

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 24, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Worship Leader: Caleb Regehr

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

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

Scripture Reading John 4:4-26

Jana Harms

Sermon *An Unnamed, Colorful, Religious, Working Woman – Changed!*

Special Music *Have a drink of water*

Levi Goossen

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 423** *May the grace of Christ our Savior*

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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Katherine will be on vacation this week through next Sunday.

New addresses:

Keith Burch, 92 Buckskin, Inman, KS 67546

Tara Harms-Becker, 26 Beech Ave., Philippi, WV 26416

Phone: 304-457-4652

Western District Conference: Pray for Mike Brouillette, youth pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, as he is installed today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN international ministry workers who are in a time of transition, whether beginning a new assignment, returning to service after North American ministry or re-entering life in 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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, sit down and rest.

Come, and receive living water from the Lord.

People: Where can we get this living water?

For the well is deep and we have nothing to draw with.

Leader: Drink from the water Jesus gives us

And you will never thirst again.

People: Let us then worship the Lord in spirit and in truth

Worship our God with all our heart, mind and strength.

Invocation

* **Hymn of Praise No. 495** *O let all who thirst*

Offering Western District Conference

Back to School Report Card

Katherine and Jim

Sharing by Elementary, Middle School and High School students

Sharing and Prayer

Daniel Klaassen - summer service in Denver with DOOR,

Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection

Coming Worship Events

Next Sunday Worship: *Lydia, the Purple Saleswoman*

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:12-15

Children's Moments: Stump the Pastor

September 7 Worship: Our fourteen baptismal candidates will share their faith stories. Worship leaders: Members of the baptismal class
Sunday School Promotion Sunday

September 14 Baptism Sunday

9:30 a.m. Service of baptism at the church

10:30 a.m. Brunch for the congregation in the fellowship hall

11:30 a.m. Leave for Camp Mennoscah

1:15 p.m. Service of baptism at Camp Mennoscah

Worship leaders: Members of the baptismal class

A note about September 14: Plan to bring lawn chairs and proper dress if you wish to observe the baptism in the river. A bus will not be chartered and so we encourage car pooling where possible. If you have questions please see Pastor Jim, Pastor Katherine or Diana Schunn.

The Social Council is preparing to serve brunch to the congregation and visitors on Sunday, September 14. To have some idea of how to prepare, we ask members to give us an estimate of how many family or friends will join us for brunch that day. Our menu will be egg casserole, sweet rolls, cheese, and fruit salad.

Church Events

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

The church will be in use on Friday and Saturday for the wedding of Cheryl Busenitz and Luke Thomas.

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.

September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Semi-annual Business Meeting.

High School Youth Group

The Youth Group will be going to Marion Reservoir after church today. 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.

Greetings all High School Youth! We will be starting Wednesday Nights on Wednesday September 3rd at 7 p.m. here at the church. Invite your friends! We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Sunday School

Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School - Today: Visioneering 2020 review with Virgil Penner. **Next Sunday:** Musical Concert with Jeff Toews.

K-8th Grade students will explore instructions for peaceful living from Moses, Jesus, Paul and James. They will learn how Abigail, Isaac, and Elisha avoided conflict with creative solutions. They will meet in the basement fellowship hall. Preschoolers (ages 2-5) will meet in the Early Childhood classroom for stories about peace too!

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: Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen
Nursery Next Sunday: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Special Music Next Sunday: Jeff Toews
Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms
Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: MCC Meat Canning \$4,102.10
Offering Next Sunday: Peace Connections

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Please pray for Ignite! a Western District Conference/South Central Conference youth ministry resourcing event that is taking place today at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston from 3-8 p.m. Pray that youth leaders will be inspired and equipped by the workshops and presentations and ready to serve with new enthusiasm for the coming year.

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.

Jumpstart is for everyone that cares about Christian nurture in the congregation - but especially pastors, teachers and education committees. Reserve Saturday, September 13 from 8:30-noon at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, for an energetic learning time. Topics include: Faith Formation for Adults, Reclaiming Biblical Literacy, What's New in Gather 'Round, Teaching Bible to Adults, Workin' the Web and Scripture Memory with Children. It's a whole-lotta resourcing for \$20. See www.mennowdc.org/Jumpstart2008.pdf for registration brochure. Call Marlene Bogard, WDC Minister of Christian Nurture if you have a Q: 316-283-6300. This event is sponsored by the WDC Resource Commission.

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.

Jan Garrett and JD Martin (Hesston College alumnus) will lead a workshop *The Heart of Harmony: Living on the Creative Edge* on Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main. Cost for the workshop is \$35 (including lunch). This energetic heart-opening class weaves HARMONY from some of their beautifully crafted original songs into specific tools for practicing everyday harmony in all aspects of our lives. Don't miss this inspiring opportunity. A 7:30 p.m. concert in the church sanctuary features Jan & JD playing their original songs: a delightful blend of vocals, good humor and masterful lyrics inspired from a broad spiritual perspective. Advance tickets are \$12 (\$15 at the door). Group discounts are available. See flyer on bulletin board or contact Hesston Mennonite Church (620-327-4885 or hesstonmc@hesstonmc.org).

A Midwest Interfaith Immigration Summit will be held September 10-11 in Columbus, OH. The summit is being organized by the Missional Church Committee of Central District Conference; sponsors are Mennonite Central Committee and Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA. The organizers hope for participants from several states and have structured the summit so that persons can build relationships and collaborate for humane immigration reform and local action. For more info or to register, visit: www.hias.org/midwest-interfaith-immigration-summit.

"Breaking through urban concrete: How agents of good news can infiltrate hierarchies of power." This meeting of the Urban Leaders Network will be held October 24-25 in New York City. Urban practitioners will encounter the leveling effects of evangelism, mission and economic empowerment. New York City Mennonites will provide a taste of their urban context with opportunities for mutual support, networking and skills-building, enabling participants to become agents of change in their ministries and communities. Contact Becky Tyson at 866-866-2872 or see: www.mennonitemission.net.

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.