

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

October 26, 2008

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

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.

Choral Introit *O Lord, Have Mercy* G.F. Handel arr. Hal Hopson
Adult Choir

* Call to Worship

* Invocation

* Hymn No. 117 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Offering Western District Conference

Sharing and Prayer

* Affirmation of Faith Hymnal No. 711

Children's Moments Pastor Jim

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

Choral Anthem *The King of Love* arr. P. Christiansen Adult Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34-46 Lisa Harms

Sermon *Everything Hangs on Them! Everything!!!*

Congregational Prayer *I Love Thee, O My God*

* Hymn of Response *Love the Lord Your God* Patty Shelly

Chorus: Love the lord your God with all your heart and soul,
with all your mind and strength.

Let all that is within you praise the Lord!

With all your heart and soul, with all your mind and strength,
praise the Lord!

Verse 1: I will sing to the Lord while I have being. I will set my mind
on things above. I will pray in the spirit without ceasing. I will fill my
heart with truth and love.

Chorus

Verse 2: Find your strength in walking with the Spirit; find your heart
in Christ's unchanging love; seek the length and breadth and depth of
wisdom; fill your soul with the fullness of our God.

Chorus

Verse 3: Let the lives we live reflect God's glory, let the love we
share reflect God's grace. May we walk in truth and understanding;
may we grow in wisdom all our days.

Chorus

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* Benediction

* Benediction Hymn No. 420 *Heart with loving heart united*

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!**

Announcements

The elective Sunday school class on disciple-making using Brian McLaren's book More Ready than You Realize continues this morning in the fellowship hall.

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.

***The Mennonite* subscription list is being updated.** The church has a group-rate policy and each subscription costs the church \$33.00. If you are not receiving *The Mennonite* and would like to, or if you are currently receiving it and would like to discontinue your subscription, please contact Debbie Claassen by November 30.

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team

Keyboard Next Sunday: Katherine Goerzen

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Wheat State Manor \$362.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

For Sharing and Prayer

We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, prayers, and kind words that our family has received following the passing of my father, John Balzer, on October 14. Your support has truly been a blessing.

Tim, Lisa & Eli Schmidt

Thanks to all who participated in the program planning, skits, meal preparation, music and clean-up at our church retreat last weekend at Camp Mennoscah. Special thanks to Katherine and Peter for writing the skits and readings, leading the services and for all the planning throughout the weekend! It was great!

Administrative Council will meet on November 12 to discuss the pastoral search process and selection committee membership. The Grace Hill Constitution states: "The minister(s) shall be elected in the usual approved manner by the congregation among its own members or be called through proper conference channels. The election shall be by ballot. It is desirable that the minister(s) be in harmony with the ministerial qualifications as outlined in the Mennonite Church USA constitution." Administrative Council would appreciate your prayerful support as we prepare for this critical transition in our congregation.

At the semi-annual business meeting on September 28 a motion was made from Spiritual Council that a covenant partnership be formed between Rey de Gloria church in Garland, Texas and Grace Hill. The Rey de Gloria church closed at the end of September. The Spiritual Council was not aware of this decision at our semi-annual meeting. Spiritual Council will check on other church plants that might need support.

Western District Conference: Pray for the leadership of WDC – all elected and appointed members who gathered for the fall Reference Council meeting yesterday – that they might lead with wisdom and courage.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the ministry of LCC University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, to 660 students from Lithuania and other Eastern European countries. Pray for MMN workers Betsy and Steve Dintaman and Robin Gingerich who serve on the faculty and staff.

Church Events

Monday afternoon Quilters- You are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt on Monday afternoon anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Tuesday – Thursday Meat canning will begin October 28 and continue until noon on the 30th at the MCC Center in North Newton. Help is needed early Tuesday morning to cut up pork. Bring your sharp knife and join in the fun of old fashion meat canning. You may want to bring your own apron. There also are white coats available for your use. Help is also needed the other days. See Merrill Harms if you have questions.

High School Youth: Meat Canning: On Wednesday, October 29, we will be helping out with the MCC Meat Canning for our Wednesday Night Activity. Plan to be at the church by 6:40 p.m. so that we can be at the MCC Offices in North Newton by 7:00 p.m. See you there!

