

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 6, 2008 ~ Epiphany

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Hymns:** “Morning Star, O cheering sight” #214 HWB
“O Splendor of God’s glory bright” #646 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time: Epiphany Visitors: Star gazers

Hymn: “Bright and glorious is the sky” #219 HWB (v. 1-4)

New Testament reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: “Enlightened or frightened?”

Communion & Lighting of Candles

Communion Hymns: “Let all mortal flesh keep silent” ~ solo
“The Lord is my light”

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. AMEN

Offering and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** “I want to walk as a child of the light” #95 STJ

***Benediction**

Postlude

Community Time

- Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.

- Christian Education (11 – noon)

Children’s classes begin with singing at front of sanctuary.

Adult offerings:

- Spirituality & Food, led by Carol Harder – Fellowship Hall
- Exploring the New Testament, led by Hermann Weinlick—Library
- Faith and Human Development, led by Beth Richardson—Chapel
- Contemplative silence, pastor’s study (210 Education wing)

TODAY: Epiphany—Arise, shine! God’s mystery is revealed

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader: Cynthia Miller

Epiphany Visitors: Rachel Hoskins

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Glenn Geissinger & Mark Kaufman

Fellowship Time: The Westbys

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

**Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: January 7-11

Pastors' Hours: Monday, 1-5 p.m.; Tuesday, 11-5; Wed & Thurs, 1-5 p.m.

Joetta will be in Iowa on Friday, January 11, for a meeting of the Central Plains Conference Congregational Ministries Committee.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Dec. 30: Attendance: 54 Offering: \$3039.46

NEXT SUNDAY:

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader: Cynthia Miller

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Childcare: Barb Beers and Arlene Geissinger

Fellowship Time: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Snow Shoveling (January 7-13): VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Please remember Nikki Fitch and Adam Nafziger who will join in membership and Melissa Hochstetler who will become an associate member of FMC next Sunday, January 13.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'⁷

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where
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the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: The Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Thank you to Richard Westby for delivering 64 pounds of non-perishable items to Community Emergency Service and for all who brought donations. We collect items for the CES food shelf and shelter year around. Please bring items and place them on the back table near the mailboxes.

Neighborhood Groups will need next Sunday, January 13. This is an opportunity to share food and fellowship in a home setting. Please check detailed sheet in mailboxes. New attendees and visitors are welcome!

From Mennonite Media: Aging: How are you and your family dealing with the issue of aging relatives? A new documentary from Mennonite Media/Mennonite Mission Network, Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change will air on ABC TV stations (at their discretion) beginning Jan. 6, 2008. For information on the program and aging, go to www.EmbracingAging.com and click on "Airdates" or call 800-999-3534.

One-Man Play: "Jesus in Guantanamo"

Written and performed by Matthew Vaky.

Monday, January 7, 6:30 p.m. (Potluck Supper), **7:30 p.m.** (Performance and Discussion) Plymouth Congregational Church, Howard Conn Theater, 1900 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis.

Friday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. Robbinsdale United Church of Christ, 4200 Lake Road, Robbinsdale (Behind Robbinsdale Center).

Looking Ahead

January 7 – Lent worship planning group, 4:30 p.m. @FMC

January 9 – Commission & Committee Annual Reports Due

January 13 – Neighborhood Groups, 5-7 p.m.

January 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC

January 25-27 – FMC Ski Weekend, St. Croix State park

January 31 – Youth Service Project, 4:15 p.m. @ Seward CSP

February 3 – Potluck and Congregational Meeting

February 6 – Ash Wednesday