

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship October 21, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Week 3 – Thirty Days of Generosity

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.

Choral Call to Worship *Psalm 150* C. Wesley/Arr. E. Crocker

Unison Reading of Psalm 33:20-22

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

Invocation

* **Hymn No. 343** *My hope is built on nothing less*

Children's Moments Peggy Regier

Offering Wheat State Manor

Choral Reading Kris and Russell Janzen

Choral Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* Arr. by D. Wagner
Adult Choir

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

Scripture Genesis 22:1-14 (pg.19-20) Camille Claassen

Sermon *It's About Provision!* Pastor Jim

* **Hymn No. 544** *When we walk with the Lord*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Praise: God is able! And we are blessed. We have received all kinds of resources to offer back to God in worship and life. Give glory to God for the ways that God is making grace abound in our lives.

Thanksgiving: Thank God for his forgiveness and for every other spiritual gift we have received through Christ. Thank God for family, friends, and our community of faith. Thank God for blessings provided by the creation.

Cleansing: Let us open our hearts and minds to allow the Holy Spirit to show us areas where we've blocked God's provision for us. Let us also examine our lives to see if we have distorted any of God's good provision and permitted it to be a stumbling block to others or us.

Requests: Lord, we know that every good gift comes from you and you only give good gifts to your children.
Hear our prayers one for another
Fill us with your Spirit and grant us full and abundant lives in every way through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* **Hymn No. 336** *When peace, like a river*

* **Benediction**

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.

Special welcome to Joel Linscheid, our adult choir director. Joel is a senior at Bethel College. Special thanks to Joel along with Teresa Martin on keyboard and the adult choir for leading us in worship today.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Worship Leaders

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

Choral Accompaniment: Teresa Martin

Today we enter into our fourth and final 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 Me". The biblical text is Luke 12:13-21 and Pastor Jim will be preaching.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Leadership Commission as it interviews seven candidates for pastoral credentials in Dallas, Texas this weekend.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN workers in a South Asian country in rejoicing that a "daughter fellowship" has supplied nearly all the funds needed for their building. Pray that God will continue to bless this new congregation.

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 - 5 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday Mennonite Relief Meat Canning in North Newton

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Social Council meets at church.

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 by Paul Alexander in the combined youth/adult assembly at San Jose 2007 this summer.

Saturday, November 3 Workday at church

November 11 Harvest Thanks Sunday

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday at 6:40 p.m. The Youth Group will do meat canning at the MCC Center in North Newton from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We will meet at the church around 6:40 p.m. and drive together from here. If anyone is interested in driving for this event, please let Katherine know. Thanks!

Sunday, October 28 Sunday Night Worship: the Youth will have a Sunday Evening Worship Service starting at 7:00 p.m. It will feature a band from Bethel College. Everyone is welcome!

Announcements

College Students: If you are interested in receiving *The Mennonite* during the 2007-08 school year, please contact Debbie Claassen by October 28.

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 please see Pastor Jim.

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: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin

Keyboard and Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Ushers Next Sunday: Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church Missions \$8,141.50

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth

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Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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Et Cetera

Do you like playing in the river at Camp Mennoscah? Come help take the dam out this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. We can use help to float the boards to the trailer, wash, clean and stack them for winter. There will be plenty of fun and fellowship! For more information, contact camp at 620-297-3290.

You are invited to the Harvey County Homeless Shelter Benefit Pancake Breakfast (and lunch) Monday October 22 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Mardi Gras Restaurant, 1021 Washington Road (Cedar Village Shopping Center) Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee.

A Gathering for Healthy Eating with Erika Shinya: Open your eyes to an old truth "You are what you eat". Discover the Universal Qualities of food, focusing on the power and energy found in whole grain, organic, and locally grown foods. Learn more about a Japanese approach to cooking. Try some Japanese foods and learn how to cook them! Offered twice: October 22, 6:30-8 p.m. or October 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. Please call for reservations - \$5 per class.

A free seminar, "Gifts that Never End", will be held at Kidron Bethel Village on Thursday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Speakers: Sandi Fruit - "Family Life & Money" and Dennis LeFevre - "Leave a Legacy". Refreshments will be served.

Western District Conference and Shalom Mennonite Church invite your presence for the ordination of Sara Dick, Associate Pastor at Shalom, on Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the church, 800 E. First St., Newton. A fellowship meal follows the service.

The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series continues with a concert on October 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Featured performers include the following: Anthony Brown, Ken Rodgers, Duo Cuerdo (string duet), Generations II, and Donna Stucky. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert. There will be refreshments following the concert. West Zion Mennonite Church is located at 101 S. Washington Ave. in Moundridge.

Mennonite Central Committee is sponsoring a tour around the U.S. of representatives from Laos and Lebanon who have personally experienced the tragic effects of cluster bomb use in their countries. You are invited to attend a public presentation on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton.

Alan Gamble, executive director of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, will speak on "Peace: More Than an End to War" Friday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m., in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton. This special lecture, cosponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) and the Heartland Peace Tax Group, is free and open to the public. For more information, call KIPCOR at 316-284-5217. On November 3, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Heartland Peace Tax Group will host a one-day conference at Meadowlark Center in Newton on alternatives to paying taxes for war. For more information on the conference, call Stan Bohn at (316) 283-6075.

Camp Mennoscah and Western District Conference invite you to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new director's house on Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m. on the campgrounds. Come see Vision 2012 funds at work, tour the new maintenance apartment, and enjoy fellowship - and some refreshments. (In case of rain, event will be held in the Dining Hall.)

Old Fashioned Variety Show: Good music, comedy, ventriloquism, story telling, and amazing feats are just a few of the highlights at the annual variety show and fundraiser sponsored by Mennonite Men of the Plains. The show is Sunday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Bring your kids, your parents, and your friends for the show and all the zwiebach and jelly you can eat. An offering will be taken, all proceeds go to scholarships for seminary and ministry inquiry students. Call Brent Voran 316-284-2657 for more information.

Mennonite Mission Network has an immediate opening for a full-time and a part-time Mennonite Voluntary Service assistant in Newton. See the notice posted on the bulletin board for more details.