

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 1, 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

## World Wide Communion 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.

- \* **Hymn No. 89** *For the beauty of the earth* Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5
- \* **Scripture Reading** *A Psalm of Ascension* Psalm 121 Pastor Jim
- \* **Hymn No. 327** *Great is thy faithfulness* Verse 2, a cappella

**Hymn No. 491** *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling* Verses 1 & 3

### Congregational Sharing and Prayer

**Offering** Mennonite Church USA

**Scripture Reading** Philippians 4:4-8 Pastor Brett

### Membership Welcoming Service

We welcome Cal and Jo Frye, Lon and Deb Hiebert  
Congregational Response Hymnal No. 794 Pastor Brett

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 28:18-20 Reader: Levi Goossen

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

**Special Music** *The Old Rugged Cross* Curt Regehr Family  
Jana Harms – piano Eli Schmidt - guitar

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Breaking of the Bread

Passing of the Cup

Blessing and Words of Assurance Isaiah 40:31

\* **Hymn No. 395** *Here I am, Lord*

\* **Benediction** Ephesians 3:17b-19

Pastor Brett

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

### 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!

The Scripture readings and hymns in our worship service have special significance to those we are receiving as members today. We invite you to welcome our new members in the foyer after the service.

Those being received as members of Grace Hill today are:

Calvin and Jo Frye are transferring their membership from the Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka. Cal and Jo have two children, Benjamin and Timothy. Jo is a sonographer. She enjoys gardening, reading and quilting. Cal works as a director of materials management. He enjoys hunting, fishing and outdoor activities.

Lonnie and Debra Hiebert are transferring their membership from the Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church, Hesston. Lon and Deb have one son, Matthew. Deb works as an administrative assistant at Hesston College and Lon is a diesel mechanic for J&H Farm Equipment, Newton. Lon enjoys Southern gospel quartet music and hunting. Deb enjoys crafts, woodworking and reading.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

This afternoon, from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. the Catechism class is participating in a retreat at the Western District Conference office and Kauffman Museum.

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

We are pleased to announce new youth sponsors for the coming year. Brad and Suzy Burch will be joining Kendall and Carol Claassen as senior high sponsors. Travis Harms and Lindsey Bannon will be working with Darrel and Kristen Lanzrath as junior high sponsors. Please keep these sponsors in your prayers as they fill an important need in our church.

Thank you to all who contributed to the MCC School Kit project. The Junior Youth and Hands of Friendship had a productive evening where 35 kits were completed. The completed kits and a large supply of school kit items were delivered to the North Newton office. More bags will be delivered as they are sewn, which will make a total of 170 kits. Thanks to all for your generosity and help.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the members who have joined your congregation in the past year. Pray that the witness of the congregation will continue to bring more healing and hope to individuals and communities.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Mennonite Voluntary Service staff and leaders of MVS units will gather October 12-15 in Boulder, Colorado to make decisions on program and policy for the coming years. Pray for God's presence and wisdom as they discern together.

## Church Events

**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

**\*\*Please see insert to RSVP for meals.\*\***

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Business Council will meet.

**Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth led worship

**Monday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: *A History of Aprons*, dating back to 1876 by Jeannine Stults, Newton; Devotions: Kaye Penner; Hostess: Mary Ann Wiebe; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.



**October 21-22 *Mystery at Mennoscah*** - Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. Come to camp October 21 and 22 to explore the mystery of God through some fun activities! Registrations are due next Sunday. Don't miss the mystery! See Valerie Klaassen with questions.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**Next Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth led Worship

## Announcements

**Harvest of Love** seeks to meet the needs of those with special needs in Harvey County through food and money collected in the churches. A basket for food and a collection container for monies are located in the foyer by the front entrance. Please make checks payable to "Harvest of Love." This is a year round project of the Newton Ministerial Alliance.

**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:** Katherine Claassen and Lisa Harms

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barbara Voth and Carol Claassen (Kendall)

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Bonita Schroeder

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,790.80

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor: James Voth** Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: [jvoth@cox.net](mailto:jvoth@cox.net)

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**Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg** Office Phone: 799-2238

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

## Et Cetera

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Camp Mennoscah Work Weekend:** Grab your hammers and dusters, and come to Camp Mennoscah October 13-15 for a Work Weekend. We will shingle the chapel, repair cabins (structures, doors, windows), do a final fall cleaning of all buildings, and take out the dam. If you can come, please contact camp: [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290, so that food and accommodations can be arranged for you.

**“Just For You” Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah will be held October 14-15. Just For You is a weekend retreat intended primarily for those with special needs and their families and/or caregivers, designed to provide enjoyment with each other and our Lord as well as encouragement and support. For more information pick up a flyer in the foyer or contact Joyce Pankratz at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Ron Rempel, executive director of Mennonite Publishing Network**, will be in the Newton area in mid-October for MPN board meetings. You are invited to an October 22 gathering of MPN givers to hear first-hand from him about current publishing projects, bookstores, and other updates as well as financial challenges and progress. Come to share your questions and ideas about Mennonite publishing as it provides resources for the church and to consider ongoing opportunities for financial support. Event: 5:30-7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 22, Faith Church, Newton. To attend, contact MPN board member June Krehbiel, [pjkeh@mtelco.net](mailto:pjkeh@mtelco.net), 620-345-2360 by Monday, Oct. 16.

**“Church in my Dreams: A new Generation speaks out!”** October 27-29 Hesston College offers another in the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series. The speaker is nationally known youth and young adult speaker Tony Jones. It's for pastors, youth pastors and youth sponsors. But it's also for YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS! Grace Hill is offering a generous scholarship for those from our congregation who would like to attend. Our goal is eight or more! Pastor Brett and Pastor Jim have more information, brochures, registration information and a list of the workshops being planned. It's about being together, worshipping, playing and dreaming!

**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.

### Wednesday Night Meal Reservation Form

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we plan to be regular attendees at every first Wednesday night meal. I/we will notify Tammy Regehr or Barb Voth if I/we cannot attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we plan to be regular attendees at every all church third Wednesday night meal. I/we will notify Kaye Penner or Barb Voth if I/we cannot attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will sign up for individual Wednesday night meals.

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place in offering plate or Barb Voth's mailbox. Thanks!