

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 7, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Suzy Burch

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

Katie Regier

Leader: God our deliverer,
we remember how, by your loving hand,
You led the sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah
through the deep waters from bondage to freedom
and marked them a holy people
through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

**People: We rejoice that in the fullness of time
You gave us Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph
Your beloved Son, our Lord and Christ.**

Leader: We remember John baptizing him in the water of the Jordan,
the Spirit descending upon him like a dove,
and the offering of himself to free us from sin and death
and to lead us to everlasting life.

**People: We thank you that by the washing with water
and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
we are baptized into the covenant of your grace,
made one with Christ and his church,
and commissioned to show forth
his love in word and deed.**

Leader: Once we were no people!

People: Now we are God's people!

**All: Blessing and honor and glory and power
be unto our God forever and ever!**

Invocation

Josh Toews

* **Hymn No. 521** *Come, thou fount* chosen by Laura Harms

Offering Mennonite Church USA Philip Harms

* **Hymn No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness* chosen by Amanda Regehr

Sharing and Prayer Grant Hill

Children's Moments Brittany Claassen and Emily Toews

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 19 David Janzen

Sharing of Faith Stories by Baptismal Candidates

David Janzen Emily Klassen Grant Hill Amanda Regehr
Philip Harms Katie Regier Laura Harms Casey Schunn
Courtney Claassen Emily Toews Cody Claassen
Curtis Toews Brittany Claassen Josh Toews

* **Hymn No. 395** *Here I am, Lord* chosen by Emily Klassen
Baptismal candidates will sing verses;
congregation please sing refrain

* **Benediction** Curtis Toews

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

Presentation of Bible to First Graders
Quinn Dove Brandi Enns Paige Frye

Prayer of Dedication Pastor Jim

* **Sending Hymn No. 427** *You shall go out with joy*
chosen by Cody Claassen

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

Pews are reserved in the center sections this morning for the parents,
family and friends of the baptismal candidates.

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!**

Along with returning to our regular adult Sunday school classes today an **8 session elective class** will be offered on the subject of disciple-making using the book More Ready Than You Realize: The Power of Everyday Conversations by Brian D. McLaren. Disciple-making as conversation, friendship, influence, invitation, companionship, challenge, opportunity, dance and as something you get to do. For those who are interested in this class please gather with Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour.

For Sharing and Prayer

September 7 Worship: Today our fourteen baptismal candidates will share their faith stories. Worship leaders are members of the baptismal class.

September 14 Baptism Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. Leave for Camp Mennoscah

1:15 p.m. Baptism and Communion at Camp Mennoscah.

Worship leaders: Members of the baptismal class

Those being baptized in the morning service are Brittany Claassen, Courtney Claassen, Laura Harms, Grant Hill, and Katie Regier.

Those being baptized at Camp Mennoscah are Cody Claassen, Philip Harms, David Janzen, Emily Klassen, Amanda Regehr, Casey Schunn, Curtis Toews, Emily Toews and Josh Toews.

Western District Conference: Pray that teachers, pastors and those involved with congregational Christian nurture will be inspired and energized at “Jumpstart” on Saturday (13th). Also give thanks for Faith Mennonite Church, Newton as it celebrates its 50th anniversary this weekend.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Cesar Moya and Patricia Uruena request prayer for strong committed leadership in the Quito Mennonite Church, Ecuador.

Some information about the baptism service at Camp Mennoscah next Sunday, September 14

- The baptism will take place along the east side of the river near the deck just below the dam. The deck is handicapped accessible and handles about 20 people. We will have persons providing assistance to the deck as well as to the shelter following the baptism. You may wish to bring a lawn chair.
- For all others the best place to view the baptisms is in the river. There is a large generally smooth solid rock surface with 4-6 inches of slow moving water. Old tennis shoes, sneakers or sandals are suggested. (Rubber boots might even work well!)
- Immediately following the baptisms we will gather in a circle in the shelter next to the dining hall for communion and an informal time for the congregation to greet the fourteen newly baptized persons.
- All who go into the river are encouraged to rinse their feet and shoes at the well east of the dining hall. Please do so following the communion service.
- Camp policy is that no one is permitted in the dining hall after having been in the river without showering, rinsing off and dry clothes and shoes. Therefore we request that no one enter the dining hall.
- Restrooms on the north end of the dining hall facility may be used only by accessing them through the east door.
- Restrooms in the boy's bathhouse will also be available for use.
- Please be mindful that other activities are going on at the camp during our time there.
- If you have questions please see Pastor Jim, Pastor Katherine or Diana Schunn.
- Directions to Camp Mennoscah will be included in the Baptism Sunday bulletin.

The Social Council is preparing to serve brunch to the congregation and visitors next 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. Please sign the list in the foyer. Our menu will be egg casserole, sweet rolls, cheese, and fruit salad.

Church Events

Today at 4:30 p.m. The Spiritual Council invites all church members and spouses ages 65 and over to Faspa in the Kidron Bethel Community Room. This year's theme is "Holiday Memories."

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Work projects: school kits, tie comforts, etc.; Devotions: Elva Unruh; Hostess: Elaine Patterson; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

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

Friday 5th Quarter: On Friday, September 12, we will have a 5th Quarter after the Remington home football game at Doug and Katherine Claassen's. All High School youth are invited! During Sunday School, there will be a sign-up sheet for food items.

