

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 5, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

## Sunday School Promotion Sunday

### Prelude

\* **Congregational Call to Worship** Hymnal No. 662

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 8** *Brethren, We Have Met To Worship*

### 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** Mennonite Church USA

\* **Hymn No. 389** *Take My Life*

### Sharing and Congregational Prayer

**Special Music** Chelsea Vaught

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Pew Bible Page 1128  
Reader: Marge Harms

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

**Message** *The Church – Alive in the World*

\* **Hymn No. 311** *The Church's One Foundation*

### Junior Sunday School Promotion Service

**Honoring our Teachers** Kris Goossen  
**Introduction of Teachers and Students for 2004-2005**

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

**Presentation of Bible to First Graders** Pastor Jim  
Carine Claassen Grant Litton-Ulbrich

**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

The installation and credentialing service of Brett Klingenberg as our youth pastor will be Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 during worship. Rev. Floyd Born will bring the message and Rev. Dorothy Nickel Friesen will lead the installation and credentialing service. Following Sunday school there will be a noon meal to honor Brett.

The Youth are attending Fall Holiday at Camp Mennoscah this weekend. Youth and adults attending are Emily Burch, Camille Claassen, Cory Hiebert, Daniel Klaassen, Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier, Enrique Urbina, Brett Klingenberg and Rob and Diana Schunn.

**New addresses:**

Rachel Balzer  
2201 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St.  
Apt. 103E  
Lawrence, KS 66047  
[rachel05@ku.edu](mailto:rachel05@ku.edu)

Joel Balzer  
Oliver Hall #642  
1815 Naismith Dr.  
Lawrence, KS 66045-4098  
[juniej@ku.edu](mailto:junie@ku.edu)

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the many volunteers who sing, pray, teach, sponsor and mentor youth, and give financially to our WDC congregations.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Amaris and Juan Sieber, from Argentina, ask for prayer as they share the mission vision of the congregations in the Patagonia region of Argentina with their partner in Illinois, Arm in Arm, in ways that help focus missional work in Illinois.

**From the Pastor's Office.** With the addition of Brett Klingenberg as our youth pastor we would like to update the congregation on the current office hours schedule.

**Pastor Jim:** In the office at the church: Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning staff meeting 10:30 a.m.  
Office in the home: Wednesday – Friday morning and some afternoons  
Cell phone: 316-655-2811  
Email: [jvoth@cox.net](mailto:jvoth@cox.net)  
Weekday off: Monday

**Pastor Brett:** Office at the church: Monday – Thursday morning and some afternoons  
Cell phone: 316-772-6267  
Email: [brett\\_210@hotmail.com](mailto:brett_210@hotmail.com)  
Weekday off: Friday

**Church Events**

**Today at noon** Worship Council will meet at the home of Valerie Klaassen.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Musical Practice

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship is starting off the new season with their first meeting at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Center, North Newton on Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. The evening will be spent working on MCC projects. Devotions: Jean Isaac; Hostess: Jo Frye; Financial Project: Blanket for MCC-Sudan or cash.

**September 19** Installation Service for Brett Klingenberg. Noon meal.

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

**Sunday, October 3 at noon** Lunch and dress rehearsal for the children's musical.

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

**October 6** Wednesday evening programming begins October 6 at 6:30 p.m. with an all church wiener roast at the church. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

**October 10** Children's Musical and meal.

**October 23 & 24** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

**Blankets For Sudan (Mennonite Central Committee)** are the September project for Hands of Friendship. Single/full size medium weight blankets (72" x 90"). Bring to the church foyer. See bulletin board for further information. All are welcome to contribute.

**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:** Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

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

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Ushers Today:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Central Committee \$961.60

Mike & Teresa Sherrill \$961.60

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

*Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: [jvoth@cox.net](mailto:jvoth@cox.net)*

***Pastor Jim is at the church office on Tuesday mornings.***

*Pastor's Cell Phone (in case of emergency) 1-316-655-2811*

*Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1-888-516-8474*

*Secretary's E-mail: [kimdebc@wheatstate.com](mailto:kimdebc@wheatstate.com)*

*Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>*

**Announcements**

**Et Cetera**

**The M2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers September 9, 2004, 6:30 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M2 is an in-prison friendship program that seeks to help inmates make the necessary life changes to become successful when they are released. Most of the inmates in M2 receive no other visits than those of their M2 friend. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact Gary Isaac at OVM (316-283-2038) for more information.

**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.

**The MCC Flatlander is this Saturday, September 11.** Come ride with Pastor Jim and some 75 others pedaling for Mennonite Central Committee. This year's goal is \$5,300 to be used to cap springs in Haiti's Bwadlorens region. Each cap keeps water available for personal use by preventing contamination. If you'd like to participate with a donation please see Pastor Jim. Informational brochures are available in the foyer.

