

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 8, 2006

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Violin: Carl Goossen

Prelude No. 110 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*
No. 12 *Come Let Us All Unite to Sing*
No. 14 *Come We That Love the Lord*
No. 145 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
No. 100 *Praise Him Praise Him*
No. 644 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
No. 606 *O Have you not heard*
No. 338 *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous*
No. 521 *Come Thou Fount*

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. 46** *I sing the mighty power of God*

* **Invocation**

* **Hymn No. 99** *We praise thee, O God*

Psalm 8 Hymnal No. 812 A responsive reading

Offering Local Church Missions
Offertory *I Love to Tell the Story* Hobby

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

* **Hymn No. 75** *Holy, holy, holy* Stanza 1 in German

Scripture Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Reader: Gladys Reimer

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

Special Music

Bonita Schroeder Family

The Lord Is King, O Praise His Name

The Longer I Serve Him

Sermon *In the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises*

* **Hymn No. 522** *My Jesus, I love thee*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 150** *Wonderful grace of Jesus*

Postlude *Wonderful grace of Jesus* Ham

* 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!

For Sharing and Prayer

Last Sunday, we welcomed seven new members into the congregation. Along with Cal and Jo Frye and Lon and Deb Hiebert we also welcomed Jeff and Theresa Toews and their daughter Ashley. Jeff is a fireman for the Wichita Fire Department as well as a part-time farmer. Theresa is the head cook for the Remington Elementary School in Potwin and Ashley is a sophomore at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, majoring in Elementary Education. Jeff, Theresa and Ashley are transferring from Federated Church, Whitewater.

Western District Conference: Pray for the witness of Bethel College as it inaugurates President Barry Bartel today. Pray for students, faculty, and staff.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches are gathering October 12-15 for a Spanish Mennonite Encounter in Malaga, Spain. Pray for a special outreach to the community to be held Friday, October 13.

Church Events

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Youth led worship

Monday 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. Invite your friends to this special program. Devotions: Kaye Penner; Hostess: Mary Ann Wiebe; Financial Project: 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 Bible Study 7:00-7:40 p.m.** "God is Closer than you think". An interactive Bible study with John Ortberg. Led by Pastor Jim in the class room adjacent to the kitchen. All are welcome.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.



October 21-22 *Mystery at Mennoscah* - Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. Come to camp October 21 and 22 to discover truths about Jesus' mysterious teachings! Registration is due TODAY! Don't miss the mystery! Talk to Valerie Klaassen if you have questions.

Saturday, October 28, 8:00 – noon Work Day at church – miscellaneous maintenance.

Announcements

The Health Resource Team will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

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: Barbara Voth and Carol Claassen (Kendall)

Nursery Next Sunday: Sharon Schmidt and Courtney Claassen

Special Music Next Sunday: Celebration Singers, Kids in Praise

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,607.89

Offering Next Sunday: Wheat State Manor

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

Et Cetera

Curt Goering, senior executive director for Amnesty International USA, will speak on "The Hizbollah/Israel war: The impact on civilians"

on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building chapel. Goering's appearance is sponsored by Bethel's Amnesty International group, made up of students, faculty and community members, and is free and open to the public.

The Women Ministries at Palmyra Baptist Church, rural Benton, invite you to their Annual Guest Tea on Wednesday, October 11, at 1:30 p.m. Larry Hatteberg, news anchor for KAKE-TV, Channel 10 will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

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 or 620-297-3290, so that food and accommodations can be arranged for you. **RETREAT CENTER AVAILABILITY!** Because of the cancellation of the JOY (disabilities) retreat (due to low registration), the Retreat Center is now available for use October 13-15, 2006. If your family, Sunday school class, small group or another group is interested, please contact the camp as soon as possible at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

"Take Action Now" a seminar at Kidron Bethel Village for people interested in IRA charitable contributions and how family asset distribution affects approval for Medicaid assistance. The seminar will take place Tuesday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Kidron Bethel Village - Menno Hall. Presenters: Mike Miller, Mennonite Foundation, and James Gillmore, Sizemore Burns & Gillmore, PA. To register: Contact DeeAnn at 284-2900 ext. 237 or deeannah@kidronbethel.org.

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, 620-345-2360 by Monday, October 16.

Peace Mennonite Community Church of Aurora, Colorado is planning to finish their basement to provide more space for Christian education, youth activities and a growing church program. The church is requesting volunteer labor for the project which will begin in November

and hopefully finish by March 2007. Leonard Wiebe has agreed to serve as the Kansas representative, to help coordinate volunteer labor for this project. His phone number is 316-283-4711 and email is ljwiebe@sbcglobal.net. Lodging will be provided in the homes of church members. Please read the pastor's letter on the bulletin board, which provides more information.

Alaska awaits - Join the adventure Attention all 17-20 year olds: time is running out for you to change your world with Service Adventure in Anchorage, Alaska. Don't miss an opportunity to spend 10 ½ months living and serving in this community with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Challenge Alaska. The adventure begins February 2007. For more information, e-mail Diana Cook at Service@MennoniteMission.net or check online: Service.MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is seeking a full-time Human Resources Coordinator to oversee regional recruitment for all MCC programs and applicant file-processing for regional placements. This person will also mediate policy and benefit information to regional personnel, provide limited worker support and help facilitate positive alumni relations. This is a salaried position and includes benefits. Please send resume and letter of intent to Leia Lawrence at MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Mennonite Central Committee Update Through your generous response, we have collected 5,000 of our goal of 15,000 school kits. Thank you! To meet our commitment for the Middle East Emergency Response, we need health and relief kits and blankets. We also are helping MCC raise \$345,000 for aid in the areas of relief, health and peace, such as helping children avoid unexploded ordnance. See www.mcc.org/middleeastemergency or call 316-283-2720.

Mennonite Disaster Service Region III Annual Meeting will be November 10 – 11 at Mineral Springs Amish Mennonite Church in Nashville, Arkansas. One or two vans will be going from Kansas. See the schedule and registration form on the bulletin board or call Gordon Unruh at 620-834-2319 for more information.