

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 18, 2009

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 139)

**Response: For all these mysteries—
for the wonder of myself,
for the wonder of your works—
I thank you.**

***Hymns:** “Great God of Wonders” #149 HWB (vv. 1 & 4)
“Jesus calls us here to meet him” #3 STJ (vv.1-3)

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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

Children’s Time: Hearing God’s call

Hymn: “Listen, God is calling” #42 STJ

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Sermon: “The Word of God: Making House Calls”

Hymn: “If all you want, Lord” #512 HWB

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:** “How clear is our vocation, Lord” #541 HWB (vv. 1 & 4)

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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 conclude our adult education series on Worship:

- Communion practices in Mennonite (and other) traditions

Next Sunday we will begin two elective classes:

- The Spirituality of Imperfection
- Spirituality and Health

-**Worship at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church:** A group from Faith Mennonite will participate in worship at Bethesda Baptist, leaving FMC at **11:30 am**. The church is at 1118 S 8th St, on the east side of downtown Minneapolis. Speak with Michael Bischoff if you wish to carpool.

TODAY: Hearing and following with our whole selves

Worship leader: Arlene Holdeman **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Nursery volunteers: Barbara Beers, Kristin Green and Matthew Hendricks

NEXT SUNDAY: World Fellowship Sunday

Sermon: Hermann Weinlick

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Laurie Kaufman and Susan Weinlick

Fellowship: Volunteers Needed

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*

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 11: Attendance: 90 Offering: \$1638

Thanksgivings: Pat’s trip to Jamaica and work in a children’s home, the Robin’s Nest; Joetta’s work with one of Paula’s students; family homecomings and the life and contributions of Dr. Willard Kraybill (Joan K); churches of Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Concerns: Those with serious medical conditions (Meagan’s father; Matthew K’s father; father of Marian’s son-in-law Ryan); stress of financial situation on school children (Paula); Andi’s coworker whose family lost everything in a fire; Larry & Karen’s family

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Clela Roth Gingerich, Candace Lutt,
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: January 19-23

Pastor: Wed 9-1 & Thurs 9:30-4:30; Fri 9-1

Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Mon and Wed from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday is a study day.

Michael Bischoff: Thursday 9-noon

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

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Join MCC response to Gaza crisis: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and its partner organizations in Gaza are providing aid to families suffering from a punishing war and the misery of an ongoing economic blockade. MCC believes that peace and security can only be gained through peaceful means and is increasing its call for all parties to engage in political negotiations to address the issues that divide them. MCC has worked alongside Palestinians for nearly six decades and Israelis for nearly 40 years. MCC's partners in Palestine/Israel are committed to nonviolence and a future of peace, justice and reconciliation for both peoples. Visit mcc.org for more information, including regularly updated posts from MCC workers in the region. MCC encourages your prayers for peace, your gifts to help meet human need and your letters to government representatives, urging them to use their influence to end the violence in Palestine/Israel. Much more information is available on our Web site, mcc.org

Church Meetings and Events

January 19 – MLK youth work day at FMC

January 20 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (bring a favorite text about children)

8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Marshall & Cleveland, St. Paul

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 14 – Council & Commission Retreat, 9-noon, FMC

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

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1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Modern English version)

As a Christian I *may* do anything, but that does not mean that everything is good for me to do. I may do everything, but I must not be a slave of anything. Food was meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God has no permanent purpose for either. But you cannot say that our physical body was made for sexual promiscuity; it was made for God, and God is the answer to our deepest longings. The God who raised the Lord from the dead will also raise us mortals by his power. Have you realized the almost incredible fact that your bodies are integral parts of Christ himself? Am I then to take parts of Christ and join them to a prostitute? Never! Don't you realize that when one joins oneself with a prostitute they become a physical unity? For, God says, "the two shall be one flesh." On the other hand one who joins oneself to God is one with God in spirit.

Avoid sexual looseness like the plague! ... Have you forgotten that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you, and that you are not the owner of your body? You have been bought, and at what price! Therefore bring glory to God both in your body and in your spirit, for they both belong to God.

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

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:

Mennonite Mission Network workers Connie and Dennis Byler request prayer for a gathering of Anabaptist leaders from Mennonite and Brethren in Christ groups in Spain on Saturday, January 24, to share, plan and encourage one another.

Uniting Catholics, Evangelicals, Orthodox, and Protestants: Praying for the Unity of the Church, today, 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.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday commemorations, Mon., Jan 19

- Rebecca Johnson's office, the State Council on Black Minnesotans, is the organizer of the **Statewide Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration. 9:30 am** - A rally at Central High School located on Lexington and Marshall, St. Paul
10:30 am - A march to Ganglehoff Center at Concordia University
11:00 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.
- **MLK—Spirit of Service Day--FMC will host a group of 9th & 10th grade students** from Andy Martinson's school, as well as youth from our church. The group will share lunch, talk about what it means to be a "peace church," and then paint the basement nursery and library. Thanks to everyone who offered to contribute food for the lunch and to those who will join in the activities.
- **Rebirthing King, Rebirthing America, a 7 p.m.** service of grieving (the state of our nation) and hope (as a new administration begins on January 20th). Organized by the Rev. Loren McGrail and hosted by **Lyndale United Church of Christ, 810 W. 31st St. Minneapolis**, this ecumenical liturgy is adapted from the Olive Branch Interfaith Peace Partnership liturgy being used on the 19th at All Souls Church in Washington D.C. and throughout the U.S. The Men's Choir from Faith Mennonite Church will sing.