Homeless Shelter Ministry October 29 - November 5. We share a week of service in the Newton homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church. There is a sign-up sheet for four nights of volunteer staffing and providing a meal those evenings. The dates are October 29, 31, November 2 and 4. If you would like to take the volunteer staff training please contact Pastor Jim.

Wednesday at 6:50 – 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's Programming

7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Adult praise, prayer, biblical reflections

Each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. all are welcome to a time of celebrating our faith, sharing our prayers and reflecting on the Scripture from the past Sunday's sermon. Come and join us in the room just west of the kitchen. Pastor Jim

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

Friday at 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Next Sunday's message will be given by Peter Goerzen.

This fall we will celebrate the harvest and God's full provision for us in our Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, November 9. Our special speaker is a Mennonite Mission worker. This year's Harvest Thanks newsletter and offering envelope are available today! **For the noon meal:** Please sign the sheet in the foyer to bring either a salad or two pies.

Saturday, November 15 Workday at church.

Et Cetera

Tonight is music and storytelling with Jonathan Larson at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton at 7:00 p.m. He is well known for his ministry as a pastor, writer, teacher and voice for the poor. He has lived in Africa, most recently Botswana, and brings a unique blend of story, song, and challenge to audiences. An offering for Western District Conference will be received.

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. Freewill offering. Refreshments served. Auction after the concert. If you have an auction item you would like to donate please contact Vern Boyenger at 620-752-3674. Any other questions contact Debbie Regier at 316-799-2263.

Kidron Bethel Village Builders Banquet is scheduled Tuesday, November 11, 6:00 p.m. at Bethel College Memorial Hall, 300 E. 27th Street, North Newton. Featured entertainment is the Diamond W. Wranglers, performing their renowned "cowboy" tunes. Cost is \$125, which includes a charitable, tax deductible gift of \$100. Reserve your banquet tickets by calling (316) 284-2900 ext. 237 for tickets or your church member, Kaye Penner, before the November 3 deadline.

Mennonite Disaster Service Region III Annual Meeting will be in Freeman, South Dakota on November 14-15. Registration needs to be in by November 1. See bulletin board for more details. Call Gordon Unruh 620-834-2319 if you have questions or if you want to ride along in a MDS van.

Bethel College Mennonite Church, together with the Bethel College music department, invite area junior and senior high students to a hymn sing on Sunday, November 23 from 6-8 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Bill Eash, Bethel College concert choir director, will lead youth in singing familiar and unfamiliar hymns. We will also host a dessert reception for area youth. Interested? Contact Ruth Harder, ruth.bcmc@sbcglobal.net or 316-283-3667.

Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership (Newton, Kan.) has an opening for a Finance Assistant to work 20 hours a week to process accounts receivable, accounts payable and other accounting transactions and assist in the preparation of monthly department and project reports. Applicants should have a two-year accounting related degree or equivalent experience in a finance office, proven computer skills, and ability to work with basic supervision. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and resume to: Executive Leadership Human Resources, PO Box 347, Newton, KS 67114; email: HR@MennoniteUSA.org.

A hearty thank you to all who supported Bethel College at Fall Fest this year! We appreciate everyone who bought New Year's cookies, baked pies and bread for the German meal, and brought baked goods for the Market on the Green. All proceeds will help Bethel College. - Bethel College Women's Association

Worth Viewing: A new documentary, Pax Service: Alternative To War will air on Hallmark Channel Sunday, November 23, and feature young Mennonite and Brethren volunteers in this historical alternative service program that ran from 1950-1975. Program features work in Germany, Austria, Greece, Paraguay and Congo. Time is 7 a.m. ET/PT (6 a.m. CT/MT). Tell your friends and anyone you know who worked in Pax. They won't want to miss this. For those who don't get Hallmark Channel or anyone who wants a DVD with bonus chapters, the DVD will be available by Jan. 30, 2009. Also: More Mennonite Media documentaries on Hallmark every Sunday in November (same times as above). Nov. 2 - Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change, Nov. 9 - Finding Hope in Recovery: Families Living with Addiction, Nov. 16 - Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness, Nov. 23 - Pax Service: Alternative to War, Nov. 30 - Hunger No More: Faces Behind the Facts.

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