Monday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Kick-Off – All church wiener roast at the church.

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

October 18-19 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

Announcements

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) needs Relief Kits. If you would like to contribute to these kits a basket has been placed in the foyer. A shopping list of items is available by the basket and for your shopping convenience most of the items are available at the Dollar Store. If you prefer to give a cash donation make checks payable to Hand of Friendship. The deadline is the end of September.

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

Et Cetera

Harvey County Homeless Shelter Volunteer Training and Information Sessions: Tuesday, September 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Questions, please call Christa at 284-4205 or hchomeless_shelter@yahoo.com.

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College begins again on September 10. See the brochures on the bulletin board for the program schedule.

Jumpstart, sponsored by WDC Resource Commission, is just around the corner - on Saturday, September 13 at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. This year we are compacting this event to just a half a day. Hear about resources. Participate in sharing, networking and brainstorming. Be blessed with a freebie. Get equipped for a new year of Christian education. Learn from folks who are teachers and pastors. If you have questions, call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

Everyone is invited to attend the dedication and open house for the Camp Mennoscah Director's home, Murdock, KS, on September 14, 4 p.m. Stay for fellowship and fasma (refreshments)!

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is offering orientation for new volunteers on several dates in September and October at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. These dates are September 16, 18 and October 14 and 16. All trainings are from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. More than 50 men are waiting to be matched. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information several days prior to the intended training so that clearances may be obtained for admission to training. You may also email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

The annual Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on September 20 originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mexico. Informational brochures are available in the foyer. Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned.

Jan Garrett and JD Martin (Hesston College alumnus) workshop *The Heart of Harmony: Living on the Creative Edge*, 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). A 7:30 p.m. concert in the church sanctuary features Jan & JD playing their original songs. Advance tickets are \$12 (\$15 at the door). Group discounts available. See flyer on bulletin board or contact Hesston Mennonite Church (620-327-4885 or e-mail: hesstonmc@hesstonmc.org). JD Martin, also known as Jerry Derstine, is the writer of *Unity* (Jesus Help Us Live in Peace) and *Jesus, Rock of Ages* (the latter is found in Hymnal: A Worship Book).

CROP Walk for hunger relief around the world and in our community will be Sunday afternoon September 28 in Newton. Contact Marlin Lichti for pledge forms and further information.

Camp Mennoscah—Lose something? Many of our visitors at Camp Mennoscah leave a bit of themselves behind. We have lost items ranging from tee shirts to flashlights to even a set of keys! This is your last chance to claim many of these items. We will be sorting through items and most of them will find new homes at the Etc. Shop in Newton. September 14 is the deadline for claiming lost items. Please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org if you think you've left something behind.

A car will be driven to Hopi Mission School leaving the Newton area on September 17. If you have Campbell's labels or Boxtops for Education designated for the school, they can be taken to the Western District Conference office in North Newton, by September 16 for free delivery to the school.

Nursery This Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin
Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Brittany Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Amanda and Bethany Regehr
Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$1,377.25
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

2008 – 2009 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Early Childhood: Pre-kindergarten, Location: Room 5

Teachers: Deb Regier, Theresa Toews

Helpers: Elaine Patterson, Joyce Wedel

Students: Lexi Enns, Lizzi Enns, Sara Enns, Taylor Frye,
Eva Hilgenfeld, Lily Hilgenfeld

Primary: Grades Kindergarten – 2nd, Location: Room 4

Teachers: Carol Claassen, Katherine Claassen

Students: Quinn Dove, Alia Enns, Brandi Enns,
Paige Frye, Elise Jantz, Bethany Regehr

Middler & Junior Youth I: Grades 3rd & 6th, Location: Room 7

Teachers: Carl & Kris Goossen, Curt Regehr

Students: Carine Claassen, Carson Dove,
Paul Goossen, Renata Goossen, Jacob Hilgenfeld,
Kadie Martin, Meghan Nipper, Brayden Old

Junior Youth II: Grades 7th & 8th, Location: Room 3

Teachers: Peter Goerzen, Russ & Kris Janzen

Students: Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Rachelle Claassen,
Lucas Goossen, Sara Harms, Steven Harms, Emma Hilgenfeld,
David Jantz, Paul Janzen, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier,
Eli Schmidt, Kylee Schunn

High School Location: Youth Room

Teachers: Doug Claassen, Lisa Harms, Jeff Toews

Students: Brittany Claassen, Cody Claassen, Courtney Claassen,
Samantha Claassen, Ashley Guhr, Brett Harms, Laura Harms,
Philip Harms, Matthew Hiebert, Mikayla Hiebert, Grant Hill,
Maria Jantz, David Janzen, Emily Klassen, Elizabeth Martin,
Ashley Newingham, Amanda Regehr, Melinda Regehr,
Katie Regier, Casey Schunn, Josh Toews,
Curtis Toews, Emily Toews

2008-09 College Students

Bethel College – Camille Claassen, Daniel Klaassen,
Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier

Butler Community College – Emily Burch, Kristen Toews

Hesston College – Cory Hiebert

Kansas State University - Andrew Lanzrath, Josh Patterson

Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina – Ashley Toews

Wichita State University – Jana Harms

Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina – Jason Schmidt

Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia –
Brett Klingenberg

Eastern Mennonite University – Cassie Klingenberg

Kansas University - Chelsea Vaught

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

University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law –
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