

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 23, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Debbie Claassen

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Pastor Jim

## Membership Service

Pastor Jim Voth

Katherine Goerzen joins with us as a member of Grace Hill today, transferring from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, Kansas

## Installation Service

Rev. Dorothy Nickel Friesen

Questions of Commitment

Litany of Installation - Please see insert

Prayer

\* **Hymn No. 567** *How firm a foundation*

## Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Jim

**Benediction Song** *Take Thou My Hand, O Father*

Curt Regehr

\* **Benediction**

Maria Jantz

## Postlude

Jana Harms

\*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!**

**Thank you to the Youth Group for your participation in  
Katherine's installation service today.**

All are invited to a carry-in dinner in honor of Katherine Goerzen's installation. Following Sunday school at 11:30 a.m. let us gather in the sanctuary for a prayer of blessing on the meal.

## Prelude

Jana Harms

## 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

Camille Claassen Amanda Regehr Philip Harms David Janzen

## Prayer of Invocation

Grant Hill

\* **Hymn No. 50** *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

**Worship in Giving** Western District Conference  
**Offertory**

Katie Regier  
Jana Harms

**Special Music** *Joys are Flowing Like a River*

Curt, Amanda and Melinda Regehr

## Children's Moments

Brittany Claassen

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

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:11-13  
Luke 4:18-19

Melinda Regehr  
Courtney Claassen

**Sermon** "The Call to Ministry"

Rev. Ronald Krehbiel  
Grandfather of Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\* **Hymn No. 407** *We are people of God's peace*

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

### **In the hospital:**

Newton Medical Center –  
Art Balzer, Ruth Balzer, Elda Lichti

Thank you to all of you who provided food and support for the 5th Quarter at Doug and Katherine Claassen's last Friday! There were between 60 and 70 youth who came and the whole evening went very well and was a lot of fun!

Next Sunday morning's worship service will be provided by Peace Connections, of which we are a supporting congregation. Peace Connections is dedicated to providing opportunities for individuals and groups to care for themselves and to connect to others in ways that create more personal, local, national and global peace.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Katherine Goerzen as she is installed in her first pastoral call as youth pastor at Grace Hill. Pray for Miles Reimer as he is ordained at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Teachers with Mennonite Partners in China are beginning another school year teaching English in colleges and universities. Please pray for renewed energy, creativity, good rapport and sensitivity to opportunities to touch the lives of students.

## Announcements

**SIGN-UP SHEET FOR MEALS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR HOMELESS SHELTER ARE IN THE FOYER.** We share a week of service to the homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church every 13 weeks. The next week is October 31 – November 7. If you would like to consider being a volunteer and would like to visit the shelter and receive training there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**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:** Barb Voth and Carol (Kendall) Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Women's Ensemble

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

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

**Offering Last Sunday:** Youth Group Missions \$2,091.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Peace Connections

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Church Events

**Today at 12:45 p.m.** Semi-annual Church Business Meeting

**Monday at 1:30 p.m.** Quilting Monday. Anyone wishing to quilt on the MCC quilt is welcome to come on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 5 p.m.



**Wednesday 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 3.

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Women's Ensemble - All women are invited to practice in preparation for special music on September 30. All ages are welcome!!! If you have questions, contact Valerie Klaassen.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Education Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday, September 30** Youth Group's Progressive Supper

## Et Cetera

**Ten Thousand Villages** will be hosting Jhonson Augustin and Gisele Fluorant from Haiti in the store Monday, September 24 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Jhonson creates cut metal decorative items made from recycled oil drums. Please join us to visit with Jhonson and Gisele to learn more about the work of these artisans in Haiti.

**The N a Sonje (Haitian Creole for "We will remember") Foundation** presents "Three Innocents and a Spirit," a historical drama depicting the interactions of peoples from the Americas, Africa and Europe starting before the time of Christopher Columbus, and the resulting cultural crises and movement toward healing and reconciliation; September 24, 7:00 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Free admission with a free-will offering taken; discussion with three-member cast to follow.

**For Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church's** 75th anniversary concert lecture series Tom, Lois, Hillary, Madeline, and Anna Harder known as - "Five Times Harder"-- will present a concert at Alumni Auditorium, Friends University on September 30 at 3:00 p.m. Tom and Lois are co-pastors of LAMC, and both bring to their ministry a strong background and love of music, which they have passed on to their daughters. The concert is free and open to the public. Opportunities will be given to donate to our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary mission project. Refreshments will follow the concert.

**Eastern Mennonite University** is offering an on-line course on "Basics of Parish Nursing," October 1 - December 14, 2007, open to any registered nurse or upper-level nursing student in an RN nursing education program. For more information visit <http://www.emu.edu/nursing/parish/index.html> or call (540)432-4982 for registration information.

**Join us for the next Kansas Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) meeting** on Thursday, October 4 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, Harper. The evening will include supper, speaker Tim Penner, president of Harper Industries, Inc., and a tour of Harper Industries, Inc, a company that has worked to incorporate faith and values into business since its founding in 1998. To register, email [fhpenner@aol.com](mailto:fhpenner@aol.com) or call 620-896-7600.

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival at Bethel College, October 4-7**, with most events Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy food, crafts, sports events, music and dance, children's activities, Schweitzer and Low German programs, 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).

**Before Bethel College Fall Fest**, come enjoy a hearty Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village on Saturday, October 6, 7:00-9:00 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, whole-hog link sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. A donation is requested for the meal. Proceeds are designated to Village Centre Expansion.

**The Bethel College Women's Association Market on the Green Committee** is asking for donations of ethnic foods: homemade noodles, pies, other baked goods and produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 6. 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. We thank you in advance for your generous donations of time and items to sell.

