

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 25, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn No. 425** *Come, Come Ye Saints*

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!**

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.

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

Pastor Brett

* **Gathering Hymn No. 14** *Come, We That Love The Lord*

A Commitment of our Offerings Western District Conference

Children's Moments

Pastor Brett

* **Hymn No. 226** *You Are Salt For The Earth*

Pastor Brett

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Jim

Special Music *The Purest Place*

Tara Harms-Becker

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible Pg. 978

Reader: Brian Hilgenfeld

Sermon *What Have You Authorized Jesus to do with Your Life?*

* **Hymn No. 328** *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

For Sharing and Prayer

Tena A. Voth went to be with the Lord Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at the age of 95. She was a resident of Bethesda Home, Goessel. Funeral services were Saturday at the church. Let us remember the family during these days of remembering and let us give thanks for her life lived among us at Grace Hill.

We are happy to announce that Kendall and Carol Claassen have agreed to be youth sponsors for the coming two years. We rejoice in their decision and pray for them as they minister to the youth.

Thank you Mike Balzer, Gary Hill and Dean Patterson for driving shuttle tractors at the State Fair for Mennonite Central Committee.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC conference ministers: Dorothy Nickel Friesen (KS and NE), Marco Guete (TX), Merv and Jane Dick (CO), Robert Nolt (OK), and Lee Lever serving on an interim, half-time basis (KS).

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the three indigenous persons who have begun working on the Toba New Testament update in Argentina. MMN workers Richard and Ruth Anne Friesen are guiding this team.

Announcements

College Students: If you are interested in receiving *The Mennonite* during the 2005-06 school year, please contact Debbie Claassen.

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 Teresa Martin

Nursery Next Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Sharon Schmidt

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Care Fund \$1,198.01

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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Church Events

Today at 4:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor. Messengers and Youth Group are in charge. **Youth:** meet at the church at 3:20 p.m. to leave for Wheat State. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – bingo.

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 5.

Attention High School and Junior High Youth Sponsors. There will be a sponsor training meeting Wednesday, September 28 after the hot dog roast. We will try to start as soon as possible.

Saturday The Youth Group will be attending Fall Festival at Bethel College this Saturday to do a small work project and attend the football game in the evening.

Next Sunday, October 2, is World Wide Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as well as receive new members and have a commissioning service for our youth leadership and sponsors. Let us prayerfully and joyfully look forward to this special worship service.

Saturday, October 22 Workday at church.

Sunday, October 23 at 4:30 p.m. Senior Faspa (for those 65 and over) in the Community Room at Kidron Bethel.

November 1-3 Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning in North Newton.

Et Cetera

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, this evening at 7:00 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.

Join our Hospice team as a volunteer. Hospice Care of Kansas is providing volunteer training in our Newton office. You can make a difference by holding a hand, running errands or helping with office work. We will be offering a free volunteer training September 27 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Please contact Leslie Sweasy for more information at 1-877-877-2385 or 316-283-2116.

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.

You are invited to Kidron Bethel's 13th Annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 1, in the Harvest Table dining room. Breakfast will include pancakes bathed in New York's finest, absolutely pure maple syrup (provided by Ralph and Evelyn Lehman of Samara Partners), sausage, orange juice and coffee. Donations will be taken for the meal. Proceeds will go toward the Bethel Health Care Neighborhood Project.

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.

The American Baptist Women Ministries at Palmyra Baptist Church invite you to join them for the Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m. Susan Peters, news anchor of KAKE-TV will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. Palmyra Baptist Church is located at 999 NW Butler Road, Benton.

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.

MCC Quilt Piecing Classes taught by Margret Loewen Graber and Mary Beth Goering will be offered on Saturday, October 15, 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) workroom, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton. The afternoon class will be a repeat of the morning session. We will be teaching basic quilt making techniques. There is no fee for the class and fabrics will be furnished. Blocks made in class will be used for a Relief Sale quilt. Class size is limited. Call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 for information and registration.

Christian Education and Spiritual Formation Seminar with Marlene Bogard will be held on October 16 from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Zion Mennonite Church. Everyone is invited to participate in this seminar, which will focus on integrating spiritual formation into Christian education. For the meal, please bring your “brown bag”. Drinks will be provided.