

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 24, 2006

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Suzy Burch

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** Pastor Brett

* **Gathering Prayer** Pastor Brett

* **Hymn of Praise No. 106** *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Offering Western District Conference

* **Hymn No. 61** *Let all creation bless the Lord*

Congregational Sharing – Thanksgiving and Prayers of Intercession

Greetings from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Ron Ringenberg

Vice President for Advancement and Administration

Congregational Prayer

Responsive Scripture Reading James 3:13-18 Pastor Brett

Leader: Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

People: But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

Leader: Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.

People: For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Leader: But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

All: Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

Special Music *To God Be The Glory* Men's Group

Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37 Reader: Kris Goossen

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

Sermon *Submission and the Terrible Two's* Pastor Jim

* **Hymn No. 546** *Guide my feet* Pastor Brett, guitar

Benediction Pastor Jim

* **Benediction Hymn No. 421** *Bless'd be the tie that binds* Vs. 1, 4 & 6

Postlude

* 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 congregation is invited to join Gerald and Joyce Wedel in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Saturday, October 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Thanks to Gerald Wedel for building the new bookcases in the library. Go by the library and take a look!

Jill Schmidt's one year report on her Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment is posted in the foyer. Copies are also available.

Birthdays and an anniversary to add to your calendars: Dumont and Barbara Schmidt anniversary - September 3, 1964, Dumont's birthday – September 23, Barbara's birthday – September 28.

Western District Conference: Pray for the church planters in WDC and South Central Conference that the Holy Spirit keeps them spiritually motivated and their bodies in good health.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the indigenous Toba translators' team as they work together with MMN worker Richard Friesen in the Argentine Chaco to revise the Toba New Testament. Their work on Corinthians has been the most challenging so far.

Church Events

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Education Council will meet at church.

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Semi-annual Business Meeting at church.



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 4.

Next Sunday is World Wide Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together during worship as well as have a service to receive new members.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

See you at the Pole will be Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 a.m. at RHS.

October 6 5th Quarter

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

Announcements

Correction! Classroom numbers for Wednesday evening programming will be as follows and not what was in the previous announcement Age 3-Kindergarten: Room 5; Grades 1-3: Room 4; and grades 4-5: Room 7. Thanks. Kaye Penner and Barb Voth

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: Joyce Wedel and Brittany Claassen
Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Lisa Harms

Special Music Next Sunday: Curt Regehr
Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms
Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Youth Group Missions \$2,212.00
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, September 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Objects and Identity: The Vistula Delta Mennonite Tradition." Dr. Reinhold Kauenhoven Janzen, professor of art history at Washburn University in Topeka, will present a slide-illustrated talk as the inaugural lecture of series dedicated to understanding Mennonite material program. The program caps the grand opening weekend of a new permanent exhibit on Mennonite immigrant furniture. Free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

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 2006 National Voice Award winning documentary produced by Mennonite Media, *Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness*, will be shown at the historic Orpheum Theater, Broadway and 1st St., in Wichita on Sunday, October 1 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by NAMI Wichita as the opening event for Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 1-7. The documentary deals with stigma, recovery and hope and offers an inside look at what it is like to live with mental illness. The program will provide an opportunity to learn about brain disorders which affect one in five persons during their lifetimes. For more information, call Judy Staton, NAMI Wichita, 316-681-3643.

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

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.

Mennonite Central Committee Warehouse Sale, October 7 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Help us help others by donating to and shopping at our warehouse sale. We are looking for donations of high quality goods (clothing, shoes, small appliances, house wares, etc.) to sell. These items should be brought in by Monday, October 2. All are welcome to come and shop the sale Saturday, October 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the MCC building in North Newton. Proceeds will support the Central States Material Resource Center. Please call Irma Gonzalez at MCC CS with questions, 316-283-2720.

Mark your calendar for the October 9 seminar on *What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty* with author of this book, Bill Ehlig. The seminar will be held at Chisholm Middle School in Newton from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The agenda will focus on the following topics: "When Poverty Knocks, How Do You Answer?" "What Makes for Poverty?" and "Our Local Potential to Help". Cost is \$25 and includes \$22 book and lunch. Register by September 25. Call Peace Connections, 284-0000 for additional information. Brochures available in the foyer. For those who are unable to attend the whole-day seminar, an evening summary will be held on October 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Chisholm Middle School. Free & open to the public.

The Women Ministries at Palmyra Baptist Church, rural Benton, invite you to their Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 11, at 1:30 p.m. Larry Hatteberg, news anchor for KAKE-TV, Channel 10 will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

Mennonite Agri-Urban is seeking sponsors to pay for feed costs that total approximately \$150 per animal. The adopted animal will be placed with an area farmer who is sponsoring one or more animals. Agri-Urban will donate the profit from the animal to Western District, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College in your name. Approximately 200 calves are currently being placed with farmers in the area. Urban persons and others are invited to participate by purchasing a feed certificate for \$75 or \$150. For more information, contact Terry Krehbiel at 620-459-6641 or Randolph Flaming at 620-367-2377. Make checks payable to Mennonite Agri-Urban and mail to Western District Conference, Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

Mennonite Central Committee Update Through your generous response, we have collected 5,000 of our goal of 15,000 school kits. Thank you! To meet our commitment for the Middle East Emergency Response, we need health and relief kits and blankets. We also are helping MCC raise \$345,000 for aid in the areas of relief, health and peace, such as helping children avoid unexploded ordnance. See www.mcc.org/middleeastemergency or call 316-283-2720.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is seeking a full-time Human Resources Coordinator to oversee regional recruitment for all MCC programs and applicant file-processing for regional placements. This person will also mediate policy and benefit information to regional personnel, provide limited worker support and help facilitate positive alumni relations. This is a salaried position and includes benefits. Please send resume and letter of intent to Leia Lawrence at MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Come worship God with other Mennonites and experience a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ and his church at San Jose 2007. People of all ages are invited. Mark your calendar now for July 2 – 7, 2007. Visit www.SanJose2007.org for details.