

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 15, 2009

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

P: Whom shall I fear?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of my life:

P Of whom shall I be afraid?

L: You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance;

**P: you have taken off my clothes of mourning
and given me garments of joy.**

All: So I will not be silent; I will sing praise to you.

Yahweh, you are my God; I will give thanks to you forever.

***Hymns:** “How can we be silent” #61 STJ

“The Lord is my light” #97 STJ

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

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

Children’s Time

Hymn: “In your sickness, your suffering” #585 HWB

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

Sermon: “We are what we do”: Actions that Heal”

Anointing

Hymn: “Healer of our every ill” #377 HWB

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

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

Introduction of Guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

***Sending hymn:** “O God, thou faithful God” #376 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

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

- Children’s music – 11 a.m., Room 201, education wing

- Christian Education –11:15 – noon

Adult education classes:

- The Spirituality of Imperfection - Room 201, education wing
- Spirituality and Health – Library

Noon – A Bible Study Group is Forming and will have their first meeting over lunch at the Westby home (2901 E. 24th St) TODAY. Come with your Bible, study books and/or ideas to share of how you would like to proceed.

Tonight at 5:30 - 6:26 pm. Carol Rose, the Co-Director of the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), will Speak about CPT and their work in the Middle East, during the Community of St. Martin Adult Education. They extend a special welcome for Faith Mennonite folks to join the gathering

TODAY: The path to healing

Worship leader: Barbara Beers

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Donna Stucky

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Nursery volunteers: Joan Kreider & Donna Minter

Fellowship: Karen Wiebe & Kristin Green

NEXT SUNDAY: The transfiguration (2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9)

Worship leader: Barbara Beers

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Two Volunteers Needed

Fellowship: Arlene & Glenn Geissinger

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 8: Attendance: 92 Offering: \$1,646

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Cleta Roth Gingerich,
Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: February 16-20

Pastor: Mon noon-2:30 p.m.; Wed: noon-5; Thurs 2:30-5; Fri: 9-1
Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Mon and Wed from
7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta will attend the Mennonite pastor
cluster meeting on Thursday in Faribault.

Michael Bischoff: Thursday 9-noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 8:30-1:30

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Like to travel? Like to meet Mennonites?! Consider representing FMC:

- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, June 18-21**, in Freeman South Dakota. FMC may send up to three delegates, including a youth delegate in addition to the pastor.
- **Columbus 2009, June 30-July 5**, biannual national Assembly of Mennonite Church USA, which will convene in Columbus, OH. FMC may send two delegates to participate in business sessions, workshops, worship, and a chance to meet Mennonites from across the US.

Both events are family friendly with children's programs. **Please speak with Joetta or Joan Kreider** about your interest in attending either.

Church Meetings and Events

February 17 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (Gen 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15) 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Marshall & Cleveland, St. Paul

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

March 1 – Mennonite Artist Soiree and Hymn Sing, 4:00 p.m., St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship

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

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, '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

If you haven't yet done so, please complete a

- **Nursery survey** (in your mailbox or on the mailbox table) about volunteering in the church nursery during worship. Return it to Brooke Derrickson, the church office, or place it in the offering.
- **The Sanctuary/Narthex redesign survey** (copies on mailbox table). Return it to Glenn Geissinger, or place it in the offering.

Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA) Sharing Funds provided \$475 in matching funds to support special needs in our church in 2008. We thank Tom Johnson for his service as MMA advocate for the past several years, and welcome Teresa Wasick to this role. Please contact Teresa for more information about the various mutual aid programs offered by MMA.

Council & Commission Members Retreat: All commission members and church council officers are encouraged to participate in a morning retreat, Saturday, March 14, 9-noon. We will consider ways to work effectively as commissions, do some cross-commission fertilization of ideas/plans, have time for individual commission work, and more. This will replace the March Council meeting.

“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 11 am, 1 pm and 5 pm in St. Olaf’s Cowley Hall. **Remaining Sundays: February 15 (Part II) February 22 (Part III).** All events will be held at St. Olaf Catholic Church, 215 South 8th Street, Minneapolis

Faith will host **Families Moving Forward on Friday, February 20 and Saturday, February 21.** As of Sunday there were **two open slots for volunteers to provide childcare 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, 14400 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN.

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! Proceeds will help families pay damage deposits so they can move into their new homes. Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill and Bar, **14400 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN.**

Immigration Vigil — Sunday, February 22, 7 p.m. join in a prayer vigil for the protection of immigrant families and the leadership of President Obama and Members of Congress to enact humane immigration reform. The vigil is part of a nationwide movement, **Prayer, Renewal and Action on Immigration**, to highlight the growing movement of faith communities working to bring humanity and compassion into the public dialogue on immigration. Lyndale United Church of Christ, 810 West 31st Street, Mpls, MN 55408

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.” This program is jointly hosted by Emmanuel Mennonite Church and Faith Mennonite Church. Melissa Falb & Katie Hochstetler are planning a post-concert reception for GC alumni and friends.

Announcements continued

Wilderness Wind plans to promote their wilderness program through a booth at the Midwest Mountaineering Outdoor Adventure Expo held **April 24-26** on the West Bank in Mpls. If you are interested in volunteering throughout the year and/or to help set up the booth and/or staff the booth that weekend for a brief or longer amount of time, please contact **Donna Minter** at donnaminter@comcast.net or 952-240-3499 by Feb 25.

Mennonite Artist Soiree and Hymn Sing, Sunday, March 1, Hosted by the Saint Paul Mennonite Fellowship, 4:00 Soiree and Hymn Sing, 5:30 Appetizers & mingling. Join us for a spring afternoon of music, poetry and original writing by Mennonites in the Twin Cities. In addition to the soiree, the event will include lots of hymn-singing in true-blue Mennonite a cappella style. Cherokee Park United Church, 371 West Baker Street, St. Paul, More information at 612-388-5016 or, saintpaulmennonite.org

David McCarthy, a student at the U of M would like to observe and interact with the community at FMC over the next few months to better understand how that community creates, uses, and understands music. He will attend worship and would like to meet and speak with as many of the members and other participants as possible. If you would be willing to meet with him email him at mccar408@umn.edu or call him at 516-668-5076.

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.