

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 11, 2005

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Piano: Karen Loucks

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Flute: Vada Snider Clarinet: Valerie Klaassen

* **Gathering Hymn No. 6** *Here In This Place*

A Commitment of our Offerings Local Church Missions

Offertory *Siciliano*

J.S. Bach

Presentation of Bible to First Graders

Carson Dove Renata Goossen

Pastor Jim

* **Hymn No. 487** *Teach Me, O Lord*

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. K. Loucks

Vada Snider, Karen Loucks, Valerie Klaassen

Scripture Reading Matthew 20: 1-16

Reader: Royce Schmidt

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

Sermon *Integrating our Work and our Worship*

* **Hymn No. 415** *Forth In Thy Name*

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn No. 118** *Praise God From Whom*

Postlude *Irish Tune*

Rachel Portman

* 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

Prelude *In the Morning, Oh God* arr. K. Loucks
Andante in C Major W.A. Mozart
For the Beauty of the Earth arr. K. Loucks

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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. K. Loucks

Prayer Litany of Worship and Work

Leader: We come together as the church of Jesus Christ

People: We come as brothers and sisters in Christ

L: We come as members of one body.

P: We come as individuals with different gifts and talents.

L: We each come as our own unique selves.

P: Yet we are called to be one.

L: Lord, we honor you with our lives

P: With our work and service to others

L: As we work our jobs and interact with other people

P: Help us to be ambassadors of Christ,
bringing God's reconciliation to all in all we do.

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 we are taking a *special offering* today for Mennonite Disaster Service. This is in addition to our regular scheduled offering for Local Church Missions. The offering plate is located in the foyer.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina it is most important to keep the blood and platelet supplies available to the injured, as well as understanding the inability for a large area of the Gulf Coast to have their own collection sites. Please mark your calendar for September 20 from noon to 7:00 p.m. to give the gift of life at Wheat State Manor. The Red Cross comes to Wheat State Manor on a regular schedule and we are happy to host them in their efforts to provide this vital medical service. You may schedule a time for your donation by calling 1-800-Give-Life. Please bring a photo I.D. at your donation time.

Mennonite Central Committee has now posted a web page with more information on the response to Katrina Hurricane evacuees. You can visit this site at: <http://www.mcc.org/katrina/>

Thank you to all who participated in the Salad Supper and Et Cetera Style review. The offering for Generations At Risk: MCC's response to HIV/Aids crisis in Africa was \$335.00.

Katherine Claassen, Tammy Regehr, Marge Harms

Western District Conference: Pray for newly formed Mountain States Mennonite Conference at its first meeting in Glenwood Springs, Colorado this weekend.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Anabaptist church leader Yoon-Sik Lee as he plans to return to South Korea this month to develop the Abba Shalom Koinonia community. Recently he has been based in Elkhart, IN, setting up a network of Mennonite Korean congregations in North America.

Today 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 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.

Next Sunday, September 18 there will be a noon lunch served at the church. Everyone is invited to stay and eat. The menu will include sandwiches and the trimmings and will be prepared by the Social Council. Zion Mennonite members are also invited to join us for lunch. This is a change of plans. There will be a basket for donations.

Next Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. “*Safe Sanctuaries Training*” at Grace Hill. Safe Sanctuaries training is 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.

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: Carol Claassen (Olin) and Brittany Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Diana Schunn and Deb Hiebert

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,581.31

Offering Next Sunday: Care Fund

CHURCH OFFICES

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Announcements

Et Cetera

Come join us for the annual Work & Play Camp at Camp Mennoscah, Sunday – Thursday, September 18-22. You may call 620-297-3290 for reservations.

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.

Bethel College Mennonite Church invites members of the wider community to *Conversation on Communion*, a seminar exploring biblical, theological and historical themes in the Lord's Supper, with guest speakers John Rempel and Weldon Nisly, on Saturday, September 24. Registration is \$10 (including lunch) or \$5 for sessions only. For more information see the brochure on the bulletin board, go to <http://bcmc.ks.us.mennonite.net>, email office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net, or call 316-283-3667.

You are invited to Kidron Bethel's 13th Annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 1, in the Harvest Table dining room. Breakfast will include pancakes bathed in New York's finest, absolutely pure maple syrup (provided by Ralph and Evelyn Lehman of Samara Partners), sausage, orange juice and coffee. Donations will be taken for the meal. Proceeds will go toward the Bethel Health Care Neighborhood Project.

Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA) has an opening for a church relations manager (CRM) for the Midwest region. A CRM is responsible for building awareness of MMA in congregations and conferences. See the letter posted on the bulletin board for more details.

The Bethel College Women's Association Market on the Green is asking for donations of ethnic foods, homemade noodles, pies, and other baked goods and produce for the Bethel College Fall Fest, Saturday,

October 1. Please prepare your items and bring to the large tent on the Bethel College green anytime Saturday morning after 7:00 a.m. or have them at the church by Friday at 4:00 pm. See bulletin board for suggested items to bring. Thank you in advance for your generous donations of time and items to sell. **Grace Hill is also asked to provide at least 10 pies for the German/Swiss meal** served in the Thresher Gym on Saturday. We anticipate a larger crowd this year due to the stadium dedication. If anyone would like to help cut pies, there will be two shifts: 9:30 - 11:30 and 11:30 - 1:30. Please let Jeanne Schmidt know if you are interested in helping with this. Thank you for helping with this annual event supporting Bethel College.

Camp Mennoscah Work Weekend October 7-9 are the dates set to help repair roofs damaged by high winds, rain and hail in a storm on July 3 of this year. There are six buildings to work on and we will try to do as many as we can though we will first work on the dining hall/shelter and the boys bath house and try to have another work day early next year. Come for a day or the whole weekend. Food, snacks and drink will be provided. Please bring your sleeping bag if you are staying overnight. Tents and campers are welcome. Other items you could bring to help would be: hammers, potato forks, crowbars, wonderbars, scoop shovels, wheelbarrows, nail guns and compressors, hammer staplers and magnets for picking up nails. Also, if anyone would have a loader tractor and/or skid steer that could be used that weekend, or for further information - please call Joyce at Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

MCC Quilt Piecing Classes taught by Margret Loewen Graber and Mary Beth Goering will be offered on Saturday, October 15, 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) workroom, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton. The afternoon class will be a repeat of the morning session. We will be teaching basic quilt making techniques. There is no fee for the class and fabrics will be furnished. Blocks made in class will be used for a Relief Sale quilt. Class size is limited. Call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 for information and registration.

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Think about the Newton Et Cetera Shop. We have several openings for Saturday clerks. These shifts are 3 hours long, at most, and you could limit your commitment to only one Saturday afternoon a month. Of course you could sign on for more too, but that would be up to you! If you would like more information or are ready to begin, contact Sarah Fleming or Marla Sawatzky Rowe, Assistant Managers, at (316) 283-9461. Thanks!!