

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

November 2, 2008

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Keyboard: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Worship Leader: Barb Schmidt

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Special Music

Praise Team

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona (Halleluah! We sing your praises!)

South African traditional, arr. Nyberg

Longing for light by Farrell

Children's Story

Cody Claassen, Grant Hill, David Janzen,
Casey Schunn, Curtis Toews

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

Hymn of Prayer No. 367 *For the healing of the nations*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Barb Schmidt

2 Corinthians 4:1-9, 16-18

Brittany Claassen

Sermon *Live for Christ*

Peter Goerzen

* Hymn of Response No. 411 *I bind my heart this tide*

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn No. 371 *Let there be light, Lord God*

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!**

Prelude Songs from *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story*
and arranged by James E. Clemens

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.

* **Call to Worship** (Based upon the words of Menno Simons)

Leader: True evangelical faith is of such a nature that it cannot lie dormant, but manifests itself in all righteousness and works of love.

People: It seeks and serves and fears God.

Leader: It clothes the naked.

People: It feeds the hungry.

Leader: It comforts the sorrowful.

People: It shelters the destitute.

Leader: It aides and consoles the sad.

People: It returns good for evil.

Leader: It serves those that harm it.

People: It prays for those that persecute it.

Leader: It teaches, admonishes and reproves with the Word of the Lord.

People: It seeks that which is lost.

Leader: It binds up that which is wounded.

People: It heals that which is diseased and saves that which is sound.

All: It has become all things to all people.

* **Prayer of Invocation**

* **Opening Hymn No. 369** *Lord, whose love in humble service*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Greensburg Mennonite Church who is dedicating their new church building today after losing their building to the tornado in May 2007.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers James and Michelle Stabler-Havener request prayer for the rebuilding of local homes and churches in remote mountainous areas due to damage caused by a second major earthquake that hit Panzhihua in Sichuan, China, on August 30. Stabler-Haveners serve with Mennonite Partners in China.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claussen

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

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.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. Kid's Meal at the church*
6:50 – 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir in sanctuary
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming
7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Adult-praise, prayer, biblical reflections

*If you are unable to attend the meal, please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Wednesday at 7:20 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Next Sunday Harvest Thanks and Mission Festival at Grace Hill - Our special speaker is Mennonite Mission worker Tim Sprunger.

- ◆ **9:30 a.m.** Worship: Sermon by Tim Sprunger "For Such A Time As This" Luke 16:1-10
- ◆ **10:45 a.m.** Combined Adult Sunday school in the sanctuary "Still Waiting"
- ◆ **12:00 Noon** Harvest Thanks Dinner prepared by the Social Council and served by the Youth.
- ◆ **6:00 p.m.** All Church Pizza, Salad and Soda Pop Party in the fellowship hall. "What's In Your Hand?"

This year's Harvest Thanks newsletter and offering envelope are available in the foyer. **For the noon meal:** Please sign the sheet in the foyer to bring either a salad or two pies.

Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Virginia Claassen "Japanese Doll Collection"; Devotions: Carol (Olin) Claassen; Hostess: Committee; Financial Projects: Mennonite Women USA.

Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. A meeting on Grace Hill's Safe Sanctuary Policy/Covenant will be held Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a short DVD on "Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse" and Diana Schunn will lead the follow-up discussion. This "refresher" course fits in with our liability insurance compliance. Anyone is welcomed. It is especially important for adults who have recently began working with youth or children's programming in the church. For more information, contact Judy Janzen.

Saturday, November 15 Workday at church.

Announcements

Poinsettias: Today is your last day to order poinsettias to support the Youth Group's trip to Convention in Columbus, OH this summer. If you have forgotten your sheet, and would still like to order, please talk to Pastor Katherine and tell her whether you would like to pick them up on December 7 or 14, whether you would like red or marble (cream with a splash of pink), and how many you would like. Thank you!

Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month: canned fruit. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Cheryl Klassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Linda Harms

Nursery This Sunday: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,868.00

Offering Next Sunday: Harvest Thanks

Et Cetera

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 2. 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.

Camp Mennoscah—Hooray for cool weather and hot chocolate! We welcome all our fall and winter groups to our prairielands. Our volunteers have worked hard—thank you, volunteers!—and our main buildings have been prepared to warm you on chilly nights. Camp Mennoscah has space for a few more family gatherings and groups this winter. Contemplate the Advent season with a retreat at Camp Mennoscah either December 6-7 or 13-14; or celebrate Epiphany the weekend of January 10-11! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 campmno@mennowdc.org.

Camp Mennoscah—Did you adopt a room? The rooms in the Retreat Center were “adopted” by people and we can no longer find the complete list of adoptees. We know that sometimes the comforters/blankets and other items are switched in the rooms, and we want to replace items to their proper place when this happens. Please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org if you adopted a room.