

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 7, 2004

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

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.

* **Call to Worship** *Come, Now Is The Time To Worship* Praise Team

* **Gathering Prayer** Pastor Brett

* **Hymn No. 84** *Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices*

Offering Mennonite Church USA

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Pastor Jim

Celebration of Leona Harms' 100th birthday – November 10, 2004

* **Hymn No. 599** *He Leadeth Me*

Scripture Reading John 20:24-31 Reader: Lisa Schmidt

Special Music Praise Team

Awesome God Rich Mullins

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above;
With wisdom, pow'r and love, Our God is an awesome God.

As the Deer Martin Nystrom

Verse 1 As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Verse 2 You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King. I love you more than any other, So much more than anything.

To Chorus

I will not be shaken by Norm Straus

I will declare my choice to the nations,
I will shout for joy in the congregation,
I will worship God, worship God, all my days.
Those who love the Lord are satisfied,
Those who trust in Him are justified,
I will serve my God, serve my God, all my days.
When the nations crumble, the word of the Lord will stand.
Kings may rise and fall, His love will endure.
Though the strong may stumble, the joy of the Lord is strength to my soul.
I will not be shaken, I will not be moved, I will not be shaken.

Our God reigns Leonard E. Smith, Jr.

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good news,
Good news.

Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness,

Our God reigns, our God reigns, Our God reigns,

Our God reigns, our God reigns, Our God reigns!

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare

Message *Believing and Knowing Christ* Pastor Jim

* **Hymn No. 522** *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

* **Benediction** Pastor Jim

* **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!**

A reception will be held in the fellowship hall after the worship service today to celebrate Leona Harms' 100th birthday. Children will be served in their classrooms.

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen and Camille Claassen

Keyboard Next Sunday: Chelsea Vaught

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Doug Hiebert

Offering Last Sunday: Peace Connections \$1,004.11

Offering Next Sunday: Harvest Thanks

For Sharing and Prayer

In the Hospital

Joel Balzer, Newton Medical Center
Helena Friesen, St. Francis Hospital, Wichita

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Copies of Jason's first quarterly report are available in the foyer.

Thanks to all those who were a part of the Mennonite Central Committee meat canning this week. We processed 24,000 pounds into 12,780 cans of turkey.

Western District Conference: Pray for Doug Krehbiel as he is credentialed today for Conference (WDC and South Central; one-half time) Youth Ministry and for congregational (Tabor Mennonite, Newton; one-fourth time) youth pastoral work. Doug Krehbiel will be credentialed this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. All are invited to attend!

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the Service Adventure participants, Jami Enns, Priscilla Heizmann and Michelle Mullet, in Raleigh, North Carolina, as they work with Building Together Ministries, including the local thrift store and preschool. Pray for wisdom and patience for leaders Ann and Randy Smith, as they mentor and nurture these youth women in their household.

This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Bridal Shower for Amanda Schroeder at church.

This evening at 6:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Monday afternoon Quilters are invited to the church every Monday afternoon to quilt on the MCC quilt.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Hands of Friendship will meet at church. Program: Laura Ann Schrag – “Growing Up Amish” and work projects; Devotions: Lisa Schmidt; Hostess: Gladys Harms; Financial Project: Mennonite Women USA.

Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:10 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming

7:00 – 7:35 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:40 – 8:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Next Sunday - Harvest Thanks Sunday – Juan Sieber will be our guest speaker for the worship service at 9:30 a.m. and for the combined adult Sunday School at 10:45 a.m. Our annual Harvest Thanks dinner prepared by the Social Council and served by the youth will follow at noon. *The Social Council* is in need of more salads, please sign up in the S.S. rooms if you have not done so already. Thanks!

For Next Sunday's Harvest Thanks offering please use the half sheet with the offering listing and envelope enclosed with your Harvest Thanks letter.

At 6:00 p.m. A pizza party with Juan and his family at church. Bring the family and join us for an informal evening of sharing and learning more about Mennonite Mission Network around the table. If you plan to attend the pizza supper please contact Sandie Lanzrath or Pastor Jim.

November 21 at 7:00 p.m. A concert to benefit Mennonite Central Committee's "Generations at Risk" project will be held at Grace Hill. A prelude of clarinet and piano music will begin at 6:40 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include a Bluegrass quartet, a solo pianist and Open Road, a men's a capella group. "Generations at Risk" is MCC's \$10 million 10-year above-budget response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic that affects 42 million people worldwide and has left 15 million children orphaned. There will be a time of fellowship after the concert. Everyone is welcome.

Church Events

Announcements

Please remember the local church general fund (local church support) in your year end giving. We are running a deficit of approximately \$10,000.00 for the year.

The Jr. Youth will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, November 21 immediately after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. The funds raised from this event will go towards helping the Jr. Youth attend the "Know Jesus" event at the end of January.

The Mennonite subscription list is being updated. The church has a group-rate policy and each subscription costs the church \$29.00. 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.

You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church" each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the library. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

You can HEAR the worship service even better using the church's FM radio transmitter. All that is needed is a small AM/FM radio with headphones. Tune to FM 104.9 and you may receive the worship service seated anywhere in the sanctuary. Several radios are available at church or bring your own. If you have any questions our sound technicians will be glad to assist you.

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Et Cetera

Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) will hold the second lecture of its Peace Lecture Series on Thursday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College, North Newton. Jim Forest, an Orthodox Christian who has spent a lifetime in journalism and peace work, including long-time service with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, will speak on "Living Without Fear in the Post – 9/11 World." The lecture is free and open to the public.

Grab your youth group, your Sunday school class or your grandparents, and come see "Ted & Lee Live" on Friday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus. Ted & Lee will make you laugh, and think about the Bible in new ways. The event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, call Dale Schrag, director of church relations, at (316) 284-5356. (For more about Ted & Lee, visit tedandlee.com.)

Mennonite Central Committee Central States invites the public to a meeting at which Rolando Santiago, newly appointed Executive Director of MCC U.S., will share about MCC U.S. vision and programs, and Niladri Sinha from India will talk about MCC's Global Family Program. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Center in North Newton. This will also be an opportunity to meet two new Central States staff: Irma Gonzalez, Workroom Supervisor, and Leia Lawrence, Human Resources Coordinator and Service Program Co-Administrator.

The Newton Community Children's Choir is conducting a benefit concert on Saturday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Norma Preheim Endowment Fund.

Wheat State Manor will hold their Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. The service will be a celebration of thanksgiving and praise, led by local pastors and musical talent from area churches. An offering will be taken that will go towards building renovations to benefit residents.

Mennonite Disaster Service would like to have crews of volunteers to work on several projects in Palacios, Texas during the next several months. There is a group of 5-7 long term workers in Palacios, but since there are about 20 projects of various sizes, larger groups are needed to help with repairing houses, including roofs and porches, installing siding, structural repair and sheet rock installation. If a group could go or individuals from different places in Kansas could get together and form a group, call State Coordinator Gordon Unruh at 620-834-2319 for more information and for scheduling which week would be best.