

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 26, 2006

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Music by Praise Team

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:13-23

Reader: John Claassen

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

Sermon *Peter's Call to Thanksgiving: Be Holy!*

* **Hymn** *Blessed Be Your Name*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn** *He is Exalted*

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

Pastor Jim will be on vacation this week.

Thank you for your visits, flowers, cards, food and prayers. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Again thank you.

Henry & Laura Janzen

Western District Conference: Pray for your congregation, especially, thanking God for its ministry in the community and the world. Also pray for Vision 2012 – the prayer and funding campaign to strengthen camping, church planting, leadership ministries, and our resource library.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Cindy and Tim Buhler are presently on North American ministry. Pray for them as they itinerate in churches and share the vision of missions and ministry in Macau.

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.

* **Song of Worship** *How Majestic is Your Name*

* **Gathering Prayer**

* **Songs of Praise**

Here in this place Hymnal No. 6

Give Thanks

Trading My Sorrows

Worship in Giving Western District Conference

Sharing by Ronda Schmidt Missionary with New Tribes Mission

Sharing Joys, Thanksgivings and Prayers

Words of Assurance 2 Corinthians 4:13-15 (NIV)

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Program Practice for grades 5-8
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

Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together during worship.

Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 12:45 p.m. Church Annual Business meeting

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our Angel Tree outing is next Sunday, 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.

Nursery This Sunday: Bonita Schroeder and Deb Hiebert

Nursery Next Sunday: Nancy Harms and Jana Harms

Keyboard Next Sunday: Julia Washburn

Special Music Next Sunday: Adult Choir

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$3,496.75

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Announcements

Needed! New children's mittens and gloves to decorate a Christmas tree in 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.

Quilting has begun on the MCC quilt; quilters join us on Monday afternoons.

Attention Ladies: If you are not a current subscriber to *Timbrel* (the magazine for and by Mennonite Women USA), now is a great time to begin. Until the end of this year you can subscribe for half-price. Just send \$5 to Berni Kaufman, 722 Main, Newton, KS 67114. It is an excellent publication that is geared to interests of women and is published bi-monthly. Don't miss this opportunity.

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.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor: James Voth Pastor's Study: 283-2644 E-mail: jvoth@cox.net

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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen 1-888-516-8474

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Et Cetera

Steve Saint, son of one of the five missionaries killed by the Waodani (Auca) in Ecuador 50 years ago will be speaking at First Mennonite Church, Newton, 429 E. 1st St., on Sunday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. Free tickets may be picked up at First Mennonite Church, Faith and Life Bookstore, and First Bank of Newton at three locations. The story was recently featured in the movie End of the Spear and in Beyond Gates of Splendor (PG-13), both of which are available for rental at local video stores. On Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m., First Mennonite will show the ninety-minute documentary, Beyond Gates of Splendor, in the sanctuary. This will introduce you to the amazing story of transformation and reconciliation that has unfolded since that killing. Mincaye, one of Waodani killers, has become like a grandfather to Steve Saint's children.

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.

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.

Damascus Road Anti-Racism Analysis Training will be held February 8 (6-9 p.m.) through February 10, (6 p.m.), 2007 at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Early registration of \$200 is due January 5; after that date is \$250 and deadline is January 15. Brochures are on the bulletin board and on Western District Conference web site (www.mennowdc.org). Space is limited yet we encourage teams (or at least two people) from a congregation attend.

2006 Harvest Thanks Offering**Mennonite Church USA**

Total Mission of Mennonite Church USA	\$4,460.00
MC USA Executive Board	100.00
Mennonite Mission Network (Missions)	1,500.00
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary	750.00
Bethel College	355.00
Mennonite Publishing Network	175.00

Western District Conference

Total Mission of the WDC	3,135.00
Camp Mennoscah facilities	2,320.00
Historical Committee	50.00
WDC church plants	110.00
Peace & Social Concerns	560.00
Youth Ministry (WDC programs)	100.00

Other Institutions

Kidron Bethel Health Care Centre	120.00
Mennonite Central Committee	2,325.00
Offender-Victim Ministries	1,140.00
Prairie View	10.00
Wheat State Manor	650.00

Local Church Support

Care Fund	715.00
Cemetery Upkeep	50.00
Landscape Fund	500.00
Local Church Missions (undesignated)	27,325.69
Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale	495.00
Relief Canning	1,105.00
Ronda Schmidt	100.00
Scholarship Fund	440.00
Sound System	330.00
Youth Pastor Fund	<u>13,500.00</u>

Grand Total**\$62,420.69**

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