

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 11, 2009

Prelude Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Source of all hope and holiness, we gather this morning to be church.

P: Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.

L: Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.

P: Bless each of us here that we may choose justice by your spirit,

L: draw kindness from the well of your mercy,

ALL: and walk humbly in your path, O God. AMEN

*Hymns: "What is this place" #1 HWB

"Of the Father's love begotten" #104 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9a, 12-13

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's Time: Turning sadness to joy

Hymn: "He came down" #31 STJ

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5, 10-14

Sermon: "Communion and peace making"

Communion *We will come forward down the center aisle to receive communion. In pairs please serve each other the bread and cup. Everyone is also invited to write the name of a person, relationship or place in need of peace on a piece of paper and hang this on the tree. Please return to your seats by the side aisles. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

Communion Hymn: "Put peace into each other's hand" #87 STJ

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** "Let us talents and tongues employ" (insert)

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time - 10:45-11:15 a.m.** – basement fellowship hall

- **Children's music – 11 a.m.**, Room 201, education wing

- **Education for all ages – 11:15-noon**

Today we continue our adult education series on Worship:

Jan 11: The many pieces of worship – basement fellowship hall

Jan 18: Communion practices in Mennonite (and other) traditions

TODAY: The reconciling work of the Word-made-Flesh

Worship leader: Arlene Holdeman

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Drums: John Ratigan Green

Nursery volunteers: Thaine Dirks and Annette Semanchin-Jones, One Volunteer Needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Hearing and following with our whole selves

Worship leader: Arlene Holdeman

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltz

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery volunteers: Krisin Green and Two Volunteers Needed

Fellowship: Volunteers Needed

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.

January 4: Attendance: 104 Offering: \$4099; Designated \$1000

Thanksgivings: Candace's time in California after her father's surgery; Brooke's brother's move to his own apartment; Patricia, Paula and those who have taught peace to our children (Beth)

Concerns: Raymond family following fatal car accident in Indiana (Shelly H); Matthew K's father's diagnosis and treatment; Dan G's mother's recovery from broken wrist; Sam's search for housing in Nova Scotia

Area group gatherings – TODAY. Information is in your mailbox this evening area group gatherings. These are informal times intended to help you get better acquainted with other FMC folks who live in your general geographic area. If you don't find yourself in a group, please contact the deacon for the group you think you belong in and plan to attend.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Cleta Roth Gingerich, Candace Lutt, Mike Okerstrom
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: January 12-16

Pastor: Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri 9-1

Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Mon and Wed from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Joetta will attend the area cluster meeting of Mennonite pastors in Faribault.

Michael Bischoff: Thursday 9-noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-1:30

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

MLK—Spirit of Service Day: January 19th, 2009— FMC will be hosting a group of 9th & 10th grade students from Andy Martinson's school, as well as youth from our church. He needs a meal that day at lunch. If anyone would like to contribute to the lunch (and certainly join them for the meal!), please e-mail or call him.
ajmart@wbl.whitebear.k12.mn.us (651) 426-8001

Church Meetings and Events

January 12 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

January 13 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (Ecclesiastes 4:12, Psalm 67, Philippians 2:1-11) 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Marshall & Cleveland, St. Paul

January 14 – Annual Reports due

January 17 – Worship Commission, 9 a.m., Schlabach's

January 19 – MLK youth work day at FMC

January 21 – Deacon Commission, 3 p.m., Richardson's

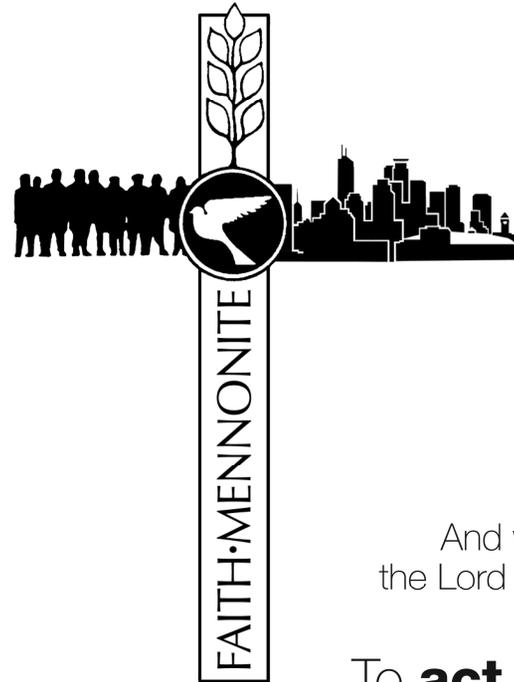
February 1 – Parent/Child Dedication Sunday

February 8 – Church Membership and Annual Meeting Sunday

February 13-14 – “Common Root 2009: Creating our Future in the Shadow of the Empire,” FMC

February 14-16 – Men's Retreat

March 21 – Musician workshop, led by Jane Ramseyer Miller, 9-noon, FMC



And what does
the Lord require of you?

