

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 12, 2012

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you, the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you, the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

Leader: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts.

All: We worship you—our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*Hymns: “I sing the mighty power of God” #46 HWB

“Like the murmur of the dove’s song” #29 HWB

Hebrew Scriptures: Leviticus 13:38-46; Psalm 30

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

Children’s time

Song: “You’ve got a place” #4 STJ

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

Sermon: “Clean”

Hymn: “Christ’s is the world” #62 STJ

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Leader: God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Congregational Prayer & Lord’s 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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

*Closing hymn: “We have received Christ Jesus” (insert)

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

11:00 a.m. Christian ed. classes for all ages. Visitors welcome.

TODAY: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Greeter: Aryn Baxter

Ushers: Barb Beers, Darrell Martin

Worship leaders: Orv Gingerich & Cleta Roth

Piano: Sandra Westby

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Sermon: Mark Van Steenwyk

Fellowship: *volunteers needed*

Nursery: Aryn Baxter & Dan Liesen

Fellowship buddy: Gregg Richardson

Shoveling: Bob Mack

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

NEXT SUNDAY: The Transfiguration (2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9)

Greeter: Shelly Hendricks

Worship leaders: Orv Gingerich & Cleta Roth

Ushers: Nikki Fitch Nafziger & Rhonda Martin

Sermon: Donna Stucky

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Keyboard: David Mayou

Nursery: Matthew Hendricks / Aine McCarthy

Fellowship: Kristin Green

Fellowship buddy: Jenny Wandersee

Shoveling: *volunteer needed*

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.

February 5:

Attendance: 70

Offering: \$2,342

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach (on sabbatical)

Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus

Sabbatical Pastoral Care: Donna Stucky

Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks

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FMC office hours: 13-17

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 bulletin items by Wednesday evening to faithmc@faithmennonite.org.

Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

I am worshipping with Michigan State University Mennonite Fellowship, in E. Lansing, MI, where our family attended from 1987-89. –Joetta

We are **looking for musicians to present special music during worship services**. Music is especially important at FMC 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 your preferred date to honor us with your music. –*Worship Commission*

Firm commitments needed by Feb. 19: Missions and Service is planning a **spring trip to Minot, ND, March 18-24**, for folks to **volunteer with Mennonite Disaster Service**. Our neighbors in North Dakota are continuing to recover from last spring's floods, and MDS has set up a base of operations there. We are hoping that a closer work site will enable some additional people to participate, and we're looking forward to strengthening our connections in Minot. 1,400 homes were significantly damaged; MDS is currently working on 4 homes that have been gutted down to the framing. For more info, **talk to local MDS coordinator Glenn Geissinger**.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

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

February 19 – 2012 Ushers Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

February 22 – Deacons, 9-11:00 a.m., Hendricks home

February 22 – **Ash Wednesday Service**, 7 p.m., sanctuary

February 23 – Sustainability Team, 5 p.m., chapel

March 3 – Missio Dei Benefit Dinner, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall

March 11 – SLRJP Benefit Concert, 2:00 p.m., sanctuary

March 17 – Sustainability Fair, 1-5:00 p.m., fellowship hall

March 18-24 – MDS Trip to Minot, ND

March 20 – Bethel College Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., sanctuary

Leviticus 13:38-46

When a man or a woman has spots on the skin of the body, white spots, the priest shall make an examination, and if the spots on the skin of the body are of a dull white, it is a rash that has broken out on the skin; he is clean.

If anyone loses the hair from his head, he is bald but he is clean. If he loses the hair from his forehead and temples, he has baldness of the forehead but he is clean. But if there is on the bald head or the bald forehead a reddish-white diseased spot, it is a leprous disease breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead. The priest shall examine him; if the diseased swelling is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, which resembles a leprous disease in the skin of the body, he is leprous, he is unclean. The priest shall pronounce him unclean; the disease is on his head.

The person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head be disheveled; and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, "Unclean, unclean." He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

Psalms 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,

and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;

you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, **(cont. on back)**

“See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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

Copies of the **February issue of *Scattered Seeds***, from Central Plains Conference, are on the back literature shelf.

Do you have a **use for our old foyer mailboxes units**? They are available to give away (currently stored next to the lift). Contact the church office.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m., FMC chapel, Community of St. Martin Community Time. **Egyptian activist, TV show host and torture survivor Ahmed Tharwat** will tell his inspiring story and reflect on the first anniversary of the Arab Spring at a program highlighting the book *The Compassionate Rebel Revolution: Ordinary People Changing the World*. He will be **joined by book author and Seward resident Burt Berlowe**. Tharwat is one of more than 60 compassionate rebels whose stories are included in the new book. Fliers are on the back table.

Missio Dei Benefit Dinner, Saturday, March 3, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., FMC fellowship hall. Please join us for Missio Dei's second annual benefit dinner. Proceeds will help us with our goal of raising \$100,000 for a new hospitality house. Dinner will include appetizer, dinner and dessert. Dinner will be accompanied by live music. Childcare will be provided. \$15 suggested donation. All are welcome, regardless of donation. **Please RSVP by Feb. 27**. If you have any questions, email: info@missio-dei.com
–*Missio Dei*

Monday, **Feb. 13**, 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, **Feb. 14**, 11:00 a.m., **Multicultural Lectures** at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Bigelow Chapel, “**Church as Usual or Church Unusual? Answering the Prophetic Call,**” by **Bishop Yvette Flunder**. Flunder, a preacher, educator, singer and author who founded San Francisco's City of Refuge UCC, will give her perspective on “radical inclusion.”

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.