

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 30, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Ben Lichti

Worship Leader: Arnita Haury

## Peace Connections Sunday

### 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.

## WE ARE ONE IN GOD'S CREATION

**Call to Worship**      Genesis 1:26, 27 (Pg. 2)      Arnita Haury  
Romans 10:11-13 (Pg. 1121)

### Prayer

\* **Hymn No. 154** *This is My Father's World*  
- and heav'n and earth be one -

**Children's Story**      Myrna Krehbiel

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**      Pastors Jim and Katherine

\* **Hymn of Response No. 377** *Healer of our every ill*  
- Give us peace beyond our fear  
And hope beyond our sorrow -

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

## LET US PURSUE PEACE AND MUTUAL UPBUILDING

**Scripture**      Romans 14:13-19 (Pg. 1766)      Marlin Lichti

**Special Music**      Women's Ensemble  
*Joy is Like the Rain*  
*Spirit of God*

**Nonviolent Communication**      Cookie Wiebe  
A personal experience written by Denise Goertzen

\* **Hymn No. 362** *Help us to help each other*  
- Help us to build each other up -

**Getting Ahead in a Just Getting' By World**      Pam Schrag

**Offering**      Peace Connections

\* **Hymn No. 384** *We give thee but thine own*

**Closing Prayer** *God Bless the Peacemakers*

\* **Song of Benediction** *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, All one family,  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace, eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

### 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!**

Special thanks to the Staff and Board of Peace Connections for providing our worship service today. 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.

An elective Sunday school class on the subject "Bridges out of Poverty" will be given by Cookie Wiebe. "Poverty: It Ain't What It Used to Be" If "bootstraps" don't work, what will? Find out how poverty is about more than money, why it's different now than when we grew up, and effective ways to work at it as communities. The class will be held in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

Elda Ruth Lichti, mother of Marlin and Monica Lichti, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 23 at the age of 95. She was a resident of Presbyterian Manor. Funeral services were held in the church on Wednesday, September 26. Let us keep the family in prayer during these days.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the discussions about planting a Spanish-speaking Mennonite church in the Newton area.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN workers Cindy and Tim Buhler and George and Tobia Veith request prayer for the thousands of people who visit Macau each day seeking satisfaction at the new large casinos. Pray that they will find hope in Jesus, meeting their inner needs.

Tomorrow, October 1, marks the beginning of **30 Days of Generosity**: 30 days of daily devotional readings in the participant's guide; 30 days of reflection on stewardship; 30 days for prayer and personal reflection; four Sunday worship services centered around God's generosity and our response, and four Sunday school class sessions.

Next Sunday's worship theme is "It's About God". The biblical text is Matthew 6:24-34 and Pastor Jim will be preaching. We will also observe World Wide Communion Sunday, so we invite you to prepare for the Lord's Table of grace and love. Remember to come with joy for what God has done, because it is all about God!

Participant's guides are available for all to use during these 30 days. If you haven't got a copy yet please pick one up today in the foyer and plan to begin using it tomorrow, Monday October 1, for your daily devotions.

## Church Events

**This afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** The Youth Group's Progressive Supper is tonight! Come hungry (there will be 4 courses) and come ready for good food and good fellowship! We will meet at the church at 4 p.m.

**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 6:10 p.m.** Kid's Meal at the church\*  
**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:45 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

\*To make or cancel reservations for the meal please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

Cost of the meal: Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Monday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at church.  
Program: Work projects – tie comforts and cut quilt blocks; Devotions: Judy Janzen; Hostess: Jo Frye; Financial Projects: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

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

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Katherine Claassen and Melinda Regehr

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Kids in Praise

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

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

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,834.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

**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 this afternoon 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.

**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.

**Hesston College Theatre Department** will present "*The Complete History of the Old Testament – In 20 Minutes and Other Traveling Tales*" on October 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Mennonite Church, Hesston and October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

**Hopi Mission School Foundation** is hosting an evening with Eric and Jane Polingyouma and a potluck dinner on October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Eric is the oral historian for the Bluebird Clan of the Hopi tribe. Jane is a former teacher and principal of Hopi Mission School. For more information call Kay at 316-283-1000.

**The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers October 11, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. We are looking for 50 + new volunteers to accommodate men awaiting matches. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than October 8 so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**Mennofolk on the Prairie Family Camp** - October 12-14 at Camp Mennoscah: Bring your instruments, your voice, your ears, your dancing shoes and your camping spirit for a weekend of folk music and family fun. Both children and adults, musician and non-musician alike, will enjoy activities from jamming with other musicians, singing, and contra dancing, to traditional camp activities such as canoeing, fishing and swimming. Register by October 5 to Camp Mennoscah: PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111, [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org), 620-297-3290.

**You are invited** to the Mennonite Disaster Service Region III Annual Meeting in Leon, Iowa on November 9 and 10. Come for stories, sharing, reports and business. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

**Are you interested in a cultural, learning, and service experience?** MAMA (Mujeres Amigas – Women Friends – Miles Apart) Project, Inc. has been working in Honduras for 20 years. Many people in the villages and the visiting teams have been impacted through short-term mission trips. This coming year we have space for 14 teams to travel to Honduras. Opportunities include: medical, dental, and construction brigades. See the website for more information: [www.mamaproject.org](http://www.mamaproject.org).

**The WDC Retreat Commission is looking for an on-site Building Supervisor/Manager** during the construction of the new house for the Camp Mennoscah resident director. This position will manage the daily volunteer labor and will work closely with the builder. Skills needed: People communication skills, supervisor skills, organizational skills, construction knowledge or experience. Call Galen Waltner (member of Retreat Commission & Resident Home Task Force) 620-386-0278 or [galenwaltner@hotmail.com](mailto:galenwaltner@hotmail.com) for details and to make application for this position. Currently, the house plan is being finalized and the hope is to begin construction yet this fall.