

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

January 22, 2012

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymns:** “Come let us all unite to sing” # HWB 12  
“O that I had a thousand voices” # HWB 84

**New Testament Reading #1:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Children’s gathering song:** “Come and see” #20 HWB

**Children’s time**

**\*Song:** “Lord, I want to be a Christian” #444 HWB

**New Testament Reading #2:** Mark 1:14-20

**Sermon:** “A Fish Tale”

**Hymn:** “Two fisherman” #227 HWB

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

Leader: God of mercy,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

**Congregational Prayer**

Our Father/Mother 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 & Offertory**

*They cast their nets in Galilee, just off the hills of brown;  
Such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down.  
Contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew  
The peace of God that filled their hearts brimful, and broke them too.  
Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, homeless, in Patmos died.  
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, head down was crucified.  
The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.  
Yet, mortals, pray for but one thing—the marvelous peace of God.  
—William Alexander Percy*

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** “Strong, righteous man of Galilee” #540 HWB

**\*Benediction**

Leader: God of peace, in humility your Son reveals to us a new way.

**People: May we, empowered by your Holy Spirit, follow in that way  
as we bring the light of the Gospel  
to those living in the shadow of Empire  
to those seeking life in the midst of death.  
We ask this though Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

**Community Time**

**10:40 a.m.** Fellowship time

**11:00 a.m.** Christian ed. classes for all ages. Visitors welcome. Adult ed. class, The Heart of Mennonite Worship, in the education wing chapel.  
Today’s topic: “How Does Worship Shape Us for Life?”

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**TODAY:** The Calling of the Disciples

**Greeter:** Neil Okerlund   **Ushers:** Nikki Fitch Nafziger & Rhonda Martin

**Worship leader:** Chris Semanchin Jones   **Sermon:** Mark Van Steenwyk

**Song Leader:** Hermann Weinlick   **Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Flute:** Marybeth Luing   **Nursery:** Laurie Kaufman & Clea Roth

**Fellowship:** none planned   **Fellowship buddy:** Hermann Weinlick

*Mark Van Steenwyk is co-founder of Missio Dei community, Minneapolis.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 43:18-25; Mark 2:1-12

**Greeter:** Donna Minter   **Ushers:** Barb Beers, Cori Skogerboe

**Worship leader:** Chris Semanchin Jones   **Sermon:** Carol Wise

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci   **Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Nursery:** Donna Minter & Melissa Hochstetler   **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

**Fellowship buddy:** Sandra Westby   **Shoveling:** Glenn Geissinger

*Carol Wise is executive director of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests.*

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*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.*

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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach** (on sabbatical)  
**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
**Sabbatical Pastoral Care: Donna Stucky**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks**  
**Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson**

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**FMC office hours: January 23-27**

**Pastoral Care:** Mon 1-3, or leave message at any time on church phone

**Ministry Staff:** Mon 10-5; Wed 1:45-7; Thurs 10-5

**Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:**

[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**January 15:**                      **Attendance:** 90                      **Offering:** not yet recorded

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Joetta and Gerald Schlabach are in Nicaragua this week visiting friends/churches they served with in MCC in 1982-85.

We are **looking for musicians to present special music** during worship services. Music is especially important to Faith Mennonite and we know that our congregation includes a lot of talented musicians. Contact a worship commission member: Gregg R., Chris J., or Donna S. to let us know what kind of special music you want to present and your preferred date to honor us with your music. –*Worship Commission*

**Needed: several volunteers from FMC to participate in the Central Plains 2012 Congregational Leaders Workshop**, “The Paradox of Power: Biblical Foundations of Authority,” featuring J. Nelson Kraybill. Manson Mennonite Church, Manson, Iowa, Saturday, Feb. 25. Participants will learn how to become more effective leadership teams for their congregations. **Contact deacons or the church office** for more info.

New on the **FMC website, [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org)** –

- **FMC Online Events Calendar.** FMC events, office hours, and community events of interest.
- **FMC Online Building Use Calendar.** For FMC room reservations.

