

## GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 12, 2004

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Office: 283-2644

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship Leader: Brett Klingenberg

**Prelude**     *Prelude and Fugue in C Major*                     Bach  
                  *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*                     Haan  
                  *God of Grace*     Hobby

### \* Call to Worship

**Leader:** We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

**People:** We come seeking the cloud of your presence as we travel the way. We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.

**All:**     *Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.*  
              *Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. AMEN*

### \* Gathering Prayer

\* **Hymn No. 106** *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*

### 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**     Local Church

**Offertory**   *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*                     Wood

### Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* **Hymn No. 359** *Lead Us, O Father*

**Scripture Reading**   1 Corinthians 1:18-25     Pew Bible Page 1128  
                                  Reader: Lisa Schmidt

**Special Music**     "Alleluia" from "Exsultate, jubilate"                     Mozart  
                                  Greta Steingard, accompanied by Chelsea Vaught  
                                  *Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare*

**Sermon** *The Church Alive listens closely to the Message of the Cross*

\* **Hymn No. 536** *Take Up Your Cross*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn No. 423** *May The Grace Of Christ Our Savior*

**Postlude**     *God of Grace*     Manz

\* 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

**In the hospital:** Don Lanzrath, St. Francis Hospital, Wichita

Grace Nickel passed away Sunday, September 5, 2004 at the age of 92. The funeral service was Wednesday, September 8. We give thanks for her life lived among us as a life long member of this congregation.

### Add to the church calendar:

Danielle Howard's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday – September 15

Herbert & Edna Schmidt, now deceased but long-time and active members of Grace Hill, were one of 16 area couples to start services for developmentally challenged persons in Harvey and Marion Counties exactly 50 years ago. Those initial endeavors eventually became Northview Developmental Services, Inc. serving around 140 persons today. Herbert & Edna plus 15 other couples will be honored and memorialized at a Northview Good Neighbor Banquet on September 23.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Peace Mennonite Church, Lawrence as it welcomes interim pastor Kathy Neufeld Dunn today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the Mennonite Voluntary Service participants attending their pre-service orientation September 13-17 at Camp Mennoscah in preparation for their MVS assignments.

The following are names of campers from Grace Hill who attended one of our nine youth camps this summer. We hope that each camper enjoyed their time at Camp Mennoscah as much as we did and we hope to see them again next summer. *Emily Burch, Camille Claassen, Grant Claassen, Samantha Claassen, Philip Harms, Steven Harms, Mikayla Hiebert, David Jantz, Maria Jantz, Emily Klassen, Elizabeth Martin, Amanda Regehr, Melinda Regehr, Katie Regier, Kyle Regier, Casey Schunn.* Camp Mennoscah cannot survive without the numerous volunteers and staff that work as counselors, cook assistants, summer staff, nurses, and staff assistants. Many thanks for giving your time and enthusiasm to our camping programs. Listed here are those who helped this summer from Grace Hill: *Sara Burch, Jon and Sue Ann Jantz, Megan Klaassen, Brett Klingenberg, Jason Schmidt, Diana Schunn, Kylee Schunn, Jennifer Washburn, Mary Washburn.* May God bless each one of you and the ministry of your church!

Deron Nisly, Director

**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. Weekday off: Monday.

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**Pastor Brett:** Office at the church: Monday – Thursday morning and some afternoons. Weekday off: Friday

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## Church Events

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

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday, September 19** The installation and credentialing service of Brett Klingenberg as our youth pastor will be next 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 prepared by the Social Council to honor Brett. Everyone is welcome to stay for the 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. See insert.

**October 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Children's Musical. Meal will precede the program.

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

board for further information. All are welcome to contribute. We will be collecting blankets/cash throughout the month of September.

**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:** Carol Claassen (Olin) and Brittany Claassen  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Diana Schunn and Deb Hiebert

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught  
**Special Music Next Sunday:** Men's Group

**Ushers Today:** Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Kendall Claassen and Terry Klassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,751.41  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Care Fund

### 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

**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

### Et Cetera

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, this afternoon at 3:30-4:30 p.m.** "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.

**Today's the day!** Deadline for registering for Jumpstart is this Tuesday, September 14. See Roberta Harms today to sign up for this day of workshops, worship and equipping for youth sponsors, teachers of adults, children and youth. Gather with over 100 other Mennonites from around the area to be inspired and energized at the Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge on Saturday, September 25.

**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. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker please see Kathy Balzer, coordinator for this event.

**Work and Play Camp will be September 19-23 at Camp Mennoscah.** A camp designed for those 55 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. Often a goal is to complete a

quilt for the MCC sale during the days here at camp. At this point, we do not have someone to bring a quilt. If you would like to provide a quilt, please be in contact with Deron. **Everyone is welcome to the Work & Play Auction** which will be held on **Wednesday, September 22** at camp and you are invited to donate crafts, home-baked goods, hand-crafted items or anything else that someone may want to buy. The proceeds of this auction will go toward the purchase of a tractor with a loader. We need buyers for this auction as well as things to sell. The **auction will begin at 3:30 p.m.** followed by an evening meal and program. For more information or to register, please contact Deron Nisly @ (620)297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org). Any questions contact Merrill Harms.

**Kansas Friends of MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)** will hold their meeting on Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church. For the morning session Dave Worth will speak on his MCC work and Jona Baltzer will sing. Please bring a sack lunch. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

**Reaching Out in Love:** Kidron Bethel Village retirement community is blessed with wonderful residents who would love to share themselves with you. Helping the residents with correspondence, reading together, assisting with group activities, playing games, or just visiting would be great opportunities for you and your family to share your time and talents while enjoying getting to know our residents. Flexible scheduling allows you to volunteer when your schedule allows. Please call Debra Hiebert, Volunteer Coordinator, at 284-2900, ext. 242.