

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 14, 2008

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

## Baptism Sunday

### 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

Cody Claassen

Leader: Come, family of God, come join the celebration of new life!

**Left: Come, mothers and fathers,**

*Right: Come, sisters and brothers,*

**Left: Come, grandparents, friends and neighbors,**

*Right: Come, family of God!*

Leader: God is about to do a new thing.

Be glad and rejoice in what God creates!

**All: We have come to witness a birth;  
We have come to welcome new members  
to the body of Christ.  
Praise God, the Giver of new life!**

### \* Invocation

Laura Harms

### \* Hymn No. 599 *He leadeth me*

chosen by Katie Regier

**Offering** Local Church Missions

### Offertory prayer

Emily Klassen

Leader: God has shown us the meaning of generosity

**People:** In the rich diversity of creation,  
In the overflowing love of Jesus Christ,  
In the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: God has abundantly blessed us and called us

**People:** To be a community that honors each other,  
To be servants to others with joy,  
To share our love and material possessions.

**All:** *Let us rejoice in what we have been given  
And in what is ours to give.*

**Special Music** *Jesus Loves Me*

Amanda and Bethany Regehr

**Sharing and Prayer**

Amanda Regehr

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:4-11

Casey Schunn

### \* Hymn No. 545 *Be thou my vision*

Chosen by Katie Regier, Amanda Regehr, Brittany Claassen

### Service of Baptism

Brittany Claassen Courtney Claassen Laura Harms  
Grant Hill Katie Regier

**Hymn by youth** *Water Fall on Me*

Chosen by David Janzen, Emily Toews, Curtis Toews

### \* Benediction

Courtney Claassen

When we were buried with Christ in baptism,  
we were also raised with Christ  
through faith in the power of God,  
who raised Christ from the dead.  
May God bless us to lead lives worthy of the calling  
to which we have been called.

\* **Sending Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*  
Chosen by Laura Harms and Amanda Regehr

**Postlude**

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of today's service EVERYONE is invited to the fellowship hall for our Baptism Day Brunch prepared and served by the Social Council. You are then encouraged to begin making your way to Camp Mennoscah for the baptism service there to begin at 1:15 p.m. Following the baptism service at Camp Mennoscah there will be a Communion service under the dining hall shelter followed by a time to welcome and affirm the fourteen young people who have been baptized today!

**THERE ARE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY**

**For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will give wisdom and discernment to Peace Mennonite, Dallas, Texas and Houston (TX) Mennonite churches in their interview process with the pastoral candidates. Also pray for Jeff Wintermote as he is installed as pastor of Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Please pray for Jason Shenk, Mennonite Voluntary Service participant in Elkhart, Ind., as he assists in developing and implementing neighborhood revitalization strategies for the Elkhart Housing Partnership.

## Church Events

**Monday at 7:30 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.

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

**Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.** Wednesday Night Kick-Off – All church wiener roast at the church. Rain or shine! Donation for meal – bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks. 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Wednesday Evening Activities. Wednesday evening programming begins October 3.

**September 28 College Age Lunch:** Peter and Katherine will be hosting a lunch for all college-age young adults after church on Sunday, September 28 at our home in Hesston. All are welcome and encouraged to invite friends! Please let us know approximate numbers of people to attend so that we make sure to prepare enough food. Hope to see you there!

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

## Announcements

**College Age/Young Adult Sunday School:** All College Age and Young Adults are invited to Sunday School under the balcony in the Fellowship Hall starting after worship on Sunday, September 21.

**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 General. If you prefer to give a cash donation make checks payable to Hand of Friendship. The deadline is the end of September.

**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.

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Rosewood Winds

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Kristin Kliewer

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,959.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Grace Hill Youth Group Missions

## Et Cetera

**Everyone is invited to attend the dedication** and open house for the Camp Mennoscah Director's home, Murdock, this afternoon at 4 p.m. Stay for fellowship and faspas (refreshments)!

**Harvey County Homeless Shelter Volunteer Training and Information Sessions:** Tuesday, September 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Questions, please call Christa at 284-4205 or [hchomeless\\_shelter@yahoo.com](mailto:hchomeless_shelter@yahoo.com).

**A come-and-go reception for Richard Heim**, President and CEO of Kidron Bethel Village, will be held in the Harvest Table Dining Room on Wednesday, September 17, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mr. Heim has served Kidron Bethel for over nine years and has resigned to accept a position at another retirement community. Please come and wish him well.

**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](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**Jan Garrett and JD Martin** workshop *The Heart of Harmony: Living on the Creative Edge*, 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](mailto: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.

**38<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival at Bethel College, October 2-6**, with most events Saturday. Enjoy food, crafts, sports events, music and dance (including Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers and Azteca Dancers), children's activities, Greg Schmittgens juggling, reunions and much more. Visit [www.bethelks.edu](http://www.bethelks.edu) to see a festival schedule, call 1-800-522-1887, ext. 251, or 316-284-5251, or e-mail [dgraber@bethelks.edu](mailto:dgraber@bethelks.edu).

**Worship Planners, Pastors, Artists - make plans to attend Proclamation by Design: worship and the visual arts** on Saturday, October 11 at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. Presenters include artists, authors, pastors and teachers. Experiment with banner making design and techniques, plan for Advent worship, learn how to create collaborative worship art. See brochure on bulletin board or visit [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org). Reduced fees offered for groups of three or more. Sponsored by WDC Resource Commission and Faith & Life Bookstore.

