

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 26, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Office: 283-2644

Chorister: Suzy Burch

## Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim

\* **Hymn No. 70** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16      Pew Bible Page 1129  
Reader: Suzy Burch

**Special Music** *Climbin' Up The Mountain Children*      Men's Quartet

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare*

**Message** *The living, vibrant, loving, and directing presence of God*

\* **Hymn No. 640** *This Is A Day Of New Beginnings*

\* **Benediction**      Pastor Brett

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 349** *Spirit Of The Living God*

## 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!**

A special welcome and thank you to the men's quartet for providing music this morning. Members are Greg Bontrager, Ted Krehbiel, Ken Regier and Brent Voran.

## 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.*

**A Song of Worship** *My Lord What A Morning*      Men's Quartet

\* **A Litany of Praise**      Pastor Brett

**One:** We gather, centered in the promises of God,

**All:** **Caught in the web of grace,**

**One:** Whirled in wonder and joy,

**All:** **Welcomed into the house of blessing.**

**One:** We gather, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

**All:** **Lifted up by stories of faith,**

**One:** Moved by challenging words and heartfelt prayers,

**All:** **Touched by joyous music and the power of God's Spirit.**

\* **Invocation**      Pastor Brett

\* **Hymn No. 651** *I Owe The Lord A Morning Song*

**Offering**      Western District Conference

**Children's Moments**      Pastor Brett

## For Sharing and Prayer

### In the hospital:

Don Lanzrath – Via Christi St. Francis, Wichita  
Lisa Schmidt – Wesley Medical Center, Wichita  
Elva Unruh - Newton Medical Center Rehabilitation

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC staff as it gathers for a planning retreat this week at Camp Mennoscah.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for mission workers Amanda and Gamaliel Falla and the new Mennonite church in Barranquilla, Colombia, as they put their faith into action helping with nutritious meals for 70 children in a marginal neighborhood of the city.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Teresa Martin

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Katherine Claassen and Sharon Schmidt

**Ushers Today:** Tim Schmidt and Rob Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Offering Last Sunday:** Care Fund \$1,372.60

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

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Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>

## Church Events

**Tonight at 7:00 p.m.** Semi-annual church business meeting.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Musical Practice

**Next Sunday is World Wide Communion Sunday.** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. There will also be a service to receive new members.

**Next Sunday noon – 3:00 p.m.** Lunch and dress rehearsal for the children's musical.

**Next Sunday at noon** Worship Council will meet at Marie Wiebe's home.

**Next Sunday 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Senior Faspas in the Kidron Community Room. All of those who are 65+ and their spouses are invited.

**Wednesday, October 6 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 13.

**Wednesday, October 6 at approximately 7:30 p.m.** the mentors (adults) will meet following the wiener roast in the NW corner of the basement.

**October 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Children's Musical "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit." A sloppy joe supper will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. prior to the performance. A free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses. Come for an enjoyable evening of food and entertainment!

**October 23 & 24** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. "Welcome to Mennoscah Island!" Pick up a yellow flyer in the foyer.

**The Youth Group** will be selling poinsettias in time for Christmas! Information and order forms are available in the foyer. Orders must be placed by October 20.

**In preparation for Charlotte 2005**, the meeting of Mennonite Church USA in July 2005, we have received a copy of a Resolution on Health Care in America. Each church is to discuss the resolution, and respond to the questions included. Copies of the resolution are available on the table in the foyer. Please read the resolution and direct comments or questions to the Grace Hill Health Resources committee, Marge Harms, Ann Litton, Barb Voth or Kaye Penner. The response will be mailed by November 1.

**Blankets For Sudan (Mennonite Central Committee)** are the September project for Hands of Friendship. Single/full size medium weight blankets (72" x 90"). Bring to the church foyer. See bulletin board for further information. All are welcome to contribute. We will be collecting blankets/cash throughout the month of September.

**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.

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the library. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

## Announcements

## Et Cetera

**The Newton Area CROP Walk** is this afternoon with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the walk beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, First and Main, Newton. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker please see Kathy Balzer, coordinator for this event.

**The annual meeting** of the members of the Bethel College Corporation is called for Monday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Schultz Student Center on the Bethel College campus.

**Mennonite Singles Group** will be meeting on Saturday, October 2, at First Mennonite Brethren Church, 8000 W. 21st Street, Wichita, at 7:00 p.m. If you are single or single again, 30 to mid 50's, join us at the praise and worship service then to Cinnamon's Deli 1 block north of West and Maple. For more information contact Jonathan Ensz @ 620-367-4627 or Karen Hostetler @ 316-722-0506 or email Karen @ [mennosingles606@yahoo.com](mailto:mennosingles606@yahoo.com)

**Kansas Friends of MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)** will hold their meeting on Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church. For the morning session Dave Worth will speak on his MCC work and Jona Baltzer will sing. Please bring a sack lunch. The MCC Material Aid Project will be for Relief Kits. See bulletin board for list of items.

#### **Bethel College Fall Festival is October 7-10, 2004**

- 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, Oct. 9. Please prepare your items and bring to the large tent on the Bethel College green anytime Saturday morning after 7:00 am. See the bulletin board in the foyer for suggested items to bring. Thank you in advance for your generous donations of time and items to sell.
- Our church is again asked to provide pies and table waiters for the German/Swiss meal. The meal will be served in the gymnasium from 11:30 to 1:30 on Saturday, October 9. There are sign-up sheets in each of the adult Sunday School classrooms for those interested in helping. A sign-up sheet is also on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- Pies for the German/Swiss meal and food donations for the Market on the Green may be brought to the church kitchen by Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. October 8. If there are any questions, you may contact Jeanne Schmidt.

**Country Breakfast, Saturday, October 9, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Kidron Bethel Village Harvest Table Dining Room.** Cost is a donation to the

Bethel Health Care Neighborhood Project. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.

**The Women's Ministries of Palmyra Baptist Church** (999 NW Butler Road) invite you to join them for their Annual Guest Tea, Wednesday, October 13 at 1:30 p.m. Linda Clark Anderson and her husband, Jim, will have the program and music. Refreshments will be served.

**MCC Quilt Piecing Classes** taught by Margret Loewen Graber and Mary Beth Goering will be offered on Saturday, October 23, 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.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Meat Canning** is November 2-4, 2004. Doreen Harms is accepting contributions. These should be given by October 1 for this year's canning. Make checks payable to Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

**Reaching Out in Love:** Kidron Bethel Village retirement community is blessed with wonderful residents who would love to share themselves with you. Helping the residents with correspondence, reading together, assisting with group activities, playing games, or just visiting would be great opportunities for you and your family to share your time and talents while enjoying getting to know our residents. Flexible scheduling allows you to volunteer when your schedule allows. Please call Debra Hiebert, Volunteer Coordinator, at 284-2900, ext. 242.

**Your skills, talents and gifts are wanted at the Newton Et Cetera Shop.** We currently need Clerks to ring up purchases and Pricers to price items in four departments: Clothing, Housewares, Sewing Notions and Books. As of October 31, we will also need someone to do the window displays in one of our front windows. Most of these service opportunities can be arranged to fit your schedule and availability. If you would like more information about volunteering, or want to sample a typical shift, please contact Jessica Maroz, Manager, at the Et Cetera Shop: (316) 283-9461. All ages welcome.