a workshop for directors of youth choirs on Saturday, September 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at New Creation Fellowship, 211 Muse, Newton. Karen Sims will direct the workshop. Sims teaches choral music at Maize South Middle School, directs the Kid's Choir at First Mennonite Brethren Church in Wichita, and serves on the Kansas American Choral Director's Association Board. The workshop is presented as preparation for a children's choir festival to be held in April or May with Karen Sims, director. Young people in churches where there is not a youth choir are also welcome to participate in the festival if they learn and memorize the selected music. For more information, contact Berneil Rupp Mueller, 2808 Acacia Avenue, North Newton, KS 67117-8046; 316-283-1663; [tabco@southwind.net](mailto:tabco@southwind.net).

**In response to the humanitarian crisis** in western and central Sudan, Mennonite Central Committee is preparing \$4.6 million in aid for victims of violence there. Immediate needs include \$532,350 in cash, 6,830 school kits and 100,000 blankets. It is providing family survival supplies, sorghum through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, durable shelters and other much needed items. Please bring or send your donations marked Sudan Emergency Assistance to MCC Central States, 121 East 30th Street, Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117. Watch for further news releases. Check the website at [www.mcc.org/sudan](http://www.mcc.org/sudan) or call 316-283-2720 for more information.