

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 8, 2009

## Prelude Welcome

\*Call to Worship Psalm 147

Response: **Praise God, who is good;  
sing praise to our God, who is gracious.**

\*Hymns: "Come, let us all unite to sing" #12 HWB  
"Rain down" #49 STJ

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:10-14; 20-21; 23-25  
**Children's Gathering Hymn:** "Come and See" #20 HWB  
**Children's Time:** Meeting our new members  
**Hymn:** "There are many gifts" #304 HWB

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-28; 35-39  
**Sharing:** Donna Stucky

**Sharing:** Rhonda Martin  
**Hymn:** "I sought the Lord" #506 HWB  
**Sharing:** Scott and Deedee Stevens Neal

**Third Reading:** John 14:1; 15-21; 27  
**Sharing:** Greg Renstrom  
**Congregational commitment:** #777 HWB

**Communion**  
**Communion Hymn:** "Taste and see" #86 HWB  
Verses ~ Deedee Stevens Neal and Donna Stucky

## 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

\*Sung benediction: "The Lord lift you up" #73 STJ  
\*Passing the Peace / Postlude

## Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45-11:10 a.m.
- Children's music – 11 a.m., Room 201, education wing
- Annual Meeting, Part 1 – 11:10-noon – basement fellowship hall  
*Documents for the meeting were placed in mail boxes. Additional copies are on back table. Everyone is welcome to attend; you do not need to be an official member of the church.*
- Potluck meal – 12:15 p.m.
- Annual Meeting, Part 2 – 1:15 p.m. (childcare provided)

*Adult education classes resume next Sunday*

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**TODAY:** Church Membership and Annual Meeting / Communion  
**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach  
**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger    **Piano:** Karen Zeug  
**Nursery volunteers:** Beth Richardson & Leslie Minkler

*We welcome those who will make a commitment of membership and participation today: Rhonda Martin, Scott & Deedee Stevens Neal, Donna Stucky, and Greg Renstrom.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** The path to healing (2 Kings 5:1-14; Mark 1:40-45)  
**Worship leader:** Barbara Beers    **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach  
**Song leader:** Donna Stucky    **Piano:** Cathy Smetana  
**Nursery volunteers:** Joan Kreider & One Volunteer Needed  
**Fellowship:** Karen Wiebe & One Volunteer Needed

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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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**February 1:** Attendance: 94    Offering: \$2,988

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**Book Group will meet this evening, February 8, at 7:00 pm** at the home of Dick and Sandra Westby, 2901 E. 24th St. The book to be discussed is Andrew Bacevich, *The Limits of Power*.

## Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Cleta Roth Gingerich, Candace Lutt,  
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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: February 9-13

**Pastor:** Mon 2-5 p.m.; Wed & Fri 9-1; & Thurs 9:30-11:30

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 Thursday evening to:*  
[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**Delegates for Assembly 2009** We need to confirm our two delegates for the biannual national Assembly of Mennonite Church USA, which will convene in Columbus, OH, June 30-July 5. If you have interest in participating in this event that includes business sessions, workshops, worship, and a chance to meet Mennonites from across the US, please speak with Joan Kreider or Joetta Schlabach as soon as possible.

### Church Meetings and Events

February 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

February 10 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9) 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Marshall & Cleveland, St. Paul

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

February 14-16 – Men's Retreat

February 18 – Deacons, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

February 20-21 – Families Moving Forward

February 25 – Ash Wednesday, Taizé Service 7:30 p.m., FMC

February 23 – Community Black History Month Worship Service, 7 p.m., Augustana Lutheran Church, 704 11th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

February 26 – Goshen College Choir Performance, 7:30 p.m., Messiah Lutheran Church, 2504 Columbus Ave S, Minneapolis

March 3 – Missions & Service, 1:30 p.m., FMC

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

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

**Deuteronomy 6:10-14; 20-21; 23-25**

When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. The Lord your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear. Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are all around you...

When your children ask you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ then you shall say to your children, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.’

**Romans 8:26-28; 35-39**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 14:1; 15-21; 27**

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

**Childcare & meals for Skogerboes:** Noah and Cori are in need of Saturday childcare for Iver until Noah recuperates from his surgery. Adam & Nikki have volunteered to cover most Saturdays but are NOT available on February 15. If you can provide care for all or part of next Saturday, please contact Clea Roth Gingerich 612-333-7956. If you can provide a meal (after Feb. 15) please contact Adam Nafziger, meal coordinator.

**Tom Lobello has a new address** and email account: 21001 John Milless Drive, Apt 102, Rogers, MN 55374-9466. tom2318707@msn.com

**You will find a survey in your mailbox** about volunteering in the church nursery during worship. Please fill out the survey and return it Brooke Derrickson, the church office or place it in the offering.

**Bible Study Group Forming** — After some scheduling setbacks last fall, a Bible Study group is getting underway. They will have their first meeting over lunch at the Westby home (2901 E. 24th St) at **noon on Sunday, Feb. 15**. If you did not previously signup but would like to join this group, please RSVP to Donna Minter, 952-240-3499 donnaminter@comcast.net. Come with your Bible, study books and/or ideas to share of how you would like to proceed.

Faith will host **Families Moving Forward on Friday, February 20 and Saturday, February 21**. A few volunteer slots are still open: one overnight host (8:30 p.m.-6:30 a.m. on Friday, 20th, and 2 persons to provide child-care (6:30-8:30 p.m.) on Saturday, 20th. Hosting takes place at Union United Church of Christ, in St. Louis Park. If you are able to participate, please call Karen Wiebe 612-276-1217 or sign-up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

**Families Moving Forward Fund-raising Breakfast, Saturday, Feb 21, 8:00-10:00am at Applebee's in Maple Grove** Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee and water—all for only \$5.00 per person! Proceeds raised will go directly to help families in the Families Moving Forward emergency shelter pay damage deposits on their new apartments, so they can move into their new homes. Invite your friends and join the staff, board and volunteers of Families Moving Forward at the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, **14400 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN**.

**We received word that Marcella Klaassen, mother of Elaine Klaassen** (who facilitated one of our fall retreat sessions) died in Hillsboro, KS on January 7. She was 93. Elaine and her husband Mike Iacono's address is: 3120 30th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406-2036.

**Goshen College Chamber Choir to give Twin Cities Concert** You are invited to a worship service in song with the Goshen (Ind.) College chamber choir on **Thursday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.**, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2504 Columbus Ave, Minneapolis. The 32-student ensemble, directed by Dr. Debra Brubaker, will present a sacred music journey through time and culture with the theme of "Encountering God's Hope." Emily Swora of Shoreview, MN, is a member of the choir. This program is jointly hosted by Emmanuel Mennonite Church and Faith Mennonite Church. For more information, please contact Faith Mennonite Church, 612-375-9483. You can follow the tour at [www.goshen.edu/blog/chamberchoir09](http://www.goshen.edu/blog/chamberchoir09).

**“Race: The Power of an Illusion”** St. Olaf Catholic Church is offering a special viewing of the award-winning PBS video series “Race: The Power of an Illusion.” All are cordially invited to a free presentation of this widely-acclaimed and stimulating three-part film series, produced for PBS. Each week, one 60-minute episode is viewed and discussed at 11am, 1pm and 5pm in St. Olaf’s Cowley Hall. **Shown three consecutive Sundays: February 8 (Part I) February 15 (Part II) February 22 (Part III)**. All events will be held at St. Olaf Catholic Church, 215 South 8th Street, Minneapolis