

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 19, 2006

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Julia Washburn

Chorister: Suzy Burch

**Choral Anthem** *Our Many Hymns of Thanks*

Adult Choir

**Scripture Reading** John 21:15-19

Reader: Edgar Harder

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

**Sermon** *From Testing to Forgiveness to Responsibility*

\* **Hymn No. 578** *The Lord's my shepherd*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 430** *God be with you* Verses 1, 2 & 4

**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!**

Welcome to Jim Stucky, he will lead us as we continue with our  
congregational review today. The adults will join together for Sunday  
School and will meet again following the meal from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**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.

\* **Choral Call to Worship** *A Canon of Thanks* Adult Choir

\* **Gathering Prayer**

**The Gospel of John 21:4-11** Pastor Brett and Pastor Jim

\* **Hymn No. 544** *When we walk with the Lord*

**Worship in Giving** Local Church Missions

**Offertory** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Jana Harms

**Children's Moments** *Feed My Sheep!* Pastor Jim

**Sharing Joys, Thanksgivings and Prayers**

**Hymn No. 352** *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

**Words of Assurance** 2 Corinthians 9:8-10

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "*He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.*" Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Let us pray for Travis Harms and Lindsey Bannon as they are united in marriage here at Grace Hill Saturday, November 25.

A special thanks to Pastor Jim and Pastor Brett for visits and prayers while I was a physical patient at Newton Medical Center. And many thanks to all of you for your cards, visits, prayers, phone calls, food and flowers. I really appreciate your love and concern for me.

Ruth Zook

During the past two weeks, we have experienced God's goodness once again. Thank you to each one who remembered us in your prayers, phone calls, flowers, visits and cards. Ed's right shoulder is healing well after having a partial replacement. Ed and Marge Harms.

Thank you to all who helped with food and staying overnight at the homeless shelter. Our effort, combined with the help of Zion Mennonite, made for a good week.

Chelsea Vaught will be performing her senior piano recital this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center on the Bethel College campus. Everyone is invited to attend her final solo recital as a Bethel student!

**Western District Conference:** Pray for church plant support committees and their dreams and desires to develop new congregations. Is God calling your congregation to form a new church plant?

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN workers in the Chaco Mennonite team in Argentina request prayer as the team meets together for a retreat November 24-26. Pray for them as they anticipate various transitions in the coming year.

## Church Events

**Today at 11:30 a.m.** Carry-in meal, followed by an afternoon session with Jim Stucky from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stay!

**This afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** Wheat State Manor Vesper Service – Explorers S.S. Class is in charge. Also at Wheat State this week: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – mending; Friday at 3:00 p.m. – Bingo.

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Whitewater Community Thanksgiving Service at Wheat State Manor Dining Room. We welcome the community to join us in offering thanks for the many blessings in our lives.

**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 at the back of the foyer. This year's Harvest of Love goal is 50,000 pounds of food and \$35,000 in cash. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

**Next Sunday** Ronda Schmidt, daughter of Ray and Elfrieda Schmidt, and mission worker with New Tribes Mission, will share with us during worship.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Leadership Meeting** this Wednesday after the Thanksgiving service.

**Our Angel Tree outing** is December 3rd. We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and then head to Wichita. Bring \$10 to buy gifts and an additional \$8 for eating out.

**No Youth Group** on Wednesday nights in December.

## Announcements

**Grace Hill Cookbooks:** Consider giving Grace Hill Cookbooks as gifts this holiday season. The cookbooks are available in the lobby, cost \$10.00; make checks payable to Hands of Friendship.

**Attention Ladies:** If you are not receiving the *Timbrel* and would like to, there is a half-price special until the end of the year. *Timbrel* is a publication of Mennonite Women USA and is bi-monthly. Send subscription orders with \$5 to Berni Kaufman, 722 Main, Newton, KS 67114.

**The Mennonite subscription list is being updated.** The church has a group-rate policy and each subscription costs the church \$31.00. 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 3.

**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:** Kris Goossen and Emily Klassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Bonita Schroeder and Deb Hiebert

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Linda Harms

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Praise Team

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Rob Schunn and Becky Voth

**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

**An Old Fashioned Christmas is coming 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 are posted on the bulletin board or contact camp for further information: 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers December 5, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. Applicants awaiting a friend presently number around 60. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than November 30. You may also email: [isaac.ovm@southwind.net](mailto:isaac.ovm@southwind.net).

**The Harvey County Homeless Shelter** is hosting a Dinner Theater Event in support of the Shelter. Dates are December 7-10, tickets are \$15.00 per person. There is a poster on the bulletin board showing the details for this event.

**Bethel College Women's Association** is again decorating Goerz House on Bethel College campus for the annual *Five Places of Christmas Tour*. The house, including the newly renovated third floor, will be decked out in trees, berries and branches. President Barry Bartel and his wife, Brenda, have included their special touches to make the house very festive. Along with the tour and BCWA's holiday bake sale, dulcimer music by David Anderson will provide a special holiday experience. Come enjoy this Christmas event on December 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 2512 College Avenue, North Newton. Also included in the *Five Places of Christmas Tour* are Kauffman Museum, Warkentine House, Carriage Factory Gallery, and Harvey County Historical Museum.

**Mennonite Central Committee** has invited three persons to go to Burundi, Africa to observe the distribution of canned turkey. Tim Friesen, MCC Meat Canning Coordinator, Shawn Hunter, videographer for MCC, and Maynard Knepp, meat canner volunteer, will then return to share their experiences and promote the meat canner program with communities and congregations. Because MCC is a lean organization with low overhead, they are asking Maynard to raise his own expenses for the trip--approximately \$4000. Anyone wishing to contribute may send a check, payable to MCC, to Tabor Mennonite Church, and include a note stating it's for the Africa trip.

**Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains Extension** is offering several classes beginning in January and February. See the sheet on the bulletin board for more details or contact: Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS-Great Plains Extension, P.O. Box 306, N. Newton, KS 67117 Phone: 316-283-7098 E-mail: [lbarrett@ambs.edu](mailto:lbarrett@ambs.edu).