**Immediate opening for Board Secretary.** We are searching for someone passionate about the work of MCC and the Relief Sale. This position requires skills to maintain a variety of lists, take & distribute official minutes and support the organization & efforts of the entire sale operation. Please contact Rod Chrystie (620) 665-7406, Arlin Buller (316) 283-2394 or any KMRS Board member if you are interested or know someone who may be.

**Fall Story Time** on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the Conference Resource Library in North Newton still has openings for preschoolers ages 3-5. Call 316-283-6300 to register.

## CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor: James Voth**

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

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**Brittany Carol Claassen** is the daughter of Doug and Katherine Claassen. Her interests include track, she *really, really* likes singing and loves reading. A favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 2:9. “My parents have really influenced my Spiritual life and have always listened to my questions. I’m thankful for their support in my faith journey.”

**Cody Douglas Claassen** is the son of Doug and Katherine Claassen. Cody enjoys reading, video games and Internet surfing. School activities include Scholars’ Bowl, Debate, Forensics, 4-H and drama. Favorite verse: Psalm 51.

**Courtney Elaine Claassen** is the daughter of Doug and Katherine Claassen. Her interests include beading, art, crafts, playing flute, volleyball and track. Favorite verses: Jeremiah 29:11; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Luke 18:27. “I wouldn’t be able to survive without my friends, family, God and dogs. They have helped me through my hard times.”

**Laura Ann Harms** is the daughter of Marvin and Nancy Harms. Laura enjoys swimming, piano, singing, mowing and being outdoors. Favorite verses; Psalm 23; Psalm 139; Proverbs for practical advice; Jeremiah 29:11-13. “CYIA (Christian Youth in Action) taught me how to share the Gospel with others, especially young people.”

**Philip Edward Harms** is the son of Tim and Lisa Harms. Interests include basketball, entrepreneurship, marketing and economics. Favorite verse: Mark 1:17.

**Grant Garrett Hill** is the son of Gary and Karma Hill. Grant enjoys Debate, Forensics, Scholars’ Bowl, Boy’s State, reading, hanging out with friends and youth group. Favorite verse: John 3:16.

**David Andrew Janzen** is the son of Russell and Kris Janzen. David enjoys guitar, singing, golf and farming. He is also involved in band, Jazz band and Singers. Favorite verses: Zephaniah 3:17; Colossians 3:14.

**Emily Grace Klassen** is the daughter of Terry and Cheryl Klassen. Emily enjoys drawing, riding horse, playing with animals and cooking. She is involved with choir and art. Favorite verses: Psalm 147:11; Psalm 1:1-3.

**Amanda Kay Regehr** is the daughter of Curtis and Tammy Regehr. Amanda enjoys scrapbooking, taking pictures, being with friends, singing and music. She is involved in cross county, track and Scholar’s Bowl. Favorite verses: Jeremiah 29:11; Zephaniah 3:17; Philippians 4:13.

**Katie Nicole Regier** is the daughter of James and Deb Regier. Katie enjoys playing sports, shopping, being with friends, listening to music, pictures and organizing! She is involved in volleyball, basketball and track. Favorite verse: Jeremiah 29:11.

**Casey Sterling Schunn** is the son of Rob and Diana Schunn. Casey enjoys reading, sports, movies and hanging out with friends. He is involved in football, basketball, track, STUCO, Thespians, Singers and Jazz Band. Favorite verse: Corinthians 1: 31-32.

**Joshua Gregg Toevs** is the son of James and Chris Toevs. Josh enjoys basketball, mission trips and community service. Favorite verses: Philippians 3:2, 4:13; 1 John 3:18; John 8:7; 1 Corinthians 13:4.

**Curtis Alan Toews** is the son of Jeff and Theresa Toews. Curtis enjoys basketball, farming and mission trips. He is involved in automotive technology and 4-H. Favorite verses: John 8:7; John 3:18.

**Emily Sue Toews** is the daughter of Jeff and Theresa Toews. Emily enjoys basketball, art and mission trips. She is also involved in cross country and 4-H. Favorite verses include Philippians 4:13; Galatians 5:22-26; Psalm 86:11.

## Grace Hill Baptism Service at Camp Mennoscah 1:15 p.m.

### Welcome and Prayer

#### Hymn *Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you.

#### Service of Baptism

Cody Claassen Philip Harms David Janzen  
Emily Klassen Amanda Regehr Casey Schunn  
Josh Toews Curtis Toews Emily Toews

#### Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me....  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now, I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear...the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come.  
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far and Grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise then when we've first begun.

**Communion** – Dining hall shelter- Immediately following the baptism service please move to the shelter and gather in a circle.

#### Pastor's words to those baptized

**Certificate and gift from the congregation** – Diana Schunn

#### Benediction

#### Doxology

A **reception line** of all who have been baptized today will be formed so that all may come and greet them.

## About today's baptism service at Camp Mennoscah

- 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 a 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 a member of the Spiritual Council.

#### Directions to Camp Mennoscah

From Newton, take I-135 South to Wichita; take I-235 West; then exit at Kellogg (US 54/400); go west to Highway 17 (Murdock/Hutchinson exit); go south 4 miles through Murdock and then approximately 2 miles to the Camp entrance. Approximate distance: 70 miles.

Note: The Indian word Ninnescah means "clear, very deep, cold, clean water," the Ninnescah River is still considered to be the cleanest, neatest and "best looking" river in Kansas.

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