

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 2, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Junior Sunday School Promotion Service – Grades Pre-K - 8

Introduction of Teachers and Students Katherine Claassen

Children please come forward as your name is called
and stand with your teachers

Hymn No. 489 *O little children, gather* Verses 1, 3 & 5

Presentation of Bible to First Graders Pastor Jim

Alia Enns, Bethany Regehr, Shelby Ulbrich

Prayer of Dedication

* **Benediction Hymn No. 429** *Go now in peace*

¹ Go now in peace, go now in peace,

² May the love of God surround you

³ Everywhere, everywhere

⁴ you may go.

Go now in peace, go now in peace

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

Christ's love and compassion have been especially dear during this time since Jeff's death on August 19. You, my church family, have also encircled us with your love and many, many acts of kindness. We sincerely thank you.

Judy, Mike, Jodi, Madison and Grant Janzen

Peter and Katherine Goerzen will be taking the *Thinking Ethically* course at Great Plains Seminary on Tuesday evenings this semester.

New address: Sarah Klaassen
1723B 6th Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37208

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

Pastor Katherine

Gathering Prayer

* **Hymn No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Children's Moments

Worship in Giving Mennonite Church USA

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *Help me Sing through the Night*

Written and sung by Jack Mace

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

Scripture Reading Luke 9:18-27

Jana Harms

Message *How do we do discipleship?*

Some discipling ideas from Luke 9

- Praying in quiet places
- Receiving questions and offering affirmations and cautions
- Teaching humility, daily service and learning and living Jesus

* **Hymn No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Turpin (OK) Mennonite Church as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for Palmer Becker, on special assignment in September and October with MMN, during his teaching mission in Vietnam, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau. Palmer will present seminars on Anabaptist-related themes to pastors, church members and seminary classes.

2007-08 College Students

Bethel College - Daniel Klaassen, Megan Klaassen,
Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier

Hesston College - Tara Harms-Becker

Kansas State University - Andrew Lanzrath, Josh Patterson

Kansas University - Joel Balzer, Chelsea Vaught

Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina – Ashley Toews

McPherson College - Kristen Toews

Newman University – Sara Washburn

Nova University School of Optometry, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Vladimir Yevseyenkov

University of Virginia, Charlottesville – Mitchell Isaac

University of Wisconsin-Madison – Susan Gaeddert

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee
Sarah Klaassen

Wichita State University – Sarah Kauffman

Church Events

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service. Messengers S.S. class is in charge. Also this week at Wheat State: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – bingo.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at church.

Friday – Sunday Western District Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

Next Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Senior Fasha at Kidron Bethel Community Room. Theme: Most influential person in your life.

Monday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will begin the first meeting of the season on September 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Bernell Baldwin, author from Wichita, will be the speaker and share about the two novels she has written. "Ordination" is a novel based on her mother's life as a widowed women preacher set in the Dust Bowl in Western Kansas; and "Preacher Bill's Bats in the Belfry", which was published after the death of her husband "Preacher Bill" –the Rev. William J. Baldwin. He was a United Methodist minister and they lived in Newton many years. Devotions: Marge Harms, Hostess: Kaye Penner, Offering: Western District Women in Mission. All are invited to attend and bring friends.

September 23 Installation of Katherine Goerzen during worship
11:30 a.m. - carry-in meal
12:45 p.m. - Semi-annual Business Meeting

September 29 The youth are having a Progressive Supper on the evening of Saturday September 29! If you are interested in hosting a dinner course, please talk to or email Katherine Goerzen! Thanks!

October 23-25 Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning in North Newton.

Announcements

Calling all women! We will practice September 19 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. here at church in preparation for special music on September 30. All ages are welcome!!! If you have questions, contact Valerie Klaassen.

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month: condiments. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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

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: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Brittany Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Samantha Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Katherine Goerzen and Jana Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$2,506.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Et Cetera

Mennonite Central Committee Service Workers Linda Kusse-Wolfe and David Wolfe will present *Life with the Ayatollahs: Two MCCers Experience in Qom, Iran* at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E. 1st Street in Newton) on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. They will give an overview of life in Qom plus some Interfaith Bridgebuilding experiences. Light refreshments will follow the program.

DID YOU KNOW? More than 50% of personal bankruptcies are related to healthcare costs. **DID YOU KNOW?** Healthcare access and affordability is a moral issue: *Jesus said, "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."* (Matt. 25:34-36). Healthcare is a business issue: Productivity and public cost lost to under and un-insured is higher than basic coverage for the uninsured. Healthcare is an ethical question: A society may be judged by how well it cares for its weakest members. **DID YOU KNOW?** You have a voice! Find it at *Healthcare Summit: Finding Our Voice* on Saturday, September 15 at Hoffnugsau Mennonite Church. For more information and/or to register check the church bulletin board or go to www.viewofhope.org or call 620-585-6733. Registration deadline is September 2.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 15, 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 water projects in Africa and Asia. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles respectively, as well as a family ride of short duration, are planned.

