

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 27, 2011

Prelude: “Be Thou my vision” ~ Matthew Blackwell Kinney,
Neil Okerlund, Gregg Richardson, Matthew Thomas

***Call to Worship**

L: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth;
sing the glory of God’s name!

Response: Alleluia #101 HWB

L: Give to God glorious praise, for the deeds of our God are awesome.

Response: Alleluia

L: Come and see what God has done.

Come and let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

Response: Alleluia

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***Hymns:** “Come, let us all unite to sing” #12 HWB
“My life flows on” #580 HWB

Old Testament Reading based on Psalm 33 (*insert*)

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

Children’s time: “The ways we make music” ~ Marcia Siggelkow

Song by children: “Bwana Awabariki”

Meditation 1: Neil Okerlund

Musical offering: Chris Jones, Adam Nafziger, Neil Okerlund

Meditation 2: “A Love Supreme,” with liner notes ~ John Coltrane

Meditation 3: Chris Jones

Musical offering: Chris Jones, Neil Okerlund, Ry Siggelkow

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

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 ~ Marybeth Luing and Jennifer Wandersee

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** “Come thou fount” #521 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:45 **Fellowship time** – basement fellowship hall

- 11:00 **Children’s singing time & classes**

- 11:00 **Adult education** – fellowship hall

Today we continue our discussion of “Family.” Several families will speak from their experiences and everyone will have the opportunity to discuss ways we can be supportive of families. See insert for a description of the “Family, Singleness, and Marriage” series.

TODAY: A celebration of music

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Anna Gambucci

Piano: Melissa Falb

Readers: Pat Eliason, Jacob Schlabach, and Heather Wengerd

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Mike Okerstrom

Nursery: Mark Kaufman & Matthew Thomas

Fellowship: Kathleen Harder & Leslie Minkler

NEXT SUNDAY: Family, Singleness & Marriage, part 2: Singleness

****Sunday morning schedule change, effective March 6****

Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. Education will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Worship leader: Aryn Baxter

Sermon: Phil Stoltzfus

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: 2 volunteers needed

Fellowship: Cori Skogerboe & one volunteer needed

Snow shoveling: volunteer needed

Next Sunday we will move to the second part of our study series and focus on “Singleness.” During the education hour two Benedictine sisters, Theresa Schumacher of St. Benedict Abbey, St. Joseph, MN, and Ann Marie Biermaier, will share from their experiences of living a dedicated single life.

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.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

***Please stand if you are able**

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Feb 28-March 4

Pastor: Mon 1-5 p.m.; Tues & Wed 10-4; Joetta will be in southern Michigan attending a retreat sponsored by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Thursday, March 3 through Sunday, returning home on Monday, March 7. She will not check phone or voicemail from 5 p.m. Thursday to noon on Sunday. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care or emergency needs while she is away.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

February 20: Attendance: 66 **Offering:** \$1946.00
(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984.00)

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$14,000 **Amount remaining:** \$22,000

Church Meetings and Events

March 1 – Lectionary Discussion Group, Trotter’s, Cleveland & Marshall, SP
March 9 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardsons
March 9 – Ash Wednesday Taizé Service, 7 p.m., sanctuary
March 12 – Christian Education Commission, 3:30 p.m., Chatterbox in St. Paul
March 16 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC chapel
March 18-20 – Creating a Culture of Peace nonviolence training, FMC
March 26 – March Birthday Brunch, 10 a.m., Schlabachs
March 30 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

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Psalm 33

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Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Praise God with the lyre;

make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to God a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of God!

People: We do praise you, God, for your steadfast love.

We praise you for a night of rest and for the gift of another day.

We praise you for the opportunities to read and study and learn and to be in relationships with people.

We praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and shaped us and made us who we are.

All: Our souls wait for you, God; you are our Help and our Shield.

Our hearts are glad in you because we trust in your holy name.

Let your steadfast love be upon us, even as we hope in you. Amen.

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

Stained Glass Window Washing, Saturdays, 9 a.m. – noon. Volunteers needed for March 12. **Sign-up sheet** at back of sanctuary. Thank you.

–Trustee & Stewardship Commission

March 13, 2-4 p.m. Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership Benefit Concert. Come for an afternoon of live music at FMC by musician Chris Jones and others and support this fine neighborhood organization.

March 18-20 “Creating a Culture of Peace” nonviolence training, facilitated by Phil Stoltzfus and Candace Lauth. We will explore dimensions of violence in our culture, spiritual and practical resources for interpersonal nonviolence, and much more. Open to FMC members and community folks, newcomers to nonviolence and those wanting to deepen their understandings. **Registration deadline is March 4.** Cost is \$100. Some scholarships available. See: www.creatingacultureofpeace.org.

Announcements (continued)

Delegate selection for Mennonite Assembly in Pittsburg, July 4-9. The Church Council will make a decision this week to designate a delegate to represent FMC, along with Joetta, at the biennial assembly this summer. Persons with interest in serving as a delegate should talk with Matthew Blackwell Kinney TODAY.

Anniversary Quilt Work Day – March 5 Faith quilters (and would-be quilters): Come work together on a quilt or wall-hanging to celebrate Faith's 50th anniversary; in the chapel from noon until 3 p.m. (or until you must leave). We'll provide fabrics, patterns, sewing machines, and irons. Bring an idea and bring it to life on fabric to incorporate into our quilt. Contacts: Nikki Nafziger, Kristin Green, Arlene Geissinger or Sandra Westby

Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) - Support All Civil Immigrant Detainees and Their Families of All Nationalities, Sunday, March 6, 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, 425 Grove Street, SP. Led by MN Conference United Church of Christ Immigration Task Force.

All welcome to the **Launch Event of Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) Thursday, March 10** from 6:30-8:30 pm, Plymouth Congregation Church, Minneapolis. This is a free info session on the 5-day academic and experiential STAR workshop endorsed by FMC and community organizations. For info & to register www.starlaunch.eventbrite.com.

Adult Education Series February 20-April 3 Family, Singleness and Marriage

February 20 & 27 – Family (coordinated by Ry Siggelkow)

March 6 & 13 – Singleness (coordinated by Kathleen Harder and Joetta Schlabach)

March 20 & 27 – Marriage (coordinated by Richard Westby)

April 3 - Vision for Christian Family & Relationships

In this series we will seek to explore each of these areas, and to offer opportunities for open dialog within the context of a trusting and safe community. In each focus area, we will discuss biblical, theological and historical perspectives; we will listen to testimony from our congregation, as well as to the testimony found in our *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*. Planning committee: Matthew Blackwell Kinney, Kathleen Harder, Matthew Hendricks, Katie Hochstedler, Donna Minter, Joetta Schlabach