

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 22, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Debbie Claassen

Worship Leader: Doreen Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

* **Benediction Song** *The Prayer Of St. Patrick*
Penny Hiebert and Curt Regehr

W. Schoenfeld

Postlude

Jana Harms

* 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 Erwin Rempel who brings the message this morning. Erwin currently serves as the Senior Executive for Mission Network Services Mennonite Mission Network. Pastor Jim Voth is on vacation.

For Sharing and Prayer

A special thanks for all the prayers and cards wishing a speedy recovery. Thanks for the many acts of kindness and help already delivered. A special thanks to Pastor Jim during the time of the surgery and to Barb who made the initial ER visit easier. I praise God for His love and leading through this experience. John Claassen

Western District Conference: Pray for Pastor/Congregation Relations Committees as they discern salaries, benefits, as well as policies for staff support.

Mennonite Mission Network: Today "Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide," produced by Mennonite Media, will be featured on Hallmark Channel. Pray for any persons who may be considering suicide that they will find hope and help by watching the program.

Prelude

Jana, Laura and Sara Harms

* **Hymn of Praise No. 43** *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

* **Invocation**

Hymn No. 332 *Blessed Assurance*

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 Western District Conference

Offertory

Brett and Jana Harms

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Special Music

Penny Hiebert and Curt Regehr

Gaither Medley - *He Looked Beyond My Fault,*

Joy Comes In The Morning, Jesus Is Lord Of All

Megan Klaassen, accompanist

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 4:1-18 Pew Bible Page 1144

Reader: Kim Claassen

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

Message *Africa: Living in Hope and Joy*

Erwin Rempel

* **Hymn No. 345** *God Sent His Son*

* **Benediction**

2004-2005 College Students

Bethel College – Hannah Klaassen,
Megan Klaassen, Jill Schmidt
Emporia State University – Sara Burch
Hutchinson Community College – Becky Voth
Hesston College – Sarah Kauffman
Kansas State University – Andy Lanzrath,
Amanda Schroeder, Vladimir Yevseyenkov
Kansas University – Joel Balzer, Rachel Balzer
Newman University – Jennifer Washburn,
Mary Washburn, Sara Washburn
Southeast Community College, Milford, NE – Keith Burch
Southwest Missouri State University – Sarah Klaassen
University of Wisconsin – Madison – Susan Gaeddert
Wichita State University – Julia Washburn

Summer Sunday School

- ◆ **The Junior Department** will meet as follows: The kindergarten through 8th 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 fellowship hall.
Today: Gary Flory – *Speaking Your Peace.*
- ◆ **Next Sunday** will be Back-to-School Sunday for all ages - “Prairie Tales with Mother Goossen.”

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Musical Practice

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

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

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.

September 19 Installation Service for Brett Klingenberg. Noon meal.

September 26 at 7:00 p.m. Semi-annual church business meeting.

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

October 10 Children's Musical and meal.

October 23 & 24 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

College Students: If you are interested in receiving *The Mennonite* during the 2004-05 school year, please contact Debbie Claassen.

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: Marge Harms and Joyce Wedel

Nursery Next Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Today: Tim Schmidt and Rob Schunn

Ushers Next Sunday: Kendall Claassen and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: MCC Meat Canning \$2,011.85

Offering Next Sunday: 1/2 for Mennonite Central Committee and 1/2 for Mike & Teresa Sherrill, Grace Hill Mission Partners serving in Japan

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: jvoth@cox.net

Pastor Jim is at the church office on Tuesday mornings.

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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.

Announcements

Et Cetera

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.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 11, 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 to provide water wells and related water facilities in a third world country. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles respectively, as well as a family ride of shorter duration, are planned.

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.

Every two years over 100 mostly Mennonite youth workers and Christian educators gather for 7 hours of inspirational resourcing on timely topics. It's Jumpstart, 2004 and it's happening on September 25, at the Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. For more information see the flyer in the foyer.

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 or call 316-283-2720 for more information.