

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 21, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Music by Rosewood Winds

Keyboard: Kristin Kliever

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Ben Lichti

Worship Leader: Peter Goerzen

Prelude 2 Gavottes by J.S. Bach
Musette by Caix D'Hervelois
Allegro Brillante by Mozart
Be Thou My Vision arr. by Gordon Schuster

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.

Instrumental Call to Worship *Morning Has Broken* arr. by J. Harold Moyer

* **Worship Litany** based up Psalm 145:1-8 Peter Goerzen

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King
and bless your name for ever and ever!

**Congregation: Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever!**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Congregation: His greatness is unsearchable!

Leader: One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

**Congregation: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

Leader: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness!

**Congregation: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant
goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness!**

**All: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!**

* **Invocation** Peter Goerzen

* **Hymn of Praise No. 87** *Great is the Lord*

Offering Grace Hill Youth Group Missions
Prayer: Casey Schunn and Amanda Regehr

Offertory *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* arr. by Rich Heffler

Sharing and Prayer

Dorothy Nickel Friesen - Western District Conference Vision 2012

Children's Moments Rita Patterson

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

Special Music *Great Hymn Favorites Medley* arr. by Rich Heffler

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:21-30
Carl Goossen, Josh Patterson and Tim Schmidt

Sermon *Christian! Joyfully Live as Life Winners!*

* **Hymn of Response No. 593** *O Power of love*

* **Benediction** Pastor Jim

* **Benediction Hymn No. 596** *And I will raise you up*

Postlude *Gigue* by J.S. Bach

*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!**

Today's worship service was planned
by the Worship Council. Thank you!

A special thank you to the Rosewood Winds for providing music today.
Members are Amanda Friesen, Kristin Kliever and Valerie Klaassen.

For Sharing and Prayer

In the hospital: Joyce Stuart
Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center, Wichita

New address: Ben and Anna Voth
606 S. Old Main, Newton, KS 67114

Mennonite Mission Worker Shirley Roth has a birthday today!
See Mission Mosaic, page 63

Special thanks to the Social Council for preparing and serving last Sunday's brunch!!!

College Age/Young Adult Sunday School: All College Age and Young Adults are invited to Sunday School under the balcony in the Fellowship Hall today after worship.

Along with returning to our regular adult Sunday school classes an **8 session elective class** is being offered on the subject of disciple-making using the book More Ready Than You Realize: The Power of Everyday Conversations by Brian D. McLaren. Disciple-making as conversation, friendship, influence, invitation, companionship, challenge, opportunity, dance and as something you get to do. For those who are interested in this class please gather with Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall today during the Sunday school hour.

Western District Conference: Pray for Renee Kanagy as she is installed today as pastor of New Creation Fellowship Church, Newton.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN mission associates Disa and Tom Rutschman request prayer for the new Alpha Bible study for seekers beginning at their church in Jokkmokk, Sweden. Pray that enough people will sign up to make the fellowship meaningful and that conversations about Christian faith will lead people to a commitment to Christ.

Church Events

Wednesday 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.

Next Sunday at noon Junior Department Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

Next Sunday College Age Lunch: Peter and Katherine will be hosting a lunch for all college-age young adults after church next 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!

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

Sunday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. A Sunday Evening Worship Service on Anti-Recruitment and the military, sponsored by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

October 18-19 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. Come and enjoy “New Creation!” The schedule and registration forms are out; if you need one see Peter Goerzen. Please return forms to Peter by October 5.

Announcements

The “**Letter of Intent**” placed in your mailbox today is to help and encourage participation in the Western District Conference Vision 2012 fund drive. Dorothy Nickel Friesen will give an update on the drive this morning. You may leave your completed letter with either Merrill Harms, John Claassen or the WDC office.

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: Samantha Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Nursery This Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Ben Lichti and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$9,317.50

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth *Pastor’s Study:*

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

“Meet me at the pole” events will be held Wednesday, September 24, at Remington Middle and High School. Meet at the flagpole at 7:30 a.m. to pray. A breakfast will be served following. Everyone is welcome!

Elsie Claassen will be celebrating her 100th birthday with an open house at Wheat State Manor on Saturday, September 27 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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.

38th annual Fall Festival at Bethel College, October 2-6, with most events Saturday. This year’s festival kicks off five years of events leading up the college’s 125th anniversary in 2012 with several events celebrating the Administration building’s 120th birthday, including storytelling, an audiovisual presentation by Keith Sprunger and Bob Regier and a giant birthday cake. Visit 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.

Before Bethel College Fall Fest, come enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village on Saturday, October 4, 7:00-9:00 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, whole-hog sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. A donation is requested for the meal. Proceeds to purchase Health Care transport van and Health Care activity furnishings. Fresh sausage for sale - 2 lb for \$10.

Festival Gospel Sing at Whitewater Fall Festival. October 4 from 5-7 p.m. at the Swiss Church parking lot. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some good toe-tapping, hand-clapping gospel music. Anyone who would like to perform at the Festival, please contact Pastor Norman Tillotson, Palmyra Baptist Church at 316-250-1681, palmyrabap@pixius.net by October 1.

Palmyra Baptist Church Women’s Ministries invite you to join us for our Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m. Cindy Klose, news anchor for KWCH-TV Channel 12 will be our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you at the tea.

Proclamation by Design on October 11 is a day of resourcing for worship planners, artists, pastors and more. Place: Shalom Mennonite

in Newton. Cost: \$30/person. Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Results: Amazing! See <http://www.mennowdc.org/ProclamationByDesign.pdf> for registration form.

Immediate opening for Board Secretary. We are searching for someone passionate about the work of Mennonite Central Committee 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.

Benefit Fund Raiser for Emmaus Mennonite Church November 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Remington High School Gym. Program: Remington Singers, Rusty Rierson singing Christian Country and Auction. If you have an auction item you would like to donate please contact Vern Boyenger at 620-752-3674.

MCC Washington Office High School Essay Contest: Calling all teenagers interested in how their faith impacts public policy! The topics for our tenth annual essay contest include the global food crisis, U.S. energy policy, and gun laws. Essays must be postmarked by December 15 and prizes will be awarded. Contest guidelines are online at www.mcc.org/us/washington.

Peace Opportunities: "Heartland Speaks", October 13-15 in Salina, KS, features training in nonviolence, a peace walk and more. Information and registration at www.salinapeace.org.

"National Assembly to Honor Freedom of Conscience", October 3-5 in Austin, TX. Speakers include Walter and June Wink, Gene Stoltzfus and others. www.mennochurch.org/nathfc/.

Hurricane Update: People from the three Western District Conference Houston area congregations (Houston Mennonite, Casa del Alfarero and Nueva Jerusalem) have safely evacuated to Dallas area churches and families, where emergency assistance is being provided. Our best support is for monetary donations to Mennonite Disaster Service (1018 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501), designated for “2008 Gulf Coast Hurricanes: Gustav and Ike.” Pray for continued safety and comfort for all who are affected. For further information, see MDS website: <http://www.mds.mennonite.net/>.