

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 19, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Pastor Jim

## Western District Conference July 27-29, 2007 Tulsa, Oklahoma

*"Speak Lord!" ¡Habla Señor!*

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-21 Roberta Harms

Delegates: Galen Harms, Roberta Harms, Brett Klingenberg,

Matt Regier, Diana Schunn, Pastor Jim

**How is God calling?** Video from Western District Conference

### Sharing and Prayer

**Special Music** *Medley of Hymns* Laurie Oswald Robinson

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

**Message** *Listening for a Call*

\* **Hymn No. 395** *Here I am, Lord*

\* **Benediction**

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

### 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!**

Laurie Oswald Robinson is editor for Mennonite Women USA and its publication, *timbrel*. She formerly was news service director for Mennonite Church USA, and before that, assistant editor for *Mennonite Weekly Review*. Currently Laurie is enrolled in the Hesston Pastoral Ministries Program. She lives in Newton with her husband Alfonso and 6-month old foster daughter Symphony Eve.

### 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

L: We have come together, listening God

**P: because you have spoken your word of welcome.**

L: We are drawn to your presence

**P: because of the persistence of your call**

L: Speak to your servants here in ways we can understand.

**P: We want to hear the message You have for us.**

L: We want to listen.

**P: We want to listen and respond.**

**All: Speak Lord! Amen.**

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Hymn No. 6** *Here in this place*

**Worship in Giving** Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning

### MCUSA gathering in San Jose July 1-7, 2007

*"Live the call!" ¡Vive el llamado!*

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 Courtney Claassen

Delegates: Katherine Claassen, Diana Schunn, Pastor Jim Voth

\* **Hymn No. 538** *Lead me, Lord*

### **Delegate Actions at San Jose 2007**

- Approved membership in *Christian Churches Together*. “Christian Churches Together is a new forum growing out of a deeply felt need to broaden and expand fellowship, unity, and witness among the diverse expressions of Christian faith today.”
- Approved an effort of the Executive board to create a plan to cover all eligible Mennonite Church USA pastors with health insurance.
- A Resolution on National Identity that calls on the Executive Board “to formulate a process that helps us explore our identity as Mennonites living in” the United States, thus helping members of Mennonite Church USA “live faithfully in Christ-like ways, sometimes at odds with our national culture.”
- Delegates took action to support the joint U.S. Senate and House bills acknowledging the U.S. government’s long history of treating Native Americans unjustly. The bills also encourage the U.S. Government to offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

Thank you for your support, prayers and all the cards and phone calls for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We appreciate all your thoughtfulness.  
Wilmer and Martha Wedel

The congregation is invited to the commissioning service of Brett and Cassie Klingenberg into the YES (Youth Evangelism Service) program of Eastern Mennonite Missions. The service will take place at the Mount Joy Mennonite Church in Mount Joy, PA on Sunday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Following the service Brett and Cassie will begin an intensive, highly-structured three month discipleship training and language study program before leaving for Venezuela.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Roger Juhnke, youth pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton as he concludes his ministry there today. Give thanks for God’s leading in his life. Also pray for the Fort Worth church plant Pastoral Support Committee in their process of candidate interviews.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Sharon Kniss, MMN worker in England, requests prayer for the work of Bridge Builders at London Mennonite Centre as it conducts training courses for church leaders in how to deal with conflict. Pray also for its work in mediation services for individuals and churches in conflict throughout Great Britain.

## Summer Sunday School

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary today. Speaker: Marlene Bogard *Safe Sanctuaries* **Next Sunday:** “Grace Hill Roots – Then and Now” Harms Family trip to Poland report.

**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

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

**Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

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

**Next Sunday** Back-to-School Sunday

**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

## High School Youth Group

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:** Wednesday nights will be starting on Wednesday August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. We'll meet in the youth room. Hope to see you there!

## Announcements

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

**Back to School Kits** School kits are MCC's most requested item. They are given primarily to refugee children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives. We will be collecting items for school kits in the foyer for the next few weeks. Items needed include:

- ◆ Spiral notebooks or notebooks with perforations (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm/8 in x 10.5 in; about 70-80 sheets each)
- ◆ unsharpened #2 pencils
- ◆ rulers (flat flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- ◆ colored pencils (in packages of 12)
- ◆ large pencil erasers

**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:** Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Tim, Lisa and Eli Schmidt

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$9,770.19

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## Et Cetera

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum this afternoon 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 is in the Newton area this weekend. Anyone interested in hearing his report about the seminary is invited to Charlie's Restaurant, 200 Manchester, Newton (near First and Spencer) this evening at 5:30 p.m. (guests will need to order individually from the menu). RSVP to Carol Claassen at 620-752-3650 or e-mail: [oclaassen@wheatstate.com](mailto:oclaassen@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.

**Needed:** Tractor drivers for the Kansas State Fair Parking Shuttle. The State Fair pays the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale for this service, which offsets our building rental cost for the weekend of the Relief Sale. Please reply to Brad/Suzy Burch or Cal/Jo Frye or call Charlie Watkins at 620-543-6838.

**Play golf for Bethel.** Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, September 15, Hesston. Check the bulletin board for details, contact the Bethel alumni office at 316-284-5251 or [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu) or go to [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php). Registration deadline is September 5. Early entry discount for entering by August 31.

**Need to get away and play... Come to Camp Mennoscah** - join us for the annual Work and Play Camp September 16-20. We will work together on several projects, Floyd Bartel will lead us in Bible Study and on Tuesday evening, our special presenter is Paul Jantzen of Hillsboro. For more information or to register, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or email: [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**The Zion Mennonite Church** welcomes you to attend the Communication Skills to Enhance Persona, Family and Congregational Life seminar on September 29 with guest presenter Nate Regier. There are several registration flyers on the resources display area.

**Politics pits people against each other - even Christians against Christians.** Should Christians be involved in politics? Would Jesus belong to a political party? Can we talk with each another (and listen!) when we disagree? Come to Hesston College October 19-21 for "Christian Ministry in a Red and Blue World." Greg Boyd (well known speaker and author of the New York Times Best seller *The Myth of a Christian Nation*), John D. Roth (Goshen College professor and popular speaker) and a host of workshop presenters will lead us in our conversation. Check the link on our website ([www.hesston.edu](http://www.hesston.edu)) to register!

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