

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 18, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Chorister: Joel Linscheid

## 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

One: Our God is a Creative Creator

**All: Who sang the world into being**

One: Who delighted in its goodness

**All: Our Savior is a Master Storyteller**

One: Who taught us God's will through parables

**All: Who listened to the stories of God's children**

One: We gather together as a church to proclaim the goodness of God's creativity

**All: And to hear the stories of God's people**

## \* Choral Call to Worship Hymn No. 46 *I sing the mighty power of God*

*Lord's Prayer Dialogue* by Tom Long

Hesston College Drama Troupe

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer**

Pastor Katherine

**Worship in Giving** Local Church Missions

**Choral Anthem** *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Adult Choir

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

***The Complete History of the Old Testament in 20 Minutes***

by Tom Long

Hesston College Drama Troupe

## \* Hymn No. 398 *I love to tell the story*

**Choral Benediction** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Adult Choir

**Fishy** by Megan Tyner

Hesston College Drama Troupe

## 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!**

We warmly welcome the Hesston College Drama Troupe this morning! Thank you for sharing your talents with us and for reminding us how important stories and creativity are in the formation of our faith!

The Drama Troupe is directed by Megan Tyner and includes:

Caroline Clymer, a freshman from McGaheysville, VA

Tiffany Friesen, a freshman from North Newton, KS

Caleb Miller, a sophomore from Middlebury, IN

Carson Stutzman, a freshman from Beaver Crossing, NE

and our own Tara Harms-Becker, a freshman from Hesston, KS

## For Sharing and Prayer

**In the hospital:** Elaine Patterson, Newton Medical Center

Thank you to the Social Council for preparing the Harvest Thanks meal last Sunday, the youth for serving and helping with clean up and to all who brought salads and pies. Also thank you to the Spiritual Council for the pizza supper in the evening. Everyone's contributions were appreciated!

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Houston (Texas) Mennonite Church and Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas, Texas as they search for new pastoral leadership.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Please pray for the November 23-25 retreat for the Argentine Chaco Mennonite Team of seven families, including MMN workers Byrdalene and Willis Horst, Gretchen and Keith Kingsley, and Richard and Ruth Anne Friesen. A pastoral counselor will give family and marriage counseling during the weekend.

### **Church Events**

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Grace Hill Thanksgiving Service. The service will include sharing by the children. An offering will be received for Harvest of Love. Bring a canned or boxed item or make checks out to Harvest of Love. There is a box and offering basket in the foyer. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

**December 16** Spiritual Council will go Christmas Caroling with the Senior and Junior High Youth Groups and their sponsors on Sunday afternoon December 16. They will meet back at the church after caroling to enjoy a hot chili supper.

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

**Sunday, December 2** the High School Youth are invited to a Christmas Party at Peter and Katherine's! There will be games, a White Elephant gift exchange and Christmas treats! It will be from 2-6 in the afternoon! Hope to see you there!

## Announcements

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks in the library today at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

**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 December 9.

**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:** Nancy Harms and Jana Harms  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Diana Schunn and Emily Klassen

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Chris Kliewer  
**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Jana Harms and Mary Ann Wiebe  
**Ushers Next Sunday:** Rob Schunn and Becky Voth  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

### CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor: James Voth** E-mail: [pastor@gracehillmc.org](mailto:pastor@gracehillmc.org)

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**Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen**

**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**You are invited to an Open House at the Western District Conference Resource Library** at 2517 N. Main in North Newton on Sunday December 2 from 4-6 p.m. Come for dedication of new space, refreshments, storytelling and possible frivolous behavior. Celebrate with us God's goodness and the generosity of the Western District Conference Vision 2012 Campaign!

**Are you looking for a local way to serve Mennonite Central Committee?** The Newton Et Cetera Shop is looking for volunteers in a variety of areas. Contact Diana Miller at 316-283-9461 for more details.

**Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension** is offering courses for the interterm and spring semester. See the notice posted on the bulletin for more details or contact Norma Johnson at 316-283-7098 or email at [lbarrett@ambs.edu](mailto:lbarrett@ambs.edu).

**Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership** seeks a full-time Web Content Manager to join its Communications team in its Newton or Elkhart office. See the notice on the bulletin board for a full job description and details.

**New and updated! Check out the Western District Conference website** ([www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org)) and see photos from the groundbreaking at Camp Mennoscah, a directory of churches, upcoming events, and much, much more. You are now able to make contributions online to WDC via credit/debit card or electronic funds transfer. Information is on the website - or call Phyllis Regier, Business Manager, at 316-283-6300.

## 2007 Harvest Thanks Offering

### **Mennonite Church USA**

Total Mission of Mennonite Church USA	\$3,270.00
MC USA Executive Board	150.00
Mennonite Mission Network (Missions)	7,125.00
Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)	250.00
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary	825.00
Bethel College	540.00
Mennonite World Conference	10.00

### **Western District Conference**

Total Mission of the WDC	3,870.00
Retreat Commission - Camp Mennoscah	1,630.00
Leadership Commission – Church planting	440.00
Peace & Social Concerns	325.00
Youth Ministry (WDC programs)	150.00

### **Other Institutions**

Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre	210.00
Mennonite Central Committee	2,060.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	100.00
Offender-Victim Ministries	885.00
Prairie View	610.00
Merrill Raber Ed. Endowment	100.00
Wheat State Manor	805.00
Union Biblical Seminary in India	5,000.00

### **Local Church Support**

Care Fund	1,150.00
Local Church Missions (undesignated)	46,987.53
Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale	835.00
Relief Canning	2,075.00
Scholarship Fund	1,730.00
Mission and Service Inquiry Fund	160.00
Cemetery Upkeep	50.00
Youth Ministry	100.00
Ronda Schmidt Mission	100.00

### **Grand Total** **\$81,542.53**

2006 Harvest Thanks Offering	\$62,420.69
2005 Harvest Thanks Offering	48,338.20
2004 Harvest Thanks Offering	38,414.13
2003 Harvest Thanks Offering	39,685.85