

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
February 10, 2008 ~ First Sunday of Lent
Out of the depths

Gathering Music

Welcome

Choral Prelude: “Listen to the voice of God” ~ Men’s ensemble

***Call to Worship:** (from Psalm 32)

L: Happy are those whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.

P: Happy those whose sin Yahweh does not count, in whose spirit there is no guile

L: You are my shelter; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

All: Rejoice and be glad in Yahweh, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

***Hymns:** “In the cross of Christ I glory” #566 HWB
“Come down, O Love divine” #501 HWB

Prayer of Confession: #698 HWB

Old Testament reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

Children’s Time: “Happy are those who are forgiven”

Hymn: “What wondrous love is this” #530 HWB

New Testament reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: “Into the wilderness: No shortcuts or bypasses”

Moment of Reflection / Carrying our stones to the cross

Song: “From ashes to the living fount” ~ Solo

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 & 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:** “Just a closer walk with thee” #106 STJ

***Benediction**

Postlude

Community Time

- Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.

- Christian Education (11 – noon)

Children’s classes begin with singing in the nursery.

Adult offerings:

- Spirituality & Food– Fellowship Hall
- Exploring the New Testament—Library
- Faith and Human Development—Chapel (201, Education wing)
- The Men’s Ensemble will rehearse in the sanctuary during the education hour today

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.

TODAY: Lent One: Into the Wilderness

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Organ:** David Mayou

Childcare: Jenny Wandersee & Gerald Schlabach

Fellowship Time: Beerswing

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent Two: Into New Birth

Reflections: Joan Kreider and Neil Okerlund

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

Childcare: Beth Richardson, one additional volunteer needed

Snow Shoveling (Feb. 11-17): Volunteer needed

Feb 3: Attendance: 80 Offering: \$3,264

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

**Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Feb 11-15

Pastor's Hours: Mon, 10-3, 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 Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Thank you to Mike Okerstrom for creating the banner and to **Alisa Bardo-Martinson** who draped the cross and arranged the table we will use during the season of Lent.

Lent Services at FMC - We will offer weekly opportunities for spiritual reflection during the season of Lent.

Feb. 13 – March 12 – *Lectio Divina*, 7:30 p.m. – Chapel

March 20 – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, 6:30 p.m.

Sam Bartel will perform in the All State Choir with the Men's Choir at Orchestra Hall on **Saturday Feb. 16th**. The performance is at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and must be purchased through Orchestra Hall.

Church Meetings and Events

February 11 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC Chapel

February 12 – Missions & Services, 3:30 p.m. @ FMC Office

February 13 – Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m. @ FMC Chapel

February 18 – MCC Listening Meeting, 7 p.m. @ FMC Chapel

February 23 – MCC Relief Sale Fundraiser: House of Heinrich concert,
7 p.m. @ FMC

March 8 – Discussion of Eating and Growing Food responsibly and
Community potluck, 6 p.m. @ FMC

Community Emergency Services FMC contributed 71 pounds of nonperishable items in January. Your ongoing donations are appreciated by those in need in our community. Place your donations on the table next to the mailboxes.

Soup Sabbath: Reflections for Lent, Mondays, Feb. 11-March 17.

Simple Soup 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Reflection 7-8 p.m. at Sabbath House, 3228 Portland Ave. South, Mpls, 612 822-2623. Each week, Kitty Leighton will lead us in The Welcoming Prayer: A Contemplative Prayer Practice.

MCC Central States Listening/Visioning Session – February 18

Rosie Epp, MCC representative for the Northern Tier (Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana) invites all interested persons to a Listening Visioning meeting on Monday, February 18, 7 p.m. in the chapel at FMC. MCC currently has one program site in the Northern Tier: on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They are assessing the needs in the Northern Tier to determine if there might be need for MCC presence in other areas. Come give input into developing the future of Central States MCC and the Regional Associate position in the Northern Tier area.

House of Heinrich Concert – February 23, 7 p.m., FMC

What do five women and one man from Mountain Lake have in common with Heinrich? They all are descendants of Heinrich Epp from Russia. House of Heinrich is a women's quintet, directed by Charles Harder, and accompanied by an instrumental group. They perform a variety of songs, including gospel, classical, and modern. They come highly recommended by everyone who has heard them. They will present a benefit concert for the Twin Cities Mennonite World Relief Sale on February 23rd at 7:00 pm at FMC. There will be a free-will offering. The FMC Men's Ensemble will provide opening music for this concert. Invite your friends!

Invite your friends and neighbors to a community potluck and discussion of **Perspectives On the Omnivore's Dilemma** at Faith Church on Sat., **March 8**. A panel discussion with Q & A will begin at 6 p.m.; meal will follow. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert as well as an ingredient list. For more information contact Minke Sundseth.

“Are There Closets in Heaven?: A Catholic Father and Lesbian Daughter Share Their Story.” There will be a presentation by Carol Curoe and her father, Bob Curoe, at St. Mark's Cathedral. Carol and her father co-authored the book, "Are There Closets in Heaven?: A Catholic Father and Lesbian Daughter Share Their Story." Thursday, **February 21, 7:00 pm**, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403, (612) 870-7800

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.” ’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ’

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” ’ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.