

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 17, 2006

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Trumpet: Ben Lichti

Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-38

Reader: Sue Ann Jantz

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

Sermon *What's your confession, prediction and platform?*

* **Hymn No. 306** *In Christ there is no East or West*

Benediction

* **Benediction Hymn No. 538** *Lead me, Lord*

Postlude *Toccata in Seven*

Rutter

* 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

The Youth are on a retreat this weekend at Milford Lake near Junction City.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Jumpstart event to be held on Saturday, September 23 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel. May the participants be renewed and energized as they learn about *Gather 'Round*, the new Anabaptist curriculum for children, youth and adults.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN workers Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey in praising God for the theological education taking place in West Africa. Pray that God will give the graduates of Benin Bible Institute and Nigeria Mennonite Bible College wisdom and a passion to share what they have learned.

Prelude *Variations on "In the Rifted Rock"* Davies

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** Psalm 116:1-2, 5-7

* **Hymn No. 26** *Holy Spirit, come with power*

* **Gathering Prayer**

Offering Youth Group Missions

Offertory *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* Gieshen

Children's Story *Thinking About God* Valerie Klaassen

Hymn No. 167 *For God so loved us*

Sharing and Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thine name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

* **Hymn No. 127** *Glory be to the Father*

Special Music *Grace Like Rain* by Todd Agnew
Tim, Lisa and Eli Schmidt

2006-07 College Students

Bethel College – Megan Klaassen, Chelsea Vaught

Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina – Jason Schmidt

Hesston College – Michael Kauffman

Kansas State University – Andy Lanzrath

Kansas University – Joel Balzer

Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina – Ashley Toews

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

Xenon School of Hair Design – Rebekah Voth

Church Events

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

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

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

Next 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.

October 1 Celebration of the Lord's Supper and reception of new members.

October 21-22 *Mystery at Mennoscah* - Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

September 23 Whitewater Youth Rally

See you at the Pole has been scheduled for September 27 at 7:30 a.m. at RHS. It is not this coming Wednesday like it was promoted before. Please change your dates.

October 6 5th Quarter

October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Youth led Worship

Flaming Twigs practice after Wednesday night Bible study this week.

Announcements

The men's group singing next Sunday will practice in the sanctuary after Sunday School today.

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

Homeless Shelter Dates for the Fall Quarter are November 8-14. Be thinking about signing up for a date to prepare food or volunteer for the night.

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

Special Music Next Sunday: Men's Group
Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn
Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,530.00
Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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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. 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.

Charles Benjamin, a Harvey County Commissioner for 16 years now based in Lawrence, will present "Global warming: The Kansas connection" on Thursday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Bethel College Administration Building. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Natural Sciences Seminar Series and the Environmental Action Club and is free and open to the public.

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 on October 7. Please prepare your items and bring them to the large tent on the green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Check the poster on the bulletin board for suggested items to bring. Thank you in advance for your generous donations of time and items to sell.

Caregivers Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Is your relationship with your aging parents changing, uncovering new social and spiritual challenges? RMMC is offering a weekend retreat Oct. 11-13 "Caring for Aging Parents" that will offer guidance and time to reflect on this challenging topic. This retreat will help clarify issues that caregivers face, and suggest ways to handle these responsibilities with compassion and grace. Retreat leaders are Bev Baumgartner, chaplain, Schowalter Villa, Hesston, Kansas, and Donna Froese, a mental health professional and wellness advocate from Wichita, Kansas. For more information and registration, see www.rmmc.org or call 719-687-9506.

"Church in my Dreams: A new Generation speaks out!" October 27-29 Hesston College offers another in the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series. The speaker is nationally known youth and young adult speaker Tony Jones. It's for pastors, youth pastors and youth sponsors. But it's also for YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS! Grace Hill is offering a generous scholarship for those from our congregation who would like to attend. Our goal is eight or more! Pastor Brett and Pastor Jim have more information, brochures, registration information and a list of the workshops being planned. It's about being together, worshipping, playing and dreaming!

Alaska awaits - Join the adventure Attention all 17-20 year olds: time is running out for you to change your world with Service Adventure in Anchorage, Alaska. Don't miss an opportunity to spend 10 ½ months living and serving in this community with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Challenge Alaska. The adventure begins February 2007. For more information, e-mail Diana Cook at Service@MennoniteMission.net or check online: Service.MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

On September 15 Provident Bookstore in Newton, was sold by Mennonite Publishing Network to local Mennonite investors. Rachel Friesen will be the manager and the store will be named Faith and Life Bookstore, LLC. Look for it's opening in early October.