**Mennonite Singles Group** will meet Saturday, September 11, at First Mennonite Brethren Church, 8000 W. 21st Street, Wichita, at 7:00 p.m. If you are single or single again, 30 to mid 50's, join us at the praise and worship service, then to Jared's for fun, food, and fellowship. Bring a snack and drink to share. For more information, contact Jonathan Ensz at 620-367-4627, or Karen Hostetler at 316-722-0506, or email Karen at [mennings606@yahoo.com](mailto:mennings606@yahoo.com)

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, September 12, 3:30-4:30.** "The Kauffman Museum Prairie Reconstruction: How Do You Make Nature Hurry Up?" Dr. Dwight Platt, professor emeritus of biology at Bethel College, and Lorna Harder, biology and computer instructor at Hesston College, will review the history of the museum's prairie reconstruction and discuss how nature assembles a prairie plant community. Kamala Platt will briefly read prairie poetry prior to the lecture. The poetry and lecture will be preceded by the Kauffman Museum annual meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. Both events are open to the public, free and will be held at Kauffman Museum at 27th and North Main in North Newton; call 316-283-1612 with questions.

**On Sunday September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Tom and Lois Harder,** co-pastors at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, will present a concert of sacred, secular, folk, jazz and classical music at Shalom Mennonite

Church. Funds raised through a free-will offering will be used to purchase "wish list" items not included in the church's recent building project, such as round tables for the fellowship hall and landscaping. A reception will be held after the concert. Nursery care will be provided for children age three and under. The church is located at 800 East First in Newton.

**In celebration of National Assisted Living Week,** Kidron Bethel Village Assisted Living staff and residents are hosting an Open House and Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 14, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., at 3056 Ivy Court.

**Preschoolers, ages 3-5,** are invited to register for Story Time at the Conference Resource Library in North Newton. The first session is on Wednesday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to once again having Susan Nafziger and Blanche Spaulding sharing the role of storyteller. Pre-registration can take place by calling Pat or Marlene at 283-6300.

**Alumni and friends of Bethel College** are invited to the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, September 18, at Hesston Golf Park. The tournament is a fund-raiser for Bethel College. Activities begin at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 (includes lunch, green fees, cart). To register contact the alumni office at 316-284-5251, [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu) or see the flyer in the foyer. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 8. Come play golf for Bethel!

**Work and Play Camp will be September 19-23 at Camp Mennoscah.** A camp designed for those 60 years and above to do service projects around the camp along with times of Bible study and fun. Registration will be September 19 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. with the first meal at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Camp closes on Thursday after lunch. Fees are \$3.00 per person/per meal (12 meals total). No charges for lodging in main camp. Donations for lodging in Retreat Center. Please register by September 7. Any questions contact Merrill Harms.

## Et Cetera

**Tame a wild beast. Ask good questions.** Pray new ways. Win a prize. Pitch a tent. Learn innovative things. Eat lunch. Meet an author. Make

friends. Praise the Lord. It's All Good! Attend Jumpstart, September 25 at the Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Talk to Roberta Harms for registration forms. Deadline September 14.

**This year's Newton Area CROP Walk** is Sunday, September 26 with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the walk beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, First and Main, Newton. Come and join Pastor Jim and Barb and walk for MCC. If you'd like a Cropwalker Envelope on which to sign up sponsors you may find them in the foyer. If you'd like to participate with a donation see Pastor Jim or Barb Voth.

**Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity for service?** Community Playschool is seeking volunteer teacher helpers willing to commit to a school year for one or two mornings a week. This program provides a preschool experience for children of families with limited resources or special needs. Please carefully consider accepting this rewarding experience for yourself. For more information call 283-3667 (mornings), or Bonnie Krehbiel 284-2449 or Jeanette Leary 282-2631 (afternoons and evenings).

Bethany Regehr, Sarai Stamps, Shelby Ulbrich,  
Clara Wade, Samuel Wade

**Primary: Grades Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**, Location: Room 8  
Teachers: Carol Claassen (Kendall), Cheryl Klassen  
Students: Carine Claassen, Carson Dove, Paul Goossen,  
Renata Goossen, Alyssa Howard, Grant Litton-Ulbrich, Kadie Martin,  
Meghan Nipper, Noah Schmidt, Emma Wade, Jayce Yoder

**Middler: Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**, Location: Room 5  
Teachers: Curt Regehr, Diana Schunn  
Students: Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Rachelle Claassen,  
Lucas Goossen, Sara Harms, Steven Harms, Emma Hilgenfeld,  
David Jantz, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Eli Schmidt,  
Kylee Schunn, Jevin Yoder

**Junior Youth I: Grades 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**, Location: Room 4  
Teachers: Penny Hiebert, Bonita Schroeder  
Students: Samantha Claassen, Mariah Dove, Ashley Guhr,  
Brett Harms, Matthew Hiebert, Mikayla Hiebert, Maria Jantz,  
Elizabeth Martin, Melinda Regehr, Amber Ulbrich

**Junior Youth II: Grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**, Location: Room 7  
Teachers: Katherine Claassen, Carl Goossen  
Students: Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen,  
Laura Harms, Philip Harms, Emily Klassen, Amanda Regehr,  
Katie Regier, Casey Schunn, Daniel Ulbrich

**High School** Location: Youth Room  
Students: Emily Burch, Camille Claassen, Jana Harms, Cory Hiebert,  
Michael Kauffman, Daniel Klaassen, Justin Klassen, Caleb Regehr,  
Matthew Regier, Elvia Urbina, Enrique Urbina

## 2004 – 2005 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

**Early Childhood: 2-4 year olds**, Location: Room 6  
Teachers: Dean & Rita Patterson, Barbara Voth, Joyce Wedel  
Students: Quinn Dove, Jacob Hilgenfeld, Brayden Olds,