

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 21, 2004
Kansas

Whitewater,

Worship 9:30 a.m.
a.m.

Sunday School 10:45

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

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 based on Psalm 100

Pastor Brett

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship him with gladness and come into his presence with joyful songs.

People: The Lord is our God. He made us, and we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

People: The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

* Prayer of Gathering

Pastor Brett

* Hymn No. 94 *Come, Ye Thankful People*

Worship in Giving Local Church Missions

Pastor Brett

Sharing Our Praise and Our Prayers

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thine name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

* Prayer Response - Hymn No. 377 *Healer Of Our Every Ill*

Anthem *I Love You, Lord*
I Will Offer You Praise
I Will Bless The Lord

Kids In Praise

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

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19

Reader: Nancy Harms

Message *A Most Revealing Response*
Some Thoughts on Thanks/Thanksgiving

- Thanks arises out of a need met.
- Thanks is our sincere recognition of God's grace; of freely receiving the fullness of life.
- Thanks requires the energy to going back.
- Sincere thanks is spontaneous.
- Thanks is an acknowledgement of faith.
- Thanks cannot be sincerely given without a joyful heart.
- Thanks is the heart of worship.

* Song of Thanksgiving: *Give Thanks With a Joyful Heart*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am Strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done ... for us.

* Benediction

Pastor Jim

* Benediction Hymn No. 656 *Savior, Again To Your Dear Name*

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**In the Hospital**

Helena Friesen, St. Francis Hospital, Wichita
Bob Janzen, Newton Medical Center

Grace Hill has again been asked to provide a supervised ministry experience for a Hesston College Pastoral Ministries student. The Administrative Council has approved this request. The student's name is Daniel Schroeder. Daniel, 29, is a member of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel and lives in Hillsboro. Daniel will be a part of the congregation for two college semesters, January through mid-May 2005 and September through December 2005. He will participate in the life of the church and will spend 4 hours/week in a ministry experience. Next Sunday during worship Palmer Becker, director of the Pastoral Ministries program at Hesston College, will introduce Dan to the congregation.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Faith Mennonite Church, Newton as they dedicate their building addition today. Also pray for Luz del Evangelio Mennonite Church, Dallas, Texas, that the Holy Spirit will guide them in the plan to build a new church building.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN worker Darrin Belousek as he discerns how to teach Theology of Peacemaking and Justice to a class at Lithuania Christian College in which more than one-third of the students are not yet Christians.

Church Events

This evening 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.

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

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets at church.

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 40,000 pounds of food and \$30,000 in cash. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Wednesday Both Children's Choirs will practice together in the choir loft immediately following the Thanksgiving Service. (before refreshments) The Adult Choir will not practice.

Sunday, December 5 We will commemorate 130 years as a congregation in the United States with a celebration during worship and a noon "German/Mennonite meal" prepared by the Social Council.

CHURCH OFFICES

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Announcements

The Junior Youth will be holding a bake sale **today** immediately after the Worship Service and after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. All donations received will be used for the Junior Youth to attend the Know Jesus event at the end of January, 2005.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Reminder to parents and youth to fill out Charlotte confirmation sheets and return to Brett before Thanksgiving. I have only received one form so far. Also, the reading for next Wednesday night is John chapters 6, 7, 8.

Needed! New children's mittens and gloves to decorate a Christmas tree which will be coming soon to the fellowship hall. Place the mittens/gloves on the tree. They will be donated to the Salvation Army. The project is sponsored by Hands of Friendship. Questions? Ask Agnes Harder, Mary Ann Wiebe or Marge Harms.

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 **today**.

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Marge Harms and Joyce Wedel

Nursery Next Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

Keyboard Next Sunday: Emma Mae Litton

Special Music Next Sunday: Children's Choir (grades 5-8)

Ushers Next Sunday: Tim Schmidt and Rob Schunn

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

Faith Mennonite Church Dedication Celebration of the Building Addition is being held today. The Dedication Celebration will be at 2:00 p.m. followed by an open house and reception at 3:00 p.m. Faith Church is located at 2100 Anderson in Newton.

Evening Song and Prayer will be this evening at 6:00 p.m. at New Creation Fellowship Church, 221 S. Muse, Newton. Join us to sing hymns and Taize songs, to pray, and to hear.

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.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is accepting applications for the position of Clothing Assistant Manager. This 20 to 40-hour per week paid position requires a basic knowledge of brand names and time periods of clothing and shoes. Job duties include keeping clothing and shoes organized in and out of season and managing volunteers. Applicants must be reliable, friendly, have strong communication skills, and work well with others. Previous retail experience a plus. Hiring immediately. For more information contact Jessica Maroz, General Manager, at 316-283-9461.

This holiday season you can shop with a purpose! Ten Thousand Villages will donate a portion of sales to a local non-profit organization. Your shopping will not only help artisans around the world, but also make a difference right here at home! This year each group will have an entire week to raise money for their organizations. Nov. 22-27: New Jerusalem Missions; Nov. 29 – Dec. 4: Newton Community Children's Choir; Dec. 6-11: Hesston Resource Center; Dec. 14-18: Community Playschool; Dec. 20-24: Peace Connections. Questions? Call 316-283-0061.

2004 Harvest Thanks Offering

Mennonite Church USA

Total Mission		\$3,365.00
Mennonite Mission Network		3,412.00
Associated Menn. Biblical Seminary		
Total Mission	735.00	
Virgil Claassen Endowment	500.00	1,235.00
Bethel College		780.77
Mennonite World Conference		10.00
Western District Conference		
Total Mission		3,145.00
Education Committee (WDC)		50.00
Camp Mennoscah personnel		475.00
Camp Mennoscah facilities		630.00
Home Missions (WDC church plants)		50.00
Peace & Social Concerns		85.00
Youth Ministry (WDC)		70.00
Other Institutions		
Bethel Health Care Centre		180.00
Mennonite Central Committee		1,895.00
Offender-Victim Ministries		435.00
Prairie View		10.00
Wheat State Manor		135.00
Local Church Support		
Care Fund		740.00
Local Church Missions		15,261.36
Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale		595.00
MCC Relief Canning		1,520.00
Scholarship Fund, general	835.00	
for Bethel College	200.00	1,035.00
Jerry/Jene Yoder Mission		100.00
Ronda Schmidt Mission		100.00
Cemetery Upkeep		50.00
Ice Machine		500.00
Refrigerator		400.00
Projector		500.00
Youth Pastor		<u>1,650.00</u>
Total		\$38,414.13
2003 Harvest Thanks Offering		\$39,685.85
2002 Harvest Thanks Offering		38,021.52
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