

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 4, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Jason Peters

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Renae Peters

Sunday School Promotion

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.

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.

Call to Worship

*** Gathering Prayer**

- * Gathering Hymn No. 48** *All Creatures Of Our God And King*
Verses 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7

A Commitment of our Offerings Mennonite Church USA

Commissioning of Mennonite Voluntary Service Worker, Jill Schmidt

Jill will be serving at Americus, Georgia in family services and as office assistant for New Horizons Habitat for Humanity affiliate. This is a one year commitment. She will be leaving September 12 for orientation at Camp Mennohah and flying to Americus on September 16.

Word to the Congregation - Pastor Jim

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Sharing by Jill

Words of Commissioning by the congregation Hymnal No. 796

- * Hymn No. 589** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Jill Schmidt, Jason and Renae Peters

Rutter

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-20 Reader: Jeanne Schmidt

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

Sermon *Knowing the Presence of God*

- * Hymn No. 395** *Here I Am, Lord*

Junior Sunday School Promotion Service

Honoring our Teachers

Kris Goossen

Introduction of Teachers and Students for 2005-2006

Teachers and Children: Please come forward as your name is called and stand with your class

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Pastor Jim

During the Sending Hymn the children and their teachers are dismissed to their classes.

- * Sending Hymn** *Benediction* Patricia J. Shelly

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,
Secure in God's Word, seeking God's face,
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

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

Hurricane Katrina Prayers and Special Offering. As you continue to pray for the people of New Orleans and the communities and states of Louisiana and Mississippi devastated by the hurricane last Monday the congregation is invited to participate in a *special offering* next Sunday for Mennonite Disaster Service. This is in addition to our regular scheduled offering for Local Church Missions.

Youth Group News The youth group has recently undergone some structural change. We have designed a youth council and leadership team created to give the youth more ownership in the group. Please pray for our new teams and leaders that this year may go smoothly. **Also**, the youth group is currently searching for new youth sponsors. Rob and Diana Schunn have stepped down after several years of service. Please pray that God will call new leaders for this coming year.

It's Football season again and that means 5th Quarter. Our first one will be Friday, September 9 after the Remington football game. A sign up sheet will be coming around during Sunday School. We pray for continued support to make these events as successful as last year.

Western District Conference: Pray for Christian educators and learners of all ages that Jesus Christ will be taught, believed, and followed. Also pray that congregations catch the vision for making their congregations a Safe Sanctuary for all who attend by writing and implementing sexual abuse prevention policies.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN associates Disa and Tom Rutschman and volunteer Heidi Kalous in Jokkmokk, Sweden, as they host students from Spain in a school exchange the first week of September. In addition to practicing languages, pray that the Spanish and Swedish young people will bridge the cultural differences and benefit spiritually.

New address: Chad and Laurie Dove and family
2000 Windsor Creek Ct., Valley Center, KS 67147
Phone: 316-201-1053

Church Events

Today the youth group will be painting and decorating the new high school youth room in the basement.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. 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! Contact Marge Harms, Katherine Claassen or Tammy Regehr with questions.

Friday – Sunday Mennonite Women & Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. Retreat theme: Nurturing Relationships; Keynote speaker: Kathryn Damiano; Music: Cousins Four. See the flyer on the bulletin board and registration forms in the foyer.

Next Sunday at noon – 2:00 p.m. The mentors and mentees will meet for fun and fellowship and a pizza lunch in the Grace Hill Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$3.00 to contribute for the lunch.

Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Program: Work projects at MCC Center & conference reports; Devotions: Doreen Harms; Hostess: Joyce Stuart; Financial Project: MCC.

September 18 “*Safe Sanctuaries Training*” at Grace Hill. A noon all church carry-in dinner will be held 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.

September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Semi-annual Business Meeting at church.

September 28 Our Wednesday evening activities will begin Wednesday September 28 at 6:30 p.m. with an all church wiener roast. Wednesday evening activities will continue through April 2006. See the insert for more details.

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

Items are still needed for school kits for Mennonite Central Committee. The Junior Youth Group will be making and taking school kit supplies to MCC this fall. Please see the display in the foyer of the church for needed items.

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: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Nursery Next Sunday: Carol Claassen (Olin) and Brittany Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Karen Loucks

Special Music Next Sunday: Vada Snider

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,364.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

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Announcements

Et Cetera

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, 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 cisterns for families in Brazil. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles will accommodate the novice as well as the experienced rider.

Preschoolers, ages 3-5, are invited to register for Story Time at the Conference Resource Library in North Newton. The first session is Wednesday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m. Susan Nafziger and Blanche Spaulding will share the responsibilities of Story Time. Registration can take place by calling either Pat or Marlene at 283-6300.

The M-2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers September 22, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can provide the impetus for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. Applicants awaiting a friend presently number around 80. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact Gary Isaac at OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information by September 12. You may also email at isaac.ovm@southwind.net.

The Art of Worship Planning with Marlene Kroph will be held at Zion Mennonite Church on Saturday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will help enhance your efforts at planning worship services and explore the biblical shape of worship as it is expressed in creative ways from week to week. Cost is \$25 per person or a group rate (six or more) of \$100 plus \$7.50 per person. Please register by September 12. Contact Pastor Jim for more information or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

“Working for Peace through Forgiveness” is the title of a series of presentations by Michael Berg, father of Nicholas Berg who was the first victim of beheading in Iraq. One of the ways he has coped with this personal tragedy is by traveling around the country giving speeches, telling his own story and participating in pro-peace rallies and demonstrations. He will be in Newton and Wichita the weekend of October 13-16. You can pick up a copy of the events planned from the bulletin board.

2005 – 2006 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Early Childhood: Pre-kindergarten, Location: Room 6
Teachers: Dean & Rita Patterson, Barbara Voth, Joyce Wedel
Students: Quinn Dove, Elise Jantz, Bethany Regehr

Primary: Grades Kindergarten – 2nd grade, Location: Room 8
Teachers: Carol Claassen (Kendall), Penny Hiebert, Cheryl Klassen
Students: Carine Claassen, Carson Dove,
Renata Goossen, Jacob Hilgenfeld, Grant Litton-Ulbrich,
Brayden Olds, Sarai Stamps, Shelby Ulbrich

Middler: Grades 3rd & 4th, Location: Room 5
Teachers: Curt Regehr, Royce and Sharon Schmidt
Students: Rachele Claassen, Lucas Goossen, Paul Goossen,
Sara Harms, Emma Hilgenfeld, Hunter Hill, Kadie Martin,
Meghan Nipper, Eli Schmidt, Noah Schmidt,
Kylee Schunn, Jayce Yoder

Junior Youth I: Grades 5th & 6th, Location: Room 4
Teachers: Kris Goossen, Bonita Schroeder
Students: Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Ashley Guhr,
Brett Harms, Steven Harms, Matthew Hiebert,
Mikayla Hiebert, David Jantz, Elizabeth Martin,
Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Jevin Yoder

Junior Youth II: Grades 7th & 8th, Location: Room 3
Teachers: Carl Goossen, Jon and Sue Ann Jantz
Students: Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen,
Samantha Claassen, Laura Harms, Philip Harms,
Maria Jantz, Emily Klassen, Melinda Regehr,
Katie Regier, Casey Schunn

High School Location: Youth Room
Teachers: Pastor Brett Klingenberg and others
Students: Emily Burch, Camille Claassen, Jana Harms,
Tara Harms-Becker, Cory Hiebert, Grant Hill, Daniel Klaassen,
Justin Klassen, Ashley Newingham, Amanda Regehr,
Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier