

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 10, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Benediction

* **Benediction Hymn No. 433** *Go, my children*

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

Pastor Brett is on vacation today through Monday, September 11.

Western District Conference: Pray for the AMBS Seminario Biblico Anabautista in Texas that God will bless the professor Juan Driver and the students in the first class of the program for Spanish-speaking pastors.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the DEO (Discipleship, Encounter, Outreach) participants as they begin phase two – Encounter – and serve with social service agencies in Denver and Phoenix.

2006-07 College Students

Bethel College – Megan Klaassen, Chelsea Vaught

Hesston College – Michael Kauffman

Kansas State University – Andy Lanzrath,

Kansas University – Joel Balzer

Newman University – Sara Washburn

Nova University School of Optometry, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

- Vladimir Yevseyenkov

University of Wisconsin-Madison – Susan Gaeddert

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

– Sarah Klaassen

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center,

Winston-Salem, NC – Mitchell Isaac

Wichita State University – Sarah Kauffman

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.

* **Congregational Call to Worship** Hymnal No. 659

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Hymn No. 99** *We praise thee, O God*

Offering Local Church Missions

Gospel Reading Mark 7:24-30 Reader: Pastor Jim

Prayers for Healing, Forgiveness, Acceptance and Release

* **Hymn Response No. 372** *O healing river*

Sharing and Prayers of Intercession

Hymnal No. 759

Hymn No. 11 *Sweet hour of prayer*

Scripture Reading Psalm 146 Reader: Tim Harms

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

Sermon *We praise who we trust*

* **Hymn No. 76** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

Church Events

Today at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Seekers S.S. Class is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

Monday School Kits and Banana Splits All ladies and Junior Youth are invited to sew and fill school kits for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) at the regular meeting of Hands of Friendship on Monday, September 11, between 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bring sewing machines, sergers, cutting mats, rotary cutters and rulers. Fabric is still needed. Devotions: Carol Claassen; Financial Projects: Western District Women in Missions, Camp Mennoscah and MCC School Kits. Supplies for the school kits are being collected in the foyer. Lists of needed supplies are on the table or at www.mcc.org/kits/school. The evening will conclude with banana splits provided by the junior youth.

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

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Sunday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Semi-annual Business Meeting at church.

Wednesday, September 27 marks the beginning of our Wednesday evening church activities with a wiener roast at 6:30 p.m. See colored insert for details.

October 21-22 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

September 16-17 Milford Lake Camping and Boating Trip

September 23 Whitewater Youth Rally

Announcements

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

Spiritual Council was asked to make a picture board to display pictures of our church family. The board has been mounted in the foyer. In the near future, digital pictures will be taken. More information to follow.

College Students: If you are interested in receiving *The Mennonite* during the 2006-07 school year, please contact Debbie Claassen by September 20.

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: Diana Schunn and Deb Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Elizabeth Martin

Special Music Next Sunday: Tim and Eli Schmidt

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,437.06
Mennonite Missions Network \$200.00

Offering Next Sunday: Youth Group Missions

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Airing on NBC-TV: Hunger No More: Faces Behind the Facts, produced by Mennonite Media, is being rebroadcast beginning Sunday, September 10 at the discretion of local NBC affiliates in their faith series, "Horizons of the Spirit." Featuring Former Senator George McGovern and Senator Elizabeth Dole, the documentary shows an updated look at hunger in the U.S. and internationally and how changes in public policy can help end hunger. See: <http://www.mennomedia.org/hunger/>. If you can't view the program in your area, order on DVD or VHS from Mennonite Media at 800-999-3534.

Meet a traditional weaver from Laos at Ten Thousand Villages! On Monday, September 11, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., experience a different part of the world firsthand at Ten Thousand Villages, 625 N. Main, Newton. Kommaly Chanthavong, who works with Laotian artisans creating fairly traded exquisite silk textiles, will demonstrate traditional Laotian weaving techniques. She is making this incredible journey to share her talents and culture with customers like you. Visit our store to meet Kommaly and learn more about traditional Laotian weaving.

