

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

August 28, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Debbie Claassen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

**Scripture Reading** Romans 12:9-21

Reader: Rebekah Voth

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the nursery in the library*

**Sermon** *God as our Ultimate Teacher!*

\* **Hymn No. 502** *Spirit Of God! Descend*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Music** *Sing Hallelujah*

Linda Stassen

Penny Hiebert and Curt Regehr

**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.

**Prelude**

Jana and Laura Harms

**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.*

Let us now prepare to worship our Creator and Lord by leaving the troubles of the world behind and entering into God's presence in a spirit of humility and praise.

**Trumpet Call to Worship** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Charles Gabriel

Ben Lichti

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 36** *God Of Our Strength*

**A Commitment of our Offerings** Western District Conference

**Offertory**

Jana Harms

**Back to School Student and Teacher Review and Blessing**

\* **Hymn No. 487** *Teach Me, O Lord*

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Special Music** *I Can Only Imagine*

Bart Millard

Penny Hiebert and Curt Regehr

## For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for all the prayers, encouraging visits, cards and funny gifts that I received while in the hospital. Your concern as a church family was much appreciated. Thanks again, Cody Claassen

Pastor Brett will begin Great Plains Seminary classes September 6. Courses will include: *Mission and Peace* taught by Lois Barrett and *Formation and Ministry* taught by Walter Friesen.

The Commissioning Service for Jill Schmidt into Mennonite Voluntary Service will take place during worship next Sunday. Next Sunday is also Sunday School Promotion Sunday. We will begin our new Sunday school classes for the year.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Miles Reimer as he is installed today as Associate Pastor for First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that Chicago Mennonites, members of Central District and Illinois Mennonite Conferences, can discern strategies for creating close working relationships with other Mennonite congregations in this metro area.

## Summer Sunday School

Classes begin at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

**HEY KIDS!** Journey with Joshua this summer! All Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to the basement fellowship hall to “dig for truths” from the stories of Joshua. We also have big plans for the little ones of our bunch! All preschool students, ages 2-5, are invited to the Early Childhood classroom for a fun-filled time learning about the great characters of the Old Testament.

**Joint Adult and Youth Summer Sunday School** will meet in the fellowship hall. **Topic:** “How Should Mennonites Read and Relate to the Old Testament?” – Marion Bontrager, Bible Professor

**Today** the junior youth members & graduating junior youth members will begin a new activity year together at the Breadbasket Restaurant in Newton. We will welcome new junior youth group members and send on graduating members to the Youth Group! We will meet after Sunday school in the foyer. Transportation will be provided by the sponsors. All members are asked to bring \$10.50 for the lunch.

**This evening at 6:00 p.m.** Meet with us in the Fellowship Hall for the next Sunday Supper and Share Session with Virgil and Kaye Penner. They will share about their trip to Ukraine. If you wish to share fellowship around the table, please bring a brown bag supper at 6:00 p.m. Virgil and Kaye will begin the program at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday at 7:30 p.m.** Education Council will meet at church.

**Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.** Administrative Council will meet at church.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Social Council will meet at church.

**Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. *School Kits and Banana Splits*** Ladies and Junior Youth are invited to join in the adventure of sewing School Kits for MCC at church on Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. We will need sewing machines, thread, cutting mats, rotary cutters, and rulers. Contact Agnes Harder at 799-2516 if you are able to supply a sewing machine and cutting mats. Fabric will be provided. If you have appropriate fabric, you are welcome to bring it. The evening will conclude with banana splits provided by the junior youth.

**September 7** Et Cetera, Et Cetera, Et Cetera - Zion and Grace Hill women and girls are invited to a *Salad Supper and Et Cetera Shop Style Show* Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Church members are asked to bring 1 large salad to share - table service will be provided. Please invite family and friends to this fun evening!

**September 18** "*Safe Sanctuaries Training*" at Grace Hill. A noon carry-in dinner with Zion at Grace Hill, followed by Safe Sanctuaries training for all youth Sunday School teachers, Wednesday evening teachers, choir directors, mentors, and sponsors. Marlene Bogard will provide the training.

**On Sunday, September 11** we invite everyone to wear your work clothes to church or bring something that represents your occupation.

**It is that time of year to begin thinking about school kits for Mennonite Central Committee.** Jr. Youth Group will be making and taking school kit supplies to MCC this fall. Since most items are now on sale, this is the best time to look for needed kit items. Jr. Youth would greatly appreciate any help in providing items to fill the kits. Please see the display in the foyer of the church for needed items. Grace Hill is always complemented by MCC on their generosity of donated items! 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:** Marge Harms and Tammy Regehr  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Jason Peters  
**Special Music Next Sunday:** Jill Schmidt  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** MCC Meat Canning \$2,106.01  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## CHURCH OFFICES

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**Kidron Bethel Village** will host an Open House on Sunday, August 28, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at #17 and #19 Lakewood Circle, Campus Woods Estates, North Newton. Come and see the newest addition to our community. Directions: North on Anderson Road; turn right on Witmarsum and right on Lakewood Drive.

**Mennonite Women & Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah will be held September 9-11, 2005. Retreat theme: Nurturing Relationships; Keynote speaker: Kathryn Damiano; Music: Cousins Four. See the flyer on the bulletin board and registration forms in the foyer.

**Kidron Bethel Village** employees are sponsoring a benefit for Anna Rodriguez, daughter of Mary Rodriguez Klassen, former KBV employee who died of a gunshot wound August 5. A Mexican meal and bake sale will be held Saturday, September 10, at Our Lady of Guadalupe church, 421 S. Ash, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Enjoy an evening in concert with renowned tenor Arthur Marks** Sunday, September 11, 2005, at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton. A benefit for KIPCOR's Community Mediation Center, the concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. and include a full dinner. Tickets are \$50 each, two for \$75, or \$320 for a table for 8. Seating is limited so get your tickets soon. Call 316-284-5217 for details.

**Bethel College Mennonite Church** invites members of the wider community to *Conversation on Communion*, a seminar exploring biblical, theological and historical themes in the Lord's Supper, with guest speakers John Rempel and Weldon Nisly, on Saturday, September 24. Registration is \$10 (including lunch) for \$5 for sessions only. For more information see the brochure on the bulletin board, go to <http://bcmc.ks.us.mennonite.net>, email [office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net), or call 316-283-3667.

**NEEDED:** Persons interested in driving the parking shuttle during the Kansas State Fair. Please reply to Kim Claassen or Kendall Claassen or call Nancy Becker, Relief Sale Secretary at 620-654-3277.