**The Palmyra Baptist Church Women**, rural Benton, invite you to their Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Frieda Widick of Benton will be the guest speaker; topic is "25 Orphan Dolls". Refreshments will be served.

**2007 Camp Mennoscah Family Camp/Mennofolk** will take place in the cool of the fall from Friday, October 12 to Sunday, October 14. Activities will include music, dancing, games, crafts, campfire, worship, and all sorts of outdoor fun. If you would like to attend, please pre-register by September 28. To register or find more information please contact the camp office or look for the family camp flyer on the bulletin board.

**Vision 2012 - Urgent Need** The Retreat Commission of Western District Conference would like to inform WDC constituents of the urgent housing needs at Camp Mennoscah. The director and her family have been "homeless" since April. The former director's home must be demolished due to rat and mold infestation. The commission is exploring options for quality permanent housing for both maintenance staff and director. Due to the urgency of this need, we must move quickly. We ask for your prayers and support as we make important long-term decisions. Contributions for this project need to be earmarked for "Director's home" through Vision 2012 and sent to WDC, Box 306, North Newton KS 67117.

*Litany of Installation – Katherine Goerzen*

September 23, 2007

**Pastor Jim**: Today, we the people of Grace Hill Mennonite Church celebrate and affirm the calling of Katherine Goerzen to be Youth Pastor within our congregation.

As the pastors of Grace Hill, you and I have committed ourselves to think, speak and act with love and compassion, to respond to injustices, to live the good news of the Gospel as God has called us, and empower others to live out this calling as well. May God empower us with wisdom, insight and energy to carry out this task together.

**Junior and Senior High Youth**: As the youth of this congregation, we affirm the call for you to be our pastor. We look forward to getting to know you and having you get to know us. We look forward to having fun with you and to learning from and with you. May you be filled with the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit as you carry out this ministry with us.

**Congregation**: As a congregation, the body of Christ, we affirm your call to ministry among us. May your gifts work together with existing ones at Grace Hill so that we may grow in love of God and neighbor, build up the body of Christ, and through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit live our lives in a way that is worthy of God's calling. May you be given a deep love for those whose lives you will touch and may Christ be known through you in word and deed.

**Conference Minister**: As Conference Minister, I offer my support and encouragement as you enter this ministry. The Conference is prepared to offer counsel, resources, and accountability which will enhance your relationship with the congregation and empower you to fully reflect the calling which God has given you.

Katherine, are you willing to faithfully carry out the duties of your ministry, seeking to exercise wisely and in Christian love the duties set before you, to faithfully teach and live the word of God as it is revealed to you through the Holy Spirit, and to participate along with the lead pastor in the care and nurture of the youth and the rest of the congregation?

**Katherine**: I will with the help of God and Jesus Christ, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Conference Minister**: Friends, you have heard the commitment made by Katherine in accepting the call to Youth Ministry within this congregation. Do you receive her as your pastor and are you ready to give her your prayerful support? Do you promise to participate with her in responding to the call that God has for his people? If so, please respond by saying "We do."

**Congregation**: We do.

**Katherine**: I accept with joy and steadfast dedication, the tasks to which I have been called. I am grateful for your continued prayer support and your encouragement. I will seek to be faithful to God and to the calling which I have received from this congregation and from the wider church.

## COMING OCTOBER 1! 30 DAYS OF GENEROSITY

*Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 2 Corinthians 8:2*

### **PARTICIPANT'S GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER**

TODAY we begin the distribution of the 30 Days of Generosity Participant's guides. A guide will be available to everyone Junior High age and older. Couples are welcome to share one if you wish.

### **HOW TO USE OF THE PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE!**

Make the participant's guide your constant companion for the month of October. Keep it close to your Bible and keep your Bible and the guide close to you. Place your name on the participant's guide and feel free to write in it! There are pages for notes in the back of the booklet.

Plan to use the participant's guide daily! Use it for individual or family devotions; when you rise in the morning or when you lie down at night; or at a meal. Make a commitment to participate in the devotions daily at whatever times works best for your daily schedule.

Sometime before Monday, October 1 spend some time to looking through the participant's guide.

- Begin by studying the cover. What message does it send about God's generosity?
- Next, turn to pages 5, 6 & 7. Here is a brief Bible study and personal prayer guide to prepare you for the month. Personal commitment is vital to our spiritual growth. Take time to commit to these 30 days.
- Note that there are four parts to the daily devotions: Read, Reflect, Pray and Act.
- At the end of each week you will find a group study. You are encouraged to use this study in your Sunday school classes.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL

**SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29, 6 P.M. TO 12 A.M.**

You are invited to participate in the Saturday evening in your home prayer vigil September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

- Choose a 15 minute segment to pray next Saturday evening.
- Pray at home or wherever you may be that evening.
- Use the following prayer guide. Feel free to expand your prayers to fit your present spiritual needs and concerns.

### **PRAYER VIGIL GUIDE**

Begin with the words of Scripture from Matthew 26:40

***Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.  
The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.***

### **PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

God we praise you for making Yourself known to us in Jesus Christ,  
We praise you for the Holy Spirit presence in our lives.  
We praise you for the Scriptures that may guide our lives.  
We praise you for creation.  
We give thanks for the way You provide for our lives.  
We give thanks for the things we have learned of You.  
We give thanks for family, church, friends and community

### **CLEANSING**

God, cleanse our hearts and minds. Forgive us our sins.

### **REQUESTS**

God, lead us through these 30 days of Generosity **that we may become more God-centered in our lives and more generous toward the world with the gifts God has given us.**

Other requests

### **CONCLUDE WITH 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.