

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 5, 2006

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Music: Praise Team

Peace Sunday

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.

* **Vocal Call to Worship** *Come, now is the time to worship*

* **Call to Worship**

Hear, O people, the Lord, our God, is one.

God created us with a heart for passion, compassion, and love

We shall love the Lord, our God, with all our heart

God created us with a soul for worship, contemplation, and awe

We shall love the Lord, our God, with all our soul

God created us with a mind to think, study, and explore

We shall love the Lord, our God, with all our mind

God created us with will, power, and determination

We shall love the Lord, our God, with all our strength

So, we come into this space of God's presence to worship God

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

* **Invocation**

Songs of Gathering

* *Sing praise to God* Hymnal No. 59

You are the salt of the earth Hymnal No. 226

How can we keep silent?

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Children's Moments

Call to Confession

Ours is a world of either/or, black and white, polarizations, and dichotomies. We have separated love for God from love for neighbor. Let us confess this painful divorce and remember that what God has joined together no one should separate.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they will be filled Matthew 5:6*

The Word from the First Testament – Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The Word from the Second Testament – Mark 12:28-44

The word for today – Carter Heyward, Our Passion for Justice

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading Amos 5:21-24 Reader: Doris Reimer

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

Sermon

* **Hymn** *Love the Lord your God*

* **Benediction**

God,

Through your love - **inspire us!**

Through your Son - **liberate us!**

Through our neighbor - **call us!**

Through your Spirit - **send us!**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 307** *Will you let me be your servant*

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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Herman Voth, father of Pastor Jim, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2006. Funeral plans are pending. Remember the family in prayer at this time.

Thanks to each person who helped serve the German Swiss meal at Bethel Fall Fest this year. Your willingness was appreciated.

Chelsea Vaught will be performing her senior piano recital on November 19, at 4:00 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center on the Bethel College campus. She will be performing pieces by Mozart, Schumann, Liszt and Ginastera. Everyone is invited to attend her final solo recital as a Bethel student!

Western District Conference: Pray for the church planters and leaders that graduated with a diploma yesterday at the Anabaptist Biblical Institute in Dallas, Texas. Also pray for Mike Hiebert as he is installed today as pastor of Goessel Mennonite Church and Karen Andres as she is ordained today at Tabor Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: The fifth anniversary of Korea Anabaptist Center is being celebrated this weekend. Join MMN in giving thanks that God has worked through KAC's ministries of resources for churches and organizations, education programs and connections with a growing network.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Education 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 Bible Study 7:00-7:40 p.m.** "God is Closer than you think". An interactive Bible study with John Ortberg. Led by Pastor Jim in the class room adjacent to the kitchen. All are welcome.

November 8-14 Grace Hill's Homeless Shelter Dates

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

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

Next Sunday is Harvest Thanks Sunday. Our speaker is Ryan Miller, news director for Mennonite Mission Network. He has served with Mennonite Mission Network since October 2004. Ryan will speak at the 9:30 a.m. worship service as well as the 10:45 a.m. combined Adult Sunday School class. The evening service will include an all church pizza party at 6:00 p.m. followed by a youth-led worship service with Ryan as the guest speaker. All are welcome! We look forward to the stories Ryan will share with us as well as meeting his family during the morning and evening services of the day. **For the noon meal: *Please sign the sheet in the foyer to bring either a salad or two pies.***

Next Sunday we will receive a special offering for the work of building God's kingdom. It is an opportunity for you to give a special gift through the church to a number of ministries supported by the congregation. Last Sunday in your mailbox you received the Harvest Thanks 2006 newsletter and the offering giving form along with an offering envelope. If you have any questions or did not receive this information please see Pastor Jim or Debbie Claassen. The offering information and giving form are available in the foyer. Prayerfully consider how God is leading you to give your first fruits offering for the building of God's kingdom.

Monday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Craft and Work Project Night; Devotions: Katherine Claassen; Hostess: Bring Finger Food; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA.

Sunday, November 19 Jim Stucky will continue with the congregational review. The adults will join together for Sunday School with Jim Stucky. We will have a carry-in meal at 11:30, followed by an afternoon session with Jim Stucky from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Announcements

Harvest of Love seeks to meet the needs of those with special needs in Harvey County through food and money collected in the churches. A basket for food and a collection container for monies are located in the foyer by the front entrance. Please make checks payable to "Harvest of Love." This is a year round project of the Newton Ministerial Alliance.

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: Marge Harms and Rita Patterson

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Special Music Next Sunday: Celebration Singers & Kids in Praise

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$1,133.00

Offering Next Sunday: Harvest Thanks

Et Cetera

Everyone is invited to attend the service of ordination for Karen Andres on November 5, at 2:00 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton.

Everyone is invited to an open house at the Mennonite Central Committee House Against Hunger, located at 508 Prairie Park Lane, Buhler, Sunday, November 5, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The house is completed and is currently on the market. For more information, call Richard Ediger at 620-543-2787.

Dr. Nabil Abadir, General Director of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services in Egypt, will address the topic *Dialogue Powers the Way for Peace and Justice* in the opening lecture of the 34th annual Peace Lecture Series, sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). The event, to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact KIPCOR, 316-284-5217.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, November 12, 3:30-4:30, "Now Thank We All Our God." Dr. Roseann Penner Kaufman, adjunct professor of organ at Bethel College, will present a lecture-recital on the Kauffman Museum cabinet organ built in 1750 by Jakob Teschemacher near Wuppertal, Germany. The program will feature music from an 1806 "Choralbuch," used by the Mennonite church of Danzig (now Gdansk, Poland), that is in the collections of the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College. As the cabinet organ was intended to accompany small groups, the audience will share in singing selections from the Choralbuch. Free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

Plan now to attend Kidron Bethel's annual Builders Banquet at Faith Mennonite Church, Tuesday, November 14. You won't want to miss the Arise Choir's performance. Tickets are \$125 and available from Kidron Bethel Board members Kaye Penner and Melvin Klaassen, Fund Development Committee member Doreen Harms, or from DeeAnn Hein at Kidron Bethel Village, 284-2900 x 237.

Salina Mennonite Church is hosting a series of meetings (Nov. 2, 16 and January 4) on "Peace is Possible". All sessions are held at Salina Mennonite Church (600 W. State St., Salina, KS), 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Val Krehbiel at 785-825-2663 or smckspg@isp.com.

An Old Fashioned Christmas is coming soon to Camp Mennoscah! This is an intergenerational retreat for individuals and families to enjoy each other and to remember the birth of our Lord - the reason for the season. Registration begins 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 24 and will end with a short service and brunch on Sunday, November 26. Fliers should be posted at your church or contact camp for further information: 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org

Peace Mennonite Community Church of Aurora, Colorado is planning to finish their basement to provide more space for Christian education, youth activities and a growing church program. The church is requesting volunteer labor for the project which will begin in November and hopefully finish by March 2007. Leonard Wiebe has agreed to serve as the Kansas representative, to help coordinate volunteer labor for this project. His phone number is 316-283-4711 and email is ljwiebe@sbcglobal.net. Lodging will be provided in the homes of church members. Please read the pastor's letter on the bulletin board, which provides more information.

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