### **Church Meetings and Events**

**January 25** – February newsletter deadline, noon, to Gregg Richardson

**February 5** – **Brunch** (10:45 a.m.); **2012 Annual Meeting** (11:45 a.m.)

**February 8** – Sustainability Team, 5 p.m., chapel

**February 8** – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

**February 13** – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., chapel

**February 19** – 2012 ushers meeting, 8:30 a.m.

### **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

### **Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Announcements**

**Today** at 3:30 p.m., **One Voice Mixed Chorus** presents its **Brave Souls & Dreamers concert**, featuring music by Bob Dylan, Holly Near, Stephen Sondheim and the premiere of "Brave Souls & Dreamers" by Robert Seeley, celebrating the lives of visionary leaders and peacemakers from around the globe who have challenged prejudice and violence. Hopkins High School Auditorium, 2400 Lindberg Drive, Minnetonka. Tickets: [www.ovmc.org](http://www.ovmc.org) or call 651-298-1954; \$18-\$25; \$10 seniors & students.

A new listing of **2011 Missions & Service Fund Disbursements** is posted on the back bulletin board. Also new from Mennonite Central Committee on the back literature shelf: the most recent **Peace Office Newsletter**, and the **2012 Giving Catalog**, describing needs around the world that can be supported with small gift donations, and outlining the contents of various relief kits that can be assembled.

**Directory Updates:** New **email address** for Arlene Geissinger and new cell phone for Glenn.

The next **Soup Groups** are: (not meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19)

• **Friday, Jan. 27**, 6:00 p.m., **at the church**, hosted by Aryn Baxter and Aine McCarthy. RSVP by Thursday.

• **Monday, Feb. 6**, at Joan Kreider's

**The open dates for hosting are: 2/14, 2/16, 3/15, 3/23, 4/10, 4/19, 4/27, 5/1, 5/17, 5/25. If you are interested in hosting on one of these dates, either by preparing the food and/or providing the location, please sign the sheet in the foyer or contact Aryn Baxter.**

Do you want to start off the new year with some **free clothes**? Come to a **clothing exchange at Kristin Green's house on Jan. 29**, 4 p.m. with your old clothes, and leave with new-to-you clothes! Free! Come if you have a little or a lot, there will be plenty. Leave what you don't want, Kristin will deliver leftovers to a thrift store. Men's, women's, and children's clothes welcome!

**April 13-15**, save the date! Again this year the Missions & Service Commission will be hosting a weekend **Creating a Culture of Peace nonviolence training, facilitated by Phil Stoltzfus and Janet Chisholm (national executive director of CCP)**. We will explore dimensions of violence in our culture, spiritual and practical resources for interpersonal nonviolence, dynamics of nonviolent social movements, perspectives on community building, and action planning for future projects. It will be held at the church from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon (with time off for Sunday morning worship). Registration is open to FMC members and community folks, newcomers to nonviolence as well as those wanting to deepen their understanding. The registration deadline is April 1. Cost is \$100. **Contact the church office for a registration form.** For more info, see: [www.creatingacultureofpeace.org](http://www.creatingacultureofpeace.org).

**From Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship: Mennonite Arts Weekend, Feb. 3-5** in Cincinnati. Join us for an inspired weekend of art, poetry, dance and music. See [mennoniteartsweekend.org](http://mennoniteartsweekend.org) for more info.

**Saturday, Feb. 18: Community sing** led by Bret Hesla, Mary Preus, and Dan Chouinard, benefitting Minnesotans United for All Families in their effort to **defeat the Minnesota marriage amendment**. Come celebrate love, families, commitment, and justice. Suggested donation: \$15/adult, \$5/kids, \$25/family. 7 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave.

**Young adults ages 18-26:** are you looking for a purposeful **year-long service experience**? Check out **Radical Journey**. This Mennonite Mission Network program takes you to places like China, Paraguay, England or South Africa. See: [www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/RJ/](http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/RJ/)