

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

October 5, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Suzy Burch

World Wide Communion Sunday

Prelude

Samantha Claassen

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.

* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

People: the one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all.

Leader: We are children of God through faith in Christ Jesus

People: so there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Leader: Is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

People: Is not the cup of thanksgiving a participation in the blood of Christ?

All: Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf;

In Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Therefore, let us make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

* **Hymn No. 1** *What is this place*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Sharing and Prayer

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

Special Music *I Belong to the King*

Jordon Hatfield, Shem Hatfield, Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 Michelle Hilgenfeld

Sermon Pastor Katherine

Hymn in Preparation for Partaking in Communion together

Hymn No. 454 *Seed, scattered and sown*

Service of Communion

* **Benediction Hymn No. 478** *Sent forth by God's blessing*

* **Benediction** Pastor Jim

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 tradition of the past in some Mennonite churches has been to offer a nod of affirmation and love when serving the person next to you. It is a sign of entering into communion in a right relationship with Christ and with one another. We invite you to prayerfully prepare for this service and, if so led, consider giving 'a nod' of affirmation and love to the brother or sister next to you.

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement given to us last Sunday in celebration of my ordination 30 years ago. You have graciously allowed me to minister for 23 of those years in this congregation. Grace and Peace in Christ, Pastor Jim and Barb Voth

Western District Conference: Pray for members of Casa del Alfarero and Nueva Jerusalem in Pasadena (Houston area) that were affected by the Hurricane Ike. Also pray for the artists who bring their gifts of design, creativity and challenge to our worship settings.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN associate Sara Ulrich, working with Young Life in Hertford, England, requests prayer for individuals taking courses to learn about Christian faith, and for the course leaders. This is organized jointly through churches in the community as a follow-up to Hertfest, a week of service and evangelism held this past summer.

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Hiebert and Brittany Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,462.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Events

This evening at 7:00 p.m. A Sunday Evening Worship Service on Anti-Recruitment and the military, sponsored by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Wednesday at 6:50 – 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Adult praise, prayer, biblical reflections

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Explorers S.S. Class is in charge.

Monday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center in North Newton. Program: Work night at MCC Center; Devotions: Irma Gonzales; Hostess: Elfrieda Schmidt; Financial Projects: MCC.

October 18-19 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. Come and enjoy "New Creation!" The schedule and registration forms are out; if you need one see Peter Goerzen. Please return forms to Peter today.

Homeless Shelter Ministry October 22-28. We share a week of service in the Newton homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church October 22-28. There is a sign-up sheet for four nights of volunteer staffing and providing a meal those evenings. The dates are October 22, 24, 26 and 28. If you would like to take the volunteer staff training please contact Pastor Jim.

This fall we will celebrate the harvest and God's full provision for us in our Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, November 9. More information to follow.

Announcements

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month: paper goods. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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.

Et Cetera

Father Roy Bourgeois, decorated Vietnam veteran, Catholic priest, and founder of the School of the Americas Watch [www.soaw.org/], has been imprisoned for his protests, lectures and demonstrations. He will speak on "The Struggle for Peace and Justice in Latin America" in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7. Sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) and the Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas, this lecture is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken for the SOA Watch Latin America Project. For additional information, call KIPCOR: 316-284-5217. <http://www.bethelks.edu/kipcor/lectures/pls.php>

Palmyra Baptist Church Women's Ministries invite you to join us for our Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Palmyra Baptist Church (999 NW Butler Rd.). Cindy Klose, news anchor for KWCH-TV Channel 12 will be our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you at the tea.

Grapevine, a group of Christian educators who share and brainstorm issues, ideas and solutions, will gather at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 9 at the Western District Conference office. All are welcome! Interested? Call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

Hey worship planners, pastors and artists - don't fret if you missed the deadline. You may still register for Proclamation by Design, a resourcing day on worship and the visual arts to be held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton on October 11. Brochure at www.mennowdc.org. Call 316-283-6300 immediately to register.

Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, invites everyone to celebrate its **100th anniversary** with special events October 10, 11, and 12. Friday 7:30 p.m. - Dr. James Juhnke, Bethel College History Professor Emeritus, lecture on the life of Rev. P. H. Richert. Saturday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Family fun events. 2:00 - "The Greenhorns" bluegrass and gospel concert. Evening - German meal and drama. Sunday worship and noon potluck. Contact the Tabor Church office at 620-367-2318 or e-mail tabor@tabormennonite.org for more information.

Camp Mennoscah—Walk the planks! It's time to take the dam out. Volunteers are welcome to come to Camp Mennoscah on October 12 at approximately 2 p.m. to help remove the wooden planks in the dam, hose them off and stack them for the winter. We suggest you wear river clothes.

The Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canner will be at the MCC Center in North Newton October 27 through November 4. Volunteers are needed to can 80,000 pounds of turkey and 8,000 pounds of pork. New this year is a quiet room for reading and learning about MCC's meat canning program. All are welcome to use this space, especially people who are not physically able to help with meat canning, in prayer and meditation for the work, the young men who travel with the canner, and for the many ways we are blessed. Money is still needed to purchase sows for processing. Please designate your gift "Newton Meat Canner" and send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Contact Maynard Knepp with questions at 316-283-2720.

Benefit Fund Raiser for Emmaus Mennonite Church November 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Remington High School Gym. Program: Remington Singers, Rusty Rierson singing Christian Country and Auction. If you have an auction item you would like to donate please contact Vern Boyenger at 620-752-3674.

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