

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 18, 2005

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

Violin: Carl Goossen

Offertory *Amazing Grace*

Callahan

Hymn No. 367 *For The Healing Of The Nations*

Sharing and Prayer

Special Music

Carl Goossen and Chelsea Vaught

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11

Reader: Rob Schunn

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

Sermon *A Worm, Some Cattle and a Real Big Fish!*

* Hymn No. 599 *He Leadeth Me*

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn No. 427 *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

Postlude *Sing Praise To God*

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* 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 rose bud is for Eva Claire born Monday, September 12, 2005 to Brian and Michelle Hilgenfeld at St. Joseph Hospital, Wichita. We rejoice in welcoming Eva into our church family.

Mitchell Isaac and Rebecca Charles were married yesterday, September 17, in the First Baptist Church of Elkin, North Carolina. We rejoice with them in this new union.

The hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" used by Chelsea in the prelude today is at our request. It was used at our wedding on September

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

As the Deer

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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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** Psalms 145:1-8 (NIV)

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

Leader: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

People: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

* **Gathering Hymn No. 1** *What Is This Place*

A Commitment of our Offerings Care Fund

10th 44 years ago. It was sung by a mixed octet made up of friends and cousins from Newton, Grace Hill & Henderson. Art Unruh and Jean Unruh represented Grace Hill. The hymn "Be Thou My Vision" is a favorite hymn of ours. Thank you Chelsea! Virgil & Kaye Penner

Loretta Patterson graduated September 9, 2005 from the Wright Business School in Kansas City. She is currently employed as a medical assistant for a pediatrician at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

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.

Western District Conference: Pray for Karen Cox as she is installed and credentialed as pastor of Boulder Mennonite Church, Colorado today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN worker Bill Brubaker and the new church group meeting in Malaga, Spain. Pray for unity among the people who participate and that others would have a desire to join them in worship.

Church Events

Today 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. There will be a basket for donations.

Today 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. Childcare will be provided.

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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor. Messengers and Youth Group are in charge.

Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Semi-annual Business Meeting at church.

Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. *Wednesday Night Kick-Off – An All Church Event!* Wiener Roast at the church. Rain or shine! Donation for meal – please bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks. 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Wednesday Evening Activities. Everyone is welcome to come and bring a friend! Regular Wednesday evening activities will begin Wednesday, October 5.

Announcements

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.

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Diana Schunn and Deb Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Teresa Martin

Special Music Next Sunday: Tara Harms-Becker

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$6,902.00

Offering Last Sunday for Mennonite Disaster Service

Hurricane Katrina Relief: \$5,820.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

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. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

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.

April Verch will bring her high-energy fiddling and step dancing, along with her talented band (guitar, mandolin, bass and percussion), to the Memorial Hall stage at Bethel College for the first Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts series event of 2005-06, on Sunday, September 25, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Bethel College bookstore (316-284-5205), at Hesston College (620-327-8158) or at the door. Single tickets are \$15, \$13 and \$12, with discounts available for students and senior citizens. For season tickets, call Hesston College.

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. **The German/Swiss meal, a tradition at Fall Fest, again needs workers from Grace Hill for the noon meal on Saturday.** The work time is between 11:30 and 1:30. A sign-up sheet will be passed around the Sunday School classes today with more information on it. 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.

Kansas Friends of Mennonite Central Committee (formerly Kansas All Mennonite Women) will hold their annual fall meeting on Thursday, October 13 at Tabor Mennonite Church. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. John Stoesz, new MCC director, will be the featured speaker, with several additional presenters who will share their adventure in following Christ. Attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

“Working for Peace through Forgiveness” is the title of a series of presentations by Michael Berg, father of Nicholas Berg who was the first victim of beheading in Iraq. One of the ways he has coped with this personal tragedy is by traveling around the country giving speeches, telling his own story and participating in pro-peace rallies and demonstrations. He will be in Newton and Wichita the weekend of October 13-16. You can pick up a copy of the events planned from the bulletin board.

Senior Retreat sponsored by Western District and South Central Conferences at Crosswind Conference Center in Hesston on October 31 and November 1. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

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.

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/>