

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

February 19, 2012

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

*People:* **O God, we come to worship you.  
We come to sing, pray, and listen.  
You always hear us.  
Help us to hear you.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymns:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #70 HWB  
“God is Here Among Us” #16 HWB

**Hebrew Scriptures:** 2 Kings 2:1-12

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

**Children’s time**

**Hymn:** “Christ Upon the Mountain Peak” #232 HWB

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 9:2-9

**Sermon:** “Successors to power and authority”

**Hymn:** “In Lonely Mountain Ways” #560 HWB

**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:** “Not Always on the Mount” (insert)

**\*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. Adult ed. today—hymn-sing in the sanctuary, led by Phil Stoltzfus.

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**TODAY:** Transfiguration Sunday

**Greeter:** Shelly Hendricks **Ushers:** Nikki Fitch Nafziger & Rhonda Martin

**Worship leaders:** Orv Gingerich & Clea Roth **Sermon:** Donna Stucky

**Song Leader:** Gregg Richardson **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

**Nursery:** Matthew Hendricks / Aine McCarthy **Fellowship:** Kristin Green

**Fellowship buddy:** Jenny Wandersee **Shoveling:** *volunteer needed*

*Donna Stucky is providing pastoral care at Faith during the pastor’s sabbatical.*

**THIS WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday Service, February 22, at 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary. Join us for a candlelight service of quiet contemplation, scripture readings, songs from the Taize community in France, and an offering of ashes.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** First Sunday in Lent

**Greeter:** Adam Nafziger **Ushers:** Darrell Martin, Cori Skogerboe

**Worship leader:** Adam Nafziger **Sermon:** Bruce Brunner

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci **Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Fellowship:** *volunteers needed*

**Nursery:** Noah Skogerboe & Kristi Zabriskie **Shoveling:** Okerstroms

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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 12:** **Attendance:** 68 **Offering:** \$3,383

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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**

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### **FMC office hours: Feb. 20-24**

**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; out of town Feb. 25-27.

**Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening to [faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org).**

Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**Firm commitments needed by TODAY:** 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**, [glenn.geissinger@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.geissinger@gmail.com).

**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 with their goal of raising \$100,000 for a new hospitality house. Dinner will include appetizer, dinner and dessert, accompanied by live music. Childcare will be provided. \$15 suggested donation. All are welcome. **Please RSVP by Feb. 27—sign up sheet in the back.** If you have any questions, email: [info@missio-dei.com](mailto:info@missio-dei.com)

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar at: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

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

**February 22** – March Newsletter deadline, 12:00 p.m., to Gregg R.

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

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

**February 26** – *Compassionate Rebel* talk, book signing, 5:30 p.m., chapel

**March 5** – Next Soup Group, 6 p.m., Joan Kreider home

**March 8** – International Women's Day potluck, 6:00 p.m., fellowship hall

**March 11** – Church potluck, 12:00; **SLRJP Benefit Concert**, 2:00 p.m.

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

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

## **2 Kings 2:1-12**

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

*From New Harmony Church: Today, 7:00 p.m.*, with free soup supper at 6:15, 101 E. Grant St., **speaker Rev. Amy DeLong**, an elder in the United Methodist Church who was put on church trial for being “a self-avowed, practicing homosexual” and performing a holy union.

**Sunday, Feb. 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, FMC chapel, **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**. Fliers on the back table.

**Darrell Martin and Cynthia Miller** will both be participating in public health clinics outside the U.S. this spring and are **collecting new bottles of multivitamins** to be distributed. Cynthia is going to Haiti in March with a group of health care providers, and Darrell is going to Belize in May with a group of nursing students. If you would like to donate vitamins, please bring them to church and put them in the labeled box at the back. The goal is to collect as many vitamins as we can **by March 4**. Here are the particulars: 1) unopened, unexpired bottles of around 200 tablets (300 max); 2) multivitamins with iron, 3) children’s chewable (not gummy) vitamins with iron, 4) pre-natal vitamins (not gel caps). Thank you!

**Volunteers needed for the Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, Saturday, March 17, 1-5:00 p.m.** Do you have a sustainability skill to share? Could you volunteer to staff a recycling station, or be a greeter, or do a kids project, or provide music? See **sign-up sheet in the back**. Also, please **take fliers to pass out** and post around the neighborhood.

The **2012 Nobel Peace Prize Forum** will be held at the Augsburg College and University of Minnesota West Bank campuses **March 1-3**. This year the theme is “The Price of Peace” **with F.W. de Klerk (1983 Nobel Peace Laureate) the keynote speaker** on Saturday. Naomi Tutu, daughter of Bishop Tutu, and CNN correspondent Jonathan Mann are also featured speakers. Fliers available on back table. See: [www.nobelpeaceprizeforum.org](http://www.nobelpeaceprizeforum.org)

**All girls and women** are invited to an **International Women’s Day** event, on **Thursday, March 8**. We will gather in the church basement for a **potluck at 6:00 p.m.** followed by a talking circle and possibly a short film. RSVP to Kristi Zabriskie.

**Registration forms** for the FMC Creating a Culture of Peace **nonviolence training** weekend coming up in April are **on the back table**.

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