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 or go to www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php. Registration deadline is September 5.

Gather 'Round Refresher Workshop A Gather 'Round Refresher Workshop will be held at First Mennonite, Halstead, on Sunday September 23, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. This will be an interactive training session on the Gather 'Round curriculum led by WDC Minister of Christian Nurture Marlene Bogard. This can serve as an introduction for those who are new to the curriculum or as a refresher. Bring your Fall, 2007 Gather 'Round curriculum. Register by calling WDC offices, 316-283-6300 or emailing wdc@mennowdc.org. Cost: \$5.00 / person.

Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, is hosting a seminar, Communication Skills to Enhance Personal, Family and Congregational Life, conducted by Dr. Nate Regier, Vice President, Prairie View Process Solutions, on September 29. This seminar is modeled on the Process Communication Model, which Prairie View has used in a variety of settings, including churches and businesses. The cost of participating in the seminar at Zion is \$60.00, which includes the fee for completing the online personality profile and lunch. (Prairie View charges up to \$275.00 to participate in similar seminars.) This seminar is open to anyone who has an interest in enhancing their communication skills, whether for personal, family or congregational life. Please contact Bruce Bradshaw by September 7 to register; brochures are available in the foyer.

2007 Camp Mennoscah Family Camp/Mennofolk will take place in the cool of the fall from Friday, October 12 to Sunday, October 14. Activities will include music, dancing, games, crafts, campfire, worship, and all sorts of outdoor fun. If you would like to attend, please pre-register by September 28. To register or find more information please contact the camp office or look for the family camp flyer on the bulletin board.

Floods are affecting millions of people in Bangladesh, Nepal and India, destroying homes and crops and claiming hundreds of lives. Mennonite Central Committee is responding with \$250,000 in aid for people harmed by the flooding. However, MCC needs an additional \$129,000 to help farmers and communities recover and mitigate future floods. Your contributions are needed now. Contributions should be designated "South Asia Flood Response" and can be made at any MCC office or online at mcc.org/donate.

The Harvey County Historical Museum and Archives is planning a photographic exhibit of area churches in 2008. They would like assistance from each of the churches to collect items and pictures to include in their exhibit. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Doreen Harms. There is a copy of a letter from the museum with more information posted on the bulletin board.

The Vision 2012 Campaign for Western District Conference including Camp Mennoscah has reached over \$600,000 which is more than one third of the \$1,500,000 project. Posted on the church bulletin board is a list of contributions from all the WDC churches, we suggest you scan this list and compare Grace Hill to the other churches.

2007 – 2008 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Early Childhood: Pre-kindergarten, Location: Room 6
Teachers: Jon Jantz, Nancy Schmidt
Helpers: Sue Ann Jantz, Joyce Wedel
Students: Quinn Dove, Elizabeth Enns, Sara Enns,
Lily Hilgenfeld, Elise Jantz, Alex Martin, Joshua Ulbrich

Primary: Grades Kindergarten – 2nd, Location: Room 5
Teachers: Katherine Claassen, Bonita Schroeder
Students: Alia Enns, Brandi Enns, Jacob Hilgenfeld,
Brayden Old, Bethany Regehr, Shelby Ulbrich

Middler & Junior Youth I: Grades 3rd & 6th, Location: Room 7
Teachers: Kris Goossen, Curt Regehr
Helpers: Carl Goossen, Kathy Balzer
Students: Carine Claassen, Rachelle Claassen, Carson Dove,
Lucas Goossen, Paul Goossen, Renata Goossen, Sara Harms,
Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Grant Litton-Ulbrich,
Kadie Martin, Meghan Nipper, Eli Schmidt, Kylee Schunn

Junior Youth II: Grades 7th & 8th, Location: Room 3
Teachers: Peter Goerzen, Sara Martin
Students: Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Ashley Guhr,
Brett Harms, Steven Harms, Matthew Hiebert,
Mikayla Hiebert, David Jantz, Paul Janzen,
Elizabeth Martin, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier

High School Location: Youth Room
Teachers: Lisa Harms, Diana Schunn, Pastor Katherine Goerzen
Students: Emily Burch, Brittany Claassen, Camille Claassen,
Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen, Samantha Claassen,
Jana Harms, Laura Harms, Philip Harms, Cory Hiebert, Grant Hill,
Maria Jantz, David Janzen, Emily, Klassen, Ashley Newingham,
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