

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 6, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Preparing for Harvest Thanks

Special Music *The Lord Will Keep His Promises* Kids in Praise

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

Sermon Part 1 *Do we know where we're going?* Dan Schroeder

Scripture Reading Acts 10:9-16, 19-20, 34-35 Barbara Schmidt

Sermon Part 2

* **Hymn No. 106** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

* **Benediction**

Leader: Go in love,

People: for love alone endures.

Leader: Go in peace,

People: for it is the gift of God.

Leader: Go in safety,

People: for we cannot go where God is not

* **Choral Benediction** *The Good, Good News* Kids in Praise

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

An open house for Doreen Harms' 80th birthday will be held at church on November 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to help her celebrate this occasion. Hostesses for this are some members of the Challengers and Mariners Sunday School Classes.

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 *Love Each Other* Kids in Praise

* **Meditation and Prayer** Dan Schroeder

* **Gathering Hymn No. 117** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Membership Welcoming Service

We welcome DuMont and Barbara Rich Schmidt into the fellowship of Grace Hill Mennonite Church. They are transferring from the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church of Wichita. DuMont is a psychologist for Prairie View, Wichita. He enjoys building projects and participating in triathlons. Barbara is the manager of the Community Mediation Center, North Newton. She enjoys reading, enjoying nature and photography.

Hymn No. 395 *Here I Am, Lord*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Offertory Tara Harms-Becker

Mission Statement: *God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: As children, youth and adults gather in our congregations on Wednesday nights, pray that their fellowship will be joyful and their faith strengthened.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN mission associates Mark and Mary Hurst as they teach on reconciliation and forgiveness through their work with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Mary trains workshop facilitators for the interfaith Alternatives to Violence Project.

Next Sunday is Harvest Thanks Sunday, a special time in our congregation when we celebrate God's bountiful blessings and renew our commitment to God's mission for us. The events of the day begin in our 9:30 a.m. worship service with our guest speaker Jennifer Szambecki, former director of the Mennonite Mission Network development department. At 10:45 a.m. she will share her faith story during a combined adult Sunday school class in the sanctuary. We will then join together for the Sunday noon Harvest Thanks Dinner prepared by the Social Council and served by the Youth. Please note that next Sunday evening Ken Regier, personnel counselor for Mennonite Mission Network will be our guest at the all church pizza party beginning at 6:00 p.m. He will share with us the short-term service opportunities available through Mennonite Mission Network.

On Harvest Thanks 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 2005 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, Pastor Brett or Debbie Claassen, our church secretary. 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.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Administrative 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

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

Next Sunday Harvest Thanks Day (details on back of bulletin)

Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Karen Monroe – review of the book *Not Without My Daughter* by Betty Mahmoody; Devotions: Elva Unruh; Hostess: Judy Janzen; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission Scholarship Fund.

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. All Church Thanksgiving Service.

Monday, November 28 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. Come-and-go “Hobby Night” in the fellowship hall. This time is reserved for you to work on your hobbies or crafts in the fellowship of others. If you wish, bring a snack to share and there will be drinks available.

December Activities

Sunday, December 4 at 2:15 p.m. Spiritual Council Christmas Caroling with the high school and junior youth groups.

Sunday, December 11 at noon – 2:30 p.m. Mentors and Mentees Christmas dinner and activities at church.

Wednesday evenings - Christmas Program Practice for grades one through high school on December 7, 14 and 21. Kid’s meal on December 7 – no meal on December 21. Regular Wednesday evening programming on November 30.

December 24 Christmas Eve Program

Announcements

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!

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 with special emphasis during November and December.

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: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr
Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir
Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$974.50
Offering Next Sunday: Harvest Thanks

High School Youth Group

Wednesday night We will be studying Philippians Chapter 3.
Remember that the youth will serve at the Harvest Thanks Meal on the 13th!
December 2 – 5th Quarter at Doug Claassen’s
December 4 – Caroling with the Spiritual Council
December 11 – Angel Tree Shopping Spree

Et Cetera

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.

Friday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m. there will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Bethel Health Care Neighborhoods Project. Please meet at the Bethel Health Care dining room.

Peace Connections' Silent Auction begins on November 10 and runs through December 10. This is a great opportunity to find some one-of-a-kind Christmas gift items, as well as, benefit the work of Peace Connections. We have a number of beautiful handcrafted items that have been knit or crocheted and made of wood, as well as, an old-time Bethel College bank, and more! Stop by to see us and place your bid. Also we would still welcome more items, so if you are interested in donating an item please contact us.

Newton Ten Thousand Villages is looking for young and young-at-heart volunteers! It's an opportunity that's fun and flexible. We need volunteers to work morning or afternoon shifts Monday through Saturday, go to off-site sales, help with office work, clerk, etc. Tell your friends! If you are interested, please call Heidi Huber at (316) 283-0061.

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