

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 30, 2005

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Mennonite Heritage Sunday - Reformation Sunday (Protestant)

All Saints Days- November 1 (Catholic)

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.

Let us now prepare to worship our Creator and Lord
by leaving the troubles of the world behind and entering
into God's presence in a spirit of humility and praise.

Choral Call to Worship *Seek Ye First* Celebration Singers/Kids in Praise

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-3 Pastor Brett

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Gathering Hymn No. 636** *For All The Saints* Vs. 1, 4, 6, 7 & 8

Children's Moments

Hymn No. 535 *Who Now Would Follow Christ*

Peace Connections Update Marlin Lichti

Offering Peace Connections

Sharing and Prayer

Anthem *River of Life* Celebration Singers/Kids in Praise

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-25

Reader: Roberta Harms

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the nursery in the library

Sermon *Our Heritage of Faith*

* **Hymn No. 165** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 423** *May The Grace Of Christ Our Savior*

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!**

The Word of the day - Welcome!

★ *Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all--he is the greatest." Luke 9:48*
★ *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2*

For Sharing and Prayer

Thank you for the many prayers and other expressions of love and concern following my bicycle accident. Recovery is going well following surgery. The Lord indeed is faithful. Alma Schmidt

You are cordially invited to an Ordination Service for Audrun Siebert on Sunday, November 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Beth-El Mennonite Church, 115 North F Street, Milford, Nebraska. A fellowship meal will follow the service in the Beth-El Fellowship Hall. Afternoon service and reception at 1:30 p.m.

Western District Conference: Pray for Camp Mennoscah – with thanksgiving for a successful summer camping program and for Christian commitments made there.

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the ministry of MMN workers Andy and Susan Wade in Hong Kong. Pray for discernment for Susan as she develops the new position of Community Service Coordinator at International Christian School, seeking to reach out with the love and light of Christ.

Nursery This Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Special Music Next Sunday: Kids in Praise

Keyboard Next Sunday: Teresa Martin

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,693.25

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Today 7th and 8th grade parents meeting after Sunday School in the sanctuary. This meeting will be regarding Jr. High Snow Camp. Thank you for your time.

Tonight The Messengers (the young adult Sunday School class) will be having a Halloween party tonight at Darrel and Kristen Lanzrath's.

Tuesday - Thursday Newton Area Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning at the MCC Center, 121 East 30th in North Newton. Work starts at 6:30 a.m. each morning, can washing and labeling at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Grace Hill Relief Canning Committee is scheduled to serve lunch at noon on Wednesday. Come and join in the work and fellowship! Questions? See Merrill Harms or Willard Wiebe.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. Kid's Meal at the church*
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

*To make or cancel reservations for the meal please contact Tammy Regehr (799-2911) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

Cost of the meal: Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Friday at 1:30 p.m. Mennonite Mutual Aid representatives will be at Grace Hill to discuss drug prescription cards that will be offered in November.

Next Sunday's worship will include a membership welcoming service and message by Dan Schroeder, our pastoral ministries student from Hesston College.

November 13 Harvest Thanks Day

Monday, November 28, all are invited to the church for a "Hobby Night". This time is reserved for you to work on your hobbies or crafts in the fellowship of others. It is a come-and-go activity with no set program located in the fellowship hall from 4 to 10 pm. If you wish, bring a snack to share and there will be drinks available (as on Sunday morning). This is a good time to finish up those Christmas crafts! Hope to see you there!

Announcements

Poinsettias!!!! Today is the last day to order your poinsettias from the Youth Group. If you need another order form there are some available in the foyer. See Katherine Claassen or Pastor Brett for last minute orders.

Harvest Thanks sign-up sheets will be passed around the Sunday School classes today. You may sign up for: 2 pies, 1 large salad or 3 dozen zwiebach. If you happen to miss the sign up sheet let a social council member know what you'd like to bring. Thank you!

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.

High School Youth Group

Youth Sponsor Meeting today at Doug and Katherine's.

Wednesday Night -- Meat Canning in North Newton. We will leave after the fellowship meal at 7:00 p.m. We will try to be back between 9:30-10:00. Bring work clothes and a HAT!

The youth are selling poinsettias for the advent season. Orders must be in today.

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Et Cetera

Jaime Prieto, professor of theology at Latin American Biblical University in San José, Costa Rica, will deliver the 54th annual Menno

Simons Lectures October 30-November 1 at Bethel College. The theme for his four-lecture series is "Latin American Mennonite History." The lectures are at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 30, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 as well as at 11 a.m. on Oct. 31. All lectures take place in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel campus and all are free and open to the public.

World Community Day will be held Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Hall's Chapel AME Church, 711 E. 11th, Newton. Sponsored by Newton Area Church Women United. Offering: "Strengthening families worldwide in the 21st Century." CWU National

A work weekend is scheduled at Camp Mennoscah November 4-5 to finish the dining hall/shelter and work on some of the other 6 buildings that need to be done. Small groups, youth groups, Sunday school classes, families are welcome to come. If you can help at any time, please contact the camp (phone: 620-297-3290 or e-mail: campmno@mennowdc.org) in order for us to prepare for you. Come for a day or overnight, food and lodging are free for these times. Again, any tools that you can bring would be welcome.

Larry L. Rasmussen will speak on "Water: Why Together We Must Figure Out How to Use It" Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus. Rasmussen is Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and author of books and articles such as *Earth Community*, *Earth Ethics*. The first of four lectures Rasmussen will give in the area on "A Great Plains Land Ethic," and the first Peace Lecture of 2005-2006 sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), this event is free and open to the public. Call 316-284-5217 for details.