

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship October 28, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Week 4 – 30 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.

Call to Worship *You're Worthy of My Praise* David Ruis

Gathering Prayer

* **Hymns of Praise** Praise Team
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymnal No. 71
Shout to the Lord Darlene Zschech
Blessed Be Your Name Matt and Beth Redman

Offering Western District Conference

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

Scripture Philippians 4:10-20 (Pg. 1164) Philip Harms

Sermon *It's About Me!* Pastor Jim
Wrap-up and Celebration of 30 Days of Generosity

* **Hymn** *Love the Lord (With All)* Patricia J. Shelly

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Praise: We are fearfully and wonderfully formed! God's wisdom and power are displayed through us and we have hope and a future. God wants us with Him for all eternity.

Thanksgiving: Give thanks for things like health, strength, vision, talents, and the ability to read and reason. Thank God for things like love, art, music, humor, athletics and spirituality.

Cleansing: May God free us from the tyranny of the flesh. Let's agree that our natural desires will be subject to God's will. Seek forgiveness, healing and restoration for any unresolved "issues" between us and God, or us and other people.

Requests: God, we want to be more like You.

Hear our prayers one for another

In Your great love, wisdom and strength, heal us, shape us, equip us, and move us to bring you glory with our lives. Bless us so we may bless others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* Benediction

* **Sending Hymn** *Benediction* Patricia J. Shelly
The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,
Secure in God's Word, seeking God's face,
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.

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!**

Worship Leaders

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music led by the Praise Team

For Sharing and Prayer

Pray for Pastor Katherine as she drives to St. Louis Thursday to attend the National Youth Workers Convention November 2-5. She will return home Tuesday, November 6.

The Grace Hill Church family is invited to the wedding of Benjamin Voth to Anna McNay on Saturday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the church. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. All are welcome! Please R.S.V.P. regrets only to Ben either by email at benvoth@gmail.com or by placing a note in Ben's mailbox.

Our congregational service to the Newton area homeless shelter begins this Wednesday. We share a week with Zion Mennonite Church, serving Wednesday, Friday, Sunday and Tuesday evenings. We have volunteers preparing meals each evening and staff volunteers for Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Thanks to those who plan to serve in this ministry and let us as a congregation keep the shelter, those residing there and our volunteers in prayer this week. The sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. If you have any questions please see Pastor Jim.

Western District Conference: Pray for Sara Dick, associate pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, as she is ordained today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for adults serving with SOOP in Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, as they support crafts makers around the world by assisting with selling crafts at festival sales in locations along the New Brunswick coast.

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.

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 one of the speakers, Shane Hipps, at San Jose 2007 this summer. *Live the Call!*

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

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - noon Workday at church

November 11 Harvest Thanks Sunday **For the noon meal:** Please sign the sheet in the foyer to bring either a salad or two pies.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

This evening 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 today.

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: Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin

Nursery Next Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Special Music Next Sunday: Seeds of Joy

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Wheat State Manor \$1,898.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

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

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

Ten Thousand Villages, Newton will present "Unveiling of the Nativities" on Thursday, November 1 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., with the grand unveiling at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a special holiday open house complete with music, goodies, and lots of new fair trade holiday items.

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.

Choral Concert at Hutchinson Correctional Facility – The Rock Castle Male Chorus under the direction of Marles Preheim will present a varied program of sacred and secular selections on Sunday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Unit auditorium. The chorus is comprised of HCF inmates and volunteer singers from the surrounding area. Guest instrumentalists will also be featured on the program. This concert is one of several educational and artistic components under the Prison Arts Project sponsored by Offender/Victim Ministries. The program is free and open to the public. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to contribute to OVM's Prison Arts' Project. You are cordially invited to attend. Please contact the Newton OVM office (316-283-2038 or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) to list only your name for admission purposes. This should be done by Wednesday, November 7. Children under 18 are not permitted in the facility. HCF is located at Severance and G Street in South Hutchinson. Please arrive at 7:00 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. performance.

MEDA event rescheduled. Join us for the next Kansas Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) meeting, rescheduled for Thursday, November 15 from 6:00-8:30 pm. The evening will include supper at Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, Harper, and speakers Tim Penner, president of Harper Industries, Inc. (HII), Heber Ramer, Chief Engineer for HII, and Howard Hershberger, Partner, HII; followed by a tour of the HII facilities. Harper Industries, Inc. is a company that has worked to incorporate faith and values into business since its founding in 1998. Cost for the event is \$15 per person. To register, email fhpenner@aol.com or call 620-896-7600.

A volunteer leader is needed for the Parkinson's Support Group, hosted by Kidron Bethel Village. The group is the only one in this area. The volunteer would provide leadership, arrange for speakers, and show relevant videos. Kidron Bethel provides the meeting space, coffee, and advertising. For more information, please contact Marilyn King at Kidron Bethel.

Joyce Pankratz, Director of Camp Mennoscah, has announced her resignation effective January 31, 2008. The Conference Minister and the Retreat Commission are setting up a search process to ensure a smooth transition. If there are interested persons for this full-time position, please contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dorothyntf@mennowdc.org by November 15. An application packet is required from all candidates.

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