

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 17, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Worship Leader: Matt Regier

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Ben Lichti

* Benediction

* **Benediction Hymn No. 362** *Help us to help each other*

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 James 5:13-18

Prayer

* **Hymn of Praise No. 11** *Sweet hour of prayer*

Offering Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning

* **Hymn No. 384** *We give thee but thine own*

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *My Chains Are Gone* by Chris Tomlin
Penny Hiebert and Curt Regehr

Children's Moments

Pastor Jim

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

Scripture Reading James 1:1-8

Matt Regier

Sermon *The James's of the New Testament*

* **Hymn of Response No. 505** *I am thine, O Lord*

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for the prayers, visits, flowers, food, cards and other acts of kindness shown me after my recent surgery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Jane Washburn

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the ministry of Ruth Penner as she retires from pastoral ministry at New Creation Fellowship Church, Newton today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Melanie Quinn, new MMN worker in Botswana, as she studies the Setswana language. She will be giving support to a youth ministry in Francistown which offers Bible studies and educational resources about AIDS and HIV.

A service of baptism is being planned for Sunday, September 14, 2008. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with baptism by pouring followed by a light brunch and then we will travel to Camp Mennoscah for a service of baptism by immersion in the river beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will plan to be back to the church by 4:00 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 TODAY.** The cost is \$15.00/person which includes a suggested \$1.00 gratuity. There will also be an offering for Camp Mennoscah as a donation to cover our day use fee of the camp.

Next Sunday's worship

- † *Daniel Klaassen* will share about his summer service with DOOR, Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection, in Denver.
- † *Back to School sharing* with our children and youth about where you're going to school and what you are enjoying most about school. And college students we'll also invite you to briefly share your plans for the coming year.
- † *Special Music by Levi Goossen and family*
- † *Scripture and Sermon: Who was the Woman at the Well? John 4*

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School - Today: *Sunday School on the Lighter Side.* EVERYONE please join us in the sanctuary for a joyful time of learning from children's stories. Sometimes even the most unusual children's story can become a parable for our spiritual lives. Dr. Seuss, Ted and Lee and our own Katherine and son Cody will be our story-tellers. One of the central themes will be: Getting Out of the Messes We're In.

Next Sunday: Visioneering 2020 review with Virgil Penner.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Social 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 are available in the foyer. You are encouraged to complete the form and return it to the designated box in the foyer by August 31.

October 18-19 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be going to Marion Reservoir after church next 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

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: Lisa Harms and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Levi Goossen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Ben Lichti and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$7,384.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

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. 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.

All church librarians and library committees are invited to Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton on Saturday, August 30 for a special Church Library Event. The morning includes book reviews, library suggestions, a luncheon, and extra savings on any library purchase or order placed that day. Call (316) 283-2210 for more information or to RSVP for the meal. **Leslie James, co-author of a new church resource, "Proclamation By Design: The Visual Arts in Worship"** will be at Faith & Life Bookstore for a book signing and fellowship on Saturday, August 30 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Come visit Leslie and explore the book for a sneak preview of the "Worship and Visual Arts" workshop coming on October 11 sponsored by Western District Conference and Faith & Life Bookstore.

Mennonite Women's & Girls' Retreat will be September 5-7 at Camp Mennoscah. "*The Woven Threads of Sisterhood*" will be the theme with featured speakers Raylene Hinz-Penner and Debbie Schmidt. Join us for activities and programming for girls young and young at heart: Grade 3 through age 90! Registration forms are available in the foyer. Registration deadline is August 18.

Christian educators, pastors and education committees - it's time for a Jumpstart, sponsored by Western District Conference Resource Commission. If you work with adults or children, this half-day event will energize you for the next months of congregational Christian nurture. Find out how one congregation is imagining how to Reclaim Biblical Literacy. Hear about teaching a Basic Bible course to adults. Explore what's cool and new with Gather 'Round. See www.mennowdc.org/Jumpstart2008.pdf for registration brochure. Jumpstart is Saturday, September 13 at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Questions? Call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

Play golf for Bethel. Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, September 13, Hesston. Check the bulletin board for details, contact the Bethel alumni office at 316-284-5251 or alumni@bethelks.edu, or go to www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php. Registration deadline is September 3. Early entry discount for entering by August 29.

Camp Mennoscah - Work hard and play hard at the annual Work & Play Camp September 14-18! We'll be repairing and cleaning, playing and celebrating, and you are invited to take part. Camp will start with the dedication of the new director's residence. Evenings will be filled with devotionals, games and fun-time activities. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information. Brochures have been sent to past participants; please call if you would like to receive one.

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.

Camp Mennoscah - MennoFolk on the Prairie Family Camp will be October 10-12! Gather with family and friends for a weekend of music, games, food, worship, fishing, and all kinds of camp fun. Please register by September 28 using the information found in the 2008 Camp Mennoscah catalog available in the foyer. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more information.

Explore new territory – Christian spirituality, nonviolence and Christian faith, pastoral ministry! Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension is offering classes this fall in North Newton and Wichita. Students may enroll for seminary (graduate) credit or audit classes. Classes are one evening a week or concentrated in four weekends during the semester. Classes begin September 4. Please register by August 20. Contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plains, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; phone: 316-283-7098; email: lbarrett@ambs.edu. Or see www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains for a complete listing of classes, professors and times of meeting.

Urgent need! MCC is sending Relief Kits to Iraq from now through October. Visit www.mcc.org/iraqrelief, pick up a flyer in the foyer or contact 316-283-2720 for more information.