

**You are invited** to an Open House honoring Jr. Thimm on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, **Sunday**, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2-4:30 p.m. at Classics, 1301 Oak St. Hosted by his family.

**Community Food Pantry** is in need of food and/or cash donations. Please take your donations to the St. John's Lutheran Church location.

**Community Players of Beatrice** presents:

"Grace & Glorie"

Fridays, Sept. 10 & 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, Sept. 11 & 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Sundays, Sept. 12 & 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 and student tickets are \$8

Group reservations for 10 or more are being taken now with \$2 off each adult ticket price

When Grace, a willful 90 year-old cancer patient, checks herself out of the hospital and returns to her cabin in the woods, she isn't pleased at the arrival of Gloria, a young hospice volunteer who recently moved to the area from New York. Initially butting heads the two grow to gain new perspectives on all aspects of life in this poignant, and at times humorous, play. See the poster on the bulletin board.

**Also**, a Community Conversation will be led by Paul Jensen to discuss hospice and Chris Obbink to discuss good grief on Sat. Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the CP Theater. The event is Free and anyone can attend.

**Off to College?** Please let the church office know the address, phone number, and e-mail address of your college student so we can keep them informed of church activities.

**Ice Cream Social** at Holmesville Church of the Brethren will be on Sunday, Sept 12 at 5:30, followed by music and a sing-a-long program at 6:30. Freewill offering will go to the Wymore Food Pantry.



## First Mennonite Church *The Morning Breeze* Sunday, August 29, 2010

### ***This Morning***

Pastor: Gail Cross

Greeters: Gerald & Rogena Jantzen

Hosts: Bill & Marilyn Goossen

Audio: Larry Thimm

Video: Bill Thimm

Power Point: Nick Funk

Last Sunday!

Attendance: 99

Offering: \$2474.00 for Bethel College

Music: Erin VanderSchaaf

Offering: FMC General Fund

Next Sunday: FMC General Fund

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. – WMS

Sunday, August 29 – Noon Lunch Bunch at Valentino's

Sunday, Sept 5 – Adult Bible Study, 6:30 Meal, 7:00 Bible Study

"Growing Pains" based on sermons in Acts

Wednesday, Sept 8 – Peace Club at BMC, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept 12 – Heritage Sunday

### **Birthdays!**

Sunday, August 29: Pat Penner, Glen Jantzen, Kelsey Crawford,  
Julie Grimmett

Tuesday, August 31: Byron Riesen

Wednesday, Sept 1: Rhonda Penner

Thursday, Sept 2: Jodi Nachtigal

Friday, Sept 3: Dan Crawford

Sunday, Sept 5: Norman Reimer, Michala Janzen

### ***Prayer & Praise!***

**Pray for students:** Pray for college communities, teachers, professors, staff, administrators and students as they begin classes this week. Pray that God would guide their studies and lives.

**Congratulations!** Grady Franklin O'Dell was born on Sunday, August 22, 2010 to Walt and Amy O'Dell of Omaha. Grandparents are Sharon Janzen and Ron Janzen. Great Grandmother is Laura Franz.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** will be a special celebration of the 133 year anniversary of the first worship service held by Mennonites in Beatrice! We are planning to host a Heritage Sunday worship service, with a fellowship meal following the service. Mark Jantzen will be giving the sermon, and Marj Shoemaker will be joining us from the Mennonite Heritage Museum to give a short program after the meal.

**\*\*Please help us** spread the word about the celebration. We hope you will pass the information about this special Sunday on to family and friends that attended First Mennonite in the past but who no longer have a direct connection to our church. We also request that you contact the church office or sign up for the noon meal on the **sign up sheet in the Narthex** under the bulletin board so we can make final meal preparations. There will be a table of **ethnic desserts** available along with Tracey Crawford's homemade ice cream. If you would like to share a dessert, please do so. Committee members Vern Jantzen, Elaine Penner, and Jerry Reimer thank you for your help.

**Search Committee Update:** The Search Committee will be meeting with Clarence Rempel, conference minister, on Monday, August 30. He will present the committee with some possible candidate profiles. Congregational members are also invited to suggest names to the search committee. The committee members are Letha Hamm, Lori Thimm, John Hiebert, John Penner, and Vicki Hinz-Ensz.

**Play golf for Bethel.** Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, Sept. 18, Newton, KS. Check the bulletin board for details, contact the Bethel alumni office at (316) 284-5251 or [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu) or [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/golf.php) **Early entry discount deadline is September 6.**

Stop in and introduce yourself to Vicki Frerking in the **church office** Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

**Bible Study Changes:** **Adult Bible Study** will move to Sunday evenings, meeting at FMC the first and third Sundays of September, October, and November, beginning Sept. 5. Soup, sandwiches and cookies, provided by rotating Shepherd Groups, will be served at 6:30p.m. The Bible Study, **"Growing Pains"** with Pastor Gail Cross, will be from 7-8 p.m. and is based on sermons in Acts.

**Peace Club** for grades 1-5 will continue to meet at BMC on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. beginning Sept 8. Lori Thimm is program director for Peace Club.

**SYF & JYF** will be notified of meeting dates by their sponsors.

**Camp Mennoscah News:** Thanks to all who donated time, skills and money to Camp Mennoscah this summer, including (but not limited to), Karen & Katie Jantzen, John Regier, Chris Riesen, Kathy Thimm and Elsie Riesen. We also gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of a tractor from Milt Claassen of Newton and new cabinets built by John Claassen of Whitewater for our tee shirt room. It's not too late to register for the **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** on Sept ember 5-6 or the **Women and Girl's Retreat**, "*Women Uniquely Created By God*" September 10-12. Featured speaker is Florence Schloneger. **Work and Play Camp** will be September 19-23. More information on these retreats/camps is in the narthex.

**Gage County United Way Pancake Feed** will be held Sunday, Sept 5 from 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion at 701 Dorsey St, Beatrice. Your freewill offering will benefit Mother to Mother Ministry among other local GCUW agencies.

**MCC School Kits!** The MCC warehouses are extremely low on school kits and MCC has already received requests for over 40,000 school kits from around the world. Check the bulletin board for a complete list for making a school kit & bag. A great project for families or groups!

**Women's Bible Study:** Anyone interested in joining the group, please call Laura Franz at 239-4654 as soon as possible so material can be ordered. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at Homestead Village and is led by Sylvia Cross.