

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
January 20, 2008 ~ World Fellowship Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

L: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. *(Repeated in 3 languages)*

L: Worship the Lord in holy array; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. *(Repeated in 3 languages)*

All: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

***Hymns** "Jesus, we are here" #6 STJ

"If you believe and I believe" #32 STJ

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Lord Jesus, we know that you lived and died for the whole world, yet we often are oblivious to the needs of those near at hand and far away. Although we are part of a world-wide body of Christ, it is hard for us to listen to what you would have us hear from our brothers and sisters in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. We pray for your mercy, that in this hour, we may join in a spirit of worship with your whole people around the world. Amen.

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

Children's Time: Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King

Men's Ensemble: "Hold on just a little while longer"

Matthew Blackwell-Kinney, narrator

New Testament reading: Acts 11:1-18

Sermon: "Learning from the Global Church"

Hymn: "Come, walk with us" #2 STJ

Congregational Sharing (including experiences of learning from the global church)

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

***Please stand if you are able**

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 *(we will bring our offerings to the front as we sing)*

Hymn: "Sing amen" #64 HWB

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** "We will walk with God" #78 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, facilitated by Hermann Weinlick—Library
- Faith and Human Development, facilitated by Beth Richardson—Chapel (201, Education wing)
- Contemplative silence, pastor's study (210 Education wing)

TODAY: World Fellowship Sunday

Sermon: Orv Gingerich

Worship Leader: Cynthia Miller

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Karen Zeug

Childcare: Annette Semanchin & Carol Harder

Fellowship Time: Heather Wengerd

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: The Calling of Disciples

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Childcare: Mark Kaufman and VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Fellowship Time: Geiser Shrock

Snow Shoveling (January 21-27): Robert W. (Neighbor Volunteer)

Jan 13: Attendance: 74 Offering: \$1487

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Jan. 21-25

Pastor's Hours: Monday, 10-3 p.m.; Wed & Thurs, 9-4; Friday, 8:30-12:30.
Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday
and Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Church Meetings and Events

- January 24 – Newsletter items due by noon
- January 26 – FMC Cross-country ski outing, arboretum
- January 31 – Youth Service Project, 4:15 p.m. @ Seward CSP
- February 3 – Potluck and Congregational Meeting
- February 6 – Ash Wednesday Taizé service, 7:30 p.m.
- February 23 – MCC Relief Sale Fundraiser: House of Heinrich concert,
7 p.m. @ FMC
- March 8 – Community potluck and discussion of Eating and Growing
Food responsibly, 6 p.m. @ FMC



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Tanzania



**Faith Mennonite Church
Minneapolis**

Today. The University of Minnesota will host “From Every Voice,” the U’s annual **concert in honor of the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, today, at 4 p.m. at Ted Mann Concert Hall. It will feature The Steeles, the award-winning Minneapolis gospel/soul quintet. The concert is free and open to the public.

FMC Cross-country ski outing –Saturday, Jan. 26 Meet at church at 9:15 am or at the Arboretum at 10:00. The address is 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska MN 55318. They have a good assortment of ski trails, with varying levels of difficulty and some snow shoe trail as well, so people would have options. They have a nice lunch room in the main building so we can have lunch there and then head back out if people want to. Here’s a bit about skiing and snowshoeing at the arboretum. <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/skiandsnowshoe.aspx> It’s \$7 to get into the arboretum. Members are free. The website for the restaurant is: <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/restaurant.aspx>. They have good food. For more details talk to Rachel Hoskins.

Emergency Call List – The church office is compiling a list of people who would be willing to be called on an emergency basis, including during the day. This would be used by individuals and families who do not have extended family members in the area, to call on in cases of emergency for childcare, etc. If you are willing to have your name on the list, please email the church office with contact numbers and times of day/evening when you are willing to be called, or sign-up on the sheet in the fellowship area.

Community Organizing Training February 15-18, 2008

BMC is very pleased to announce *Towards a Welcoming Church*, a training opportunity to equip congregations to become welcoming of LGBT people. The training will be held in Minneapolis on February 15-18, 2008, and will address issues related to human sexuality, gender identity, hospitality and justice. Topics include biblical material, congregational conflict theory and resolution, faith based community organizing techniques, skills in dealing with difficult conversations. Missions and Service Commission will pay registration for up to 2 people to attend. Contact Katie Hochstedler if interested.

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

House of Heinrich Concert February 23rd at 7:00 pm

What do five women and one man from Mountain Lake have in common with Heinrich? All are descendants of Heinrich Epp from Russia and they sing beautifully. Join us the evening of Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 pm for a concert by House of Heinrich at FMC. This women’s quintet from Mt. Lake is directed by Charles Harder and accompanied by an instrumental group. They perform a variety of songs, including gospel, classical, modern and come highly recommended by everyone who has heard them. A free-will offering will support the Twin Cities MCC Sale.