

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 2, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

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.

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.

Musical Call to Worship *Minuet*

Maria Jantz, harp

Call to Worship John 15:1-5

Pastor Brett

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 373** *Thou True Vine, That Heals*

A Commitment of our Offerings Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

Jana Harms

Sharing and Prayer

* **Hymn of Assurance No. 580** *My Life Flows On*

Youth Sponsor Sending and Commissioning Service

Welcoming Service - We welcome Orville and Nancy Schmidt
as associate members

Special Music *This House of Clay* Maria Jantz and Levi Goossen

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

A grape; a wonderful fruit; sometimes green, sometimes purple; sometimes white; a variety of colors; often plump and juice; often sweet, but not always. Always in clusters; always a community of them; a gathering connected to the vine for life. What a wonderful image of our lives in the body of Christ.

Today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper we prepare for that celebration by listening to Scriptures from God's Word about the vine and the vineyard.

We've already heard John 15: I am the true vine; one of the seven I am's of the Gospel of John. Listen now to the prophet Isaiah speaking of the beauty of the vineyard.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Reader: Pastor Jim

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46

Reader: Levi Goossen

* **Communion Hymn No. 306** *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*All are welcome to partake who have entrusted their lives to God
through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

Scripture Words of Salvation and Confession - Psalm 80:7-15

Jesus' Call to Commitment and Eternal Life - John 6:53-54

Unison Prayer of Confession and Commitment

True Vine; as we share the bread and the cup of Christ,
Heal our hearts with Your love and mercy,
Make your joy to be our strength,
Renew a right spirit in us.
Lead us to live in the power of Your resurrection.
In Christ we pray, Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Unison Affirmation

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Passing the Peace to one another

“The peace of Christ be with you ... and also with you.”

* **Sending Hymn No. 311** *The Church's One Foundation*

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!**

Today we welcome Orville and Nancy Schmidt as associate members from Grace Community Church, Newton. Orville and Nancy reside in Elbing and have three grown children and enjoy their grandchildren. Nancy is a laboratory assistant at Newton Medical Center and Orville is retired and involved in part-time sales at Graber Hardware. Nancy enjoys sewing and painting, Orville enjoys woodworking and crafts and together they enjoy camping and fishing. The words of Galatians 2:20 have been a spiritual encouragement to Nancy: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* One of Orville's favorite hymns is *To God be the glory.*

For Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

New Address:

Jill Schmidt, 228 S. Jackson St., Americus, GA 31709
Phone: 229-924-7776 E-mail: jillrays@gmail.com

Western District Conference: Our thoughts and prayers and assistance pour out to the victims of recent hurricanes. We give thanks for the world's compassionate response to the devastation and pray that we will continue to stand with those who have experienced such loss. We pray for those who are leading relief efforts.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who share God's love with their students at Hopi Mission School, Kykotsmovi, Arizona: Sharon Johnson, Sallyanne McLean, Rochelle Yoder, Hannah Zehr.

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: Katherine Claassen and Sharon Schmidt
Nursery Next Sunday: Barbara Voth and Carol Claassen (Kendall)

Special Music Next Sunday: Jack Griffith
Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,437.50
Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

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 Tammy Regehr 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 tear off and place in offering plate or Barb Voth's mailbox. Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: jvoth@cox.net
Pastor's Cell Phone (in case of emergency) 1-316-655-2811
Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg Office Phone: 799-2238
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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1-888-516-8474
Secretary's E-mail: kimdebc@wheatstate.com
Church Website: <http://gracehill.ks.us.mennonite.net/>

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. Kid's Meal at the church
7:00 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir

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

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

Monday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church.
Program: Work Night – Tying comfort & cut rug strips for Et Cetera Shop; Devotions: Nancy Schmidt; Hostess: Miriam Claassen; Financial Projects: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

Saturday, October 22 Workday at church.

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

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

High School Youth Group

TODAY – party for the Schunn's after Sunday school
October 5 – youth group at East Lake, bring appropriate clothing
October 14 – 5th Quarter at Doug Claassen's 9:00-11:30pm
October 28 – Corn Maze with Zion youth group

Junior Youth Group

Howdy Partners! Don't forget to RSVP to Tim/Lisa Schmidt if you plan on attending the Roundup Supper on October 15, Saturday. The wagon train will leave the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. and return around 8:30 p.m.

Urgent! Mennonite Central Committee is needing our help in October to assemble and ship school kits to those in need. We have been scheduled to work at MCC on October 22, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will gather for lunch in Newton following our work at MCC. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m. Please bring money for lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to help others. We look forward to seeing you for both events!

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. Come for a day or the whole weekend. Food, snacks and drink will be provided. **In order to make sure we have enough food, please call camp if you are planning to come. But, please come even if you don't call.** Please bring your sleeping bag if you are staying overnight. Tents and campers are welcome. For further information - please call Joyce at Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

Michael Berg, whose youngest son Nicholas was beheaded in May 2004 by Iraqi extremists in retaliation for the abuse of Iraqi soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison, will share his journey as he sought healing and forgiveness of his son's executioners. We invite *you* to share his journey Thursday, October 13, in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) and Students for Social Change (SSC) of Bethel College. Call 316-284-5217 for further 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.

Senior Retreat sponsored by Western District and South Central Conferences at Crosswind Conference Center in Hesston on October 31 and November 1. Registration deadline is October 9. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

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