On September 11, 2006, Peace Connections encourages you to remember the 5th year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as, celebrate the 100th year anniversary of collective nonviolent action. On Sept. 11, 1906, in South Africa, the Indian nonviolent movement was born through the work of Gandhi. To commemorate both of these significant events, Peace Connections invites you to attend the screening of the movie *Gandhi* at 612 N. Main, Newton, at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments provided. A short time for discussion will follow. Free & open to all. Call 284-0000 for more information.

Need to get away and play... Come join us for the annual Work and Play Camp September 17-21 at Camp Mennoscah. For more information or to register, see the flyer in the foyer or contact Joyce at Camp Mennoscah 620-297-3290 or email: campmno@mennowdc.org.

Et Cetera

Jumpstart is coming - Saturday, September 23 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel. Experience fun, hands-on learning, networking and worship with dozens of other youth workers and Christian educators. Early registration deadline is September 12. Questions? Call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

The Legacy Quartet will be in concert September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite, Newton; September 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Eden Mennonite, Moundridge; and September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite, Pretty Prairie. Legacy Quartet members are Norm Huxman, Ryan Reazin, Steve Taylor, Mitch Rogge, and Lance Garrett. From its inception in 1981, Legacy Quartet has maintained its style in the Southern Gospel tradition. Their goal is that through their singing ministry, people will be uplifted, encouraged, entertained and most importantly, brought to a point of decision to serve Christ. For more information go to www.legacyquartet.com.

Ice Cream Come-and-Go Social Get the scoop on what's happening at Mennonite Central Committee at the Ice Cream Come-and-Go Social Sunday, September 24 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton (2100 N. Anderson), hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC. Come for a bowl of ice cream and lots of yummy toppings, plus you will have the opportunity to informally learn about the latest happenings of MCC! All are welcome!

Worship planners: plan to attend the Western District Conference Advent Planner at Shalom Mennonite, Newton, on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Receive resourcing on how to plan for the upcoming Advent, Christmas and Epiphany worship season straight from the writers and creators of the 2006 materials as found in the Fall Leader. No registration needed, bring your Fall 2006 Leader. For more info, contact Melanie Zuercher, 316-284-5247.

Mark your calendar for the October 9 seminar on *What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty* with author of this book, Bill Ehlig. The seminar will be held at Chisholm Middle School in Newton from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The agenda will focus on the following topics: "When Poverty Knocks, How Do You Answer?" "What Makes for Poverty?" and "Our Local Potential to Help". Cost is \$25 and includes \$22 book and lunch. Register by September 25. Call Peace Connections, 284-0000 for additional information. Brochures available in the foyer. For those who are unable to attend the whole-day seminar, an evening summary will be held on October 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Chisholm Middle School. Free & open to the public.

The Women Ministries at Palmyra Baptist Church, rural Benton, invite you to their Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 11, at 1:30 p.m. Larry Hatteberg, news anchor for KAKE-TV, Channel 10 will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

"Just For You" Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be held October 14-15. Just For You is a weekend retreat intended primarily for those with special needs and their families and/or caregivers, designed to provide enjoyment with each other and our Lord as well as encouragement and support. For more information pick up a flyer in the foyer or contact Joyce Pankratz at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

San Jose 2007 the convention of Mennonite Church USA will be in San Jose, California, July 2-7, 2007. People of all ages are invited. Mark your calendar now and visit www.SanJose2007.org for details.

Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership (Great Plains office, Newton) has an immediate opening for a Finance Assistant to work 20 hours a week to process accounts receivable, accounts payable and other accounting transactions and assist in the preparation of monthly department and project reports. Applicants should have a two-year accounting related degree or equivalent experience in a finance office, proven computer skills, and ability to work with basic supervision. Also important is a commitment to God's mission. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and resume to: Executive Leadership Human Resources, P.O. Box 347, Newton, KS 67114; email: HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-283-5155 ext. 253.