

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 7, 2007 - 9:30 a.m.

World Wide Communion Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to 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 presence as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

* **Call to Worship – Hymn No. 1** *What is this place*

* **Prayer of Invocation** Pastor Katherine

* **Hymn No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Worship in Giving Mennonite Church USA

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Pastor Jim

Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Luke 12:24-26

Praise: God knows! God is present! God is powerful and cares. Our needs matter to God because God loves us.

Thanksgiving: God replenishes the earth, providing for the plants and animals. God provides even more for us, God's children.

Cleansing: May God forgive our unbelief and ingratitude.

Requests: We focus our spiritual vision on you Lord. We set our hearts and minds on eternal things. Remind us, God, of your greatness, faithfulness and love. Lord hear our prayers

May Your word strengthen our faith as we learn to know You better and trust You more.

Special Music *You Are My All In All*
Awesome God

Kids in Praise

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

Scripture Matthew 6:24-34

Samantha Claassen

Sermon *It's About God!*

Pastor Jim

A. Foundational truths about God's stuff

1. God **owns** it all. (Job 41:11; Deuteronomy 8:18)
2. What I think about and how I handle God's stuff is **central** to my spiritual **life and joy**. (Luke 12:13-21, Luke 18:18-29)
3. God wants me to **give** it away. (Luke 12:13-21)

B. Principles of giving

1. God owns everything and I am God's **manager**.
2. My heart will always follow **God's** money. (Matthew 6:21)

* **Hymn No. 324** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Communion

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 117** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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!

On this World Wide Communion Sunday we join with the body of Christ, the church around the world, to share in the Lord's Supper. All are welcome to partake who confess Jesus as Savior and Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised you to new and eternal life. Come and receive the table of the Lord with joy and thanksgiving!

Worship Leaders

Pastor: James Voth
Keyboard: Linda Harms

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen
Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Today we enter into our second week 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.

Next Sunday's worship theme is "It's About Purpose". The biblical texts are Matthew 6:19-21 and 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Participant's guides are still available in the foyer for all to use during these 30 days.

For Sharing and Prayer

New Address: Brett & Cassie Klingenberg
Harrisburg Discipleship Center, 333 S. 13th St.
Harrisburg, PA 17104

E-mail: bcklingenberg@hotmail.com

A newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.

Western District Conference: Pray that World Communion observance will bind us together as a global community under the Lordship of Christ. Pray for a neighboring congregation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Fancisco and Manuela Olvera received diplomas from the Instituto Biblico Anabautista study center in Dallas. Pray that God's strength and wisdom will be with them as they begin serving in a new community.

Church Events

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.

Monday 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.

Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children’s and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Bible Study*
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

*Wednesday evening adult Bible study! 7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Come, listen and respond to a message given in the adult assembly at San Jose 2007 this summer. Speaker to be announced!

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Announcements

SIGN-UP SHEET FOR MEALS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR HOMELESS SHELTER ARE IN THE FOYER. We share a week of service to the homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church every 13 weeks. The next week is October 31 – November 7. If you would like to consider being a volunteer and would like to visit the shelter and receive training there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Katherine Claassen and Melinda Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

Special Music Next Sunday: Eric Schrag

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$1,678.75

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Et Cetera

Hesston College Theatre Department will present “*The Complete History of the Old Testament – In 20 Minutes and Other Traveling Tales*” this evening 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 this evening 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 Palmyra Baptist Church Women, rural Benton, invite you to their Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Frieda Widick of Benton will be the guest speaker; topic is “25 Orphan Dolls”. Refreshments will be served.

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.

Politics pits people against each other - even Christians against Christians. Should Christians be involved in politics? Would Jesus belong to a political party? Can we talk with each another (and listen!) when we disagree? Come to Hesston College October 19-21 for "Christian Ministry in a Red and Blue World." Greg Boyd (well known speaker and author of the New York Times Best seller *The Myth of a Christian Nation*), John D. Roth (Goshen College professor and popular speaker) and a host of workshop presenters will lead us in our conversation. Check the link on our website (www.hesston.edu) to register!

The Community Playschool is in the Chili Cook-Off Saturday, October 20, from 11.30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on 6th Street in Newton by Prairie Harvest. Your chili eating will help support the Playschool, which Grace Hill helps sponsor. A "tasting kit" is \$5; you vote for the winner by adding money to the contestant's jar. Have chili for lunch, live music, and help Playschool. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

A Craft Fair & Bake Sale will be held at Wheat State Manor in Whitewater on Saturday, October 20 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Tables for crafts are available at no charge by calling Tricia Fee. Enjoy a time of fellowship with the residents as you view the crafts.

Peace: More Than an End to War - Alan Gamble will speak on November 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College. On November 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Meadowlark Center, in Newton, Heartland Peace Tax Group will host a one-day conference *War Tax Resistance and the Path to Peace*. For more information on the conference call 1-800-269-7464 or email nwtrec@nwtrec.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 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.

Mennonite Women USA is seeking a candidate for service on the MW USA board of directors. Position opening in August 2008: president-elect . Please send references (or nominate yourself!) by October 24 to MW USA vice-president, Gail Harder, 1300 Eymann Ave., Reedley, Calif., lgharder@verizon.net . Include contact information and a brief introduction to the person.

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