To **act justly** and
to **love mercy**
and to **walk humbly**
with your God.

Micah 6:8

**Come,
walk with us.**

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Jeremiah 31:7-9a, 12-13

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness, proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

John 1:1-5, 10-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

The new address & phone for the Ry and Marcia Siggelkow family is 1116 Ashland Ave. #3, St. Paul, MN 55104, 651-224-3620.

Mennonite Mission Network Request:

Pray for the Radical Journey team in Paraguay in language study and personal formation, building cross-cultural relationships and helping to prepare for Mennonite World Conference in July.

This afternoon, January 11, Ten Thousand Villages will do their annual store inventory. They will begin with instructions at 1:30 pm and go until they finish counting (around 5 p.m.) If you have a laptop computer that has a USB port that they/you can use for that day, please arrive with it between 1:00 and 1:30 pm. We will put a small program on it that is used for inventory and it takes a little time to get all of the laptops configured. As is our custom, we will order pizza for all near the end of the counting time! There are several folks from Faith who will be there; others are welcome.

Worship at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church: A group from Faith Mennonite will be participating in worship at **Bethesda Baptist Church on January 18th** at 11:30 am. Please join us! The church is at 1118 S 8th St, on the east side of downtown Minneapolis. For more information, contact Michael Bischoff at 612-521-1889.

Uniting Catholics, Evangelicals, Orthodox, and Protestants: Praying for the Unity of the Church, Sunday, January 18, 7:00 p.m., Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Avenue, Mpls. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated every year from January 18– 25. For the first Sunday The Minnesota Council of Churches has organized a community-wide prayer service. Music will be provided by the Cameroon Choir of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and Heart of the City Worship band, and prayers will be offered by clergy from the Protestant, Orthodox, Evangelical and Roman Catholic traditions.

Rebecca Johnson's office, the State Council on Black Minnesotans, is the organizer of the **Statewide Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 19, 2009:**

9:30 am - Rally at Central High School, Lexington and Marshall, St. Paul

10:30 am - A march to Ganglehoff Center at Concordia University

11:30 am - A program at Ganglehoff Center at Concordia University. The keynote speaker is Justice Alan Page. The other speaker is Ms. Felicia Bell from Washington, DC

1:00 pm - An education Fair at Ganglehoff Center.

Everyone is invited.

On January 25th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, some of us from FMC will lead a discussion at a Community of St. Martin Adult Education session about how FMC and CSM might work together on some of the new community projects we are beginning, and some things they have already started. If you are interested, please join us for that conversation. *Michael Bischoff*

February 13-14 —“Common Root 2009: Creating our Future in the Shadow of Empire” at FMC, being organized by Missio Dei. This consultation will explore ways of creatively embracing the in-breaking Kingdom of God in the shadow of Empire. The organizers want to foster creative resistance as we seek community practices that bring shalom to a broken world.

Presenters include Greg Boyd (author of *Myth of a Christian Nation*, respected theologian, and pastor at Woodland Hills), Tom and Christine Sine (directors of the Mustard Seed Associates and internationally respected speakers on spirituality, community, and grassroots church movements), Carol Rose (pastor, poet, and co-director of Christian Peacemaker Teams), and Jin Kim (pastor of Church of All Nations, a Twin Cities multi-ethnic church). In addition to key note presentations there will be workshops on New Monasticism, the Catholic Worker Movement, sustainable living, urban church planting, community-based peacemaking, communal spirituality, and much more.

The consultation will also feature a special planter’s track for those interested in starting new communities. Jeff Wright, president of Shalom Ministries: www.urban-anabaptist.org/sm/staff.php, will lead these sessions.

Registration for the consultation is by donation, with a suggested minimum of \$50. For more information and to register for the consultation visit: <http://thecommonroot.eventbrite.com>

Volunteers are needed for weekend snow shoveling, nursery care and fellowship time refreshments. Please sign-up on the sheets at the back of the sanctuary.