

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
March 20, 2011 ~ Second Sunday of Lent
Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

L: For the Lord is our God.

P: We are the people of God's pasture.

All: We are the flock under God's care.

***Hymns:** "Guide me, O though great Jehovah" # 582 HWB

"Let's sing unto the Lord" #55 HWB

Prayer of Confession & Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: Today, O God, let us hear your voice.

All: Give us this living water so we may never thirst again. Amen

Scripture readings: Genesis 2:18, 21-25; John 4:3-30, 39

Children's gathering song: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Readers Theatre: "Jesus and a Samaritan woman"

Children's time: The colors of Lent: red ~ Gregg Richardson

Song: "Rain down" #49 STJ

Sermon: "Meeting at the well, becoming one flesh"

Silent reflection: What are you thirsting for? How has God quenched your thirst in the past? In what ways do you experience Jesus as living water?

Hymn: "How clear is our vocation, Lord" #541 HWB

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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Introduction of guests

***Sung benediction:** "Go, my friends, in grace" (insert in back of hymnal)

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:30 **Fellowship time** – basement fellowship hall

- 10:45 **Children's singing time / activities**

- 11:00 **Education for all ages**

Adult Christian Education: Kathleen Remund and Joetta Schlabach will provide input on models of marriage in the Old and New Testaments. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

TODAY: Family, Singleness & Marriage, part 3: Marriage

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Karen Zeug **Guitar:** Gerald Schlabach

Readers: Donna Minter and Andrew Smale

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Heather Wengerd & Gerald Schlabach

Fellowship: Arlene & Glenn Geissinger

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 3: Becoming Human: Shaped by new birth

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich **Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

Greeter: Shelly Hendricks

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Cori Skogerboe

Nursery: Pat Eliason & Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship: Kathleen Harder & Leslie Minkler

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.

March 13: Attendance: 92

Offering: \$3374

(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$19,550

Amount remaining: \$16,450

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: March 21-25

Pastor: Wed, Thurs, Friday 9-4. Tuesday is a study day.

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.

TODAY from 1:30 until 3:00 volunteers will be cleaning the nursery and all toys. If you are available to help, please do!

Friday, March 25, 6 p.m., Soup Group begins! This is an opportunity for our church community to share meals together on a regular basis. Each week someone from the congregation will host a meal at church and anyone from the congregation is welcome to come (and to bring friends and family if they would like). Soup and bread will be provided. RSVPs are requested so that the host can make sure to make a sufficient pot of soup. Soup Group will take place on the first Monday, second Tuesday, third Thursday, and fourth Friday. **Please RSVP to Aryn Baxter** by Thursday evening if you plan to attend on March 25:

March 26: One more FMC Stained Glass Window Washing added 9 a.m. – noon. See new signup sheet on back fellowship table.

Church Meetings and Events

March 22 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant

March 26 – Added stained glass window washing, 9 a.m. – noon

March 26 – March Birthday Brunch, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Schlabach's, 248 Aurora, SP

March 29 – Lent sharing with Cabrini Catholic Church, 7 p.m. @ Cabrini

March 30 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

April 3 – Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, noon, Library

April 12 – Lent sharing with Cabrini Catholic Church, 7 p.m. @ Cabrini

April 13 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

April 20 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardsons

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Genesis 2:18, 21-25

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

John 4:3-30, 39

[Jesus] left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking

with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.'

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

Several persons will be received into membership on Easter Sunday, April 24. **If you are interested in exploring church membership, please speak with pastor Joetta or one of the deacons.**

During the six weeks of **Lent our worship theme is *Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus***. In this reflective season we have chosen to place a simple drape on the cross and leave our table bare. May the bare table and open Bible invite us to open ourselves to God and strip away the clutter that bombasts our lives daily. The Lent worship planning group is Cleta Roth Gingerich, Kristin Green, Gregg Richardson, Andrew Smale, and Joetta Schlabach.

Interested in joining a small fellowship group? Surveys were placed in mailboxes last Sunday. Please return by **March 27**.

April 3, 2:30 – 3 p.m. – Immigration Faith Action Vigil (ICOM), the leader is FMC! Pierre seeks folks to help lead singing at the vigil. We will meet at church first to see who might carpool. **Come support civil immigrant detainees and their families of all nationalities and make a good showing for FMC!** Ramsey County Adult Detention Center; 425 Grove Street, SP

Adult Education Series: Family, Singleness and Marriage

February 20 & 27 – Family

March 6 & 13 – Singleness

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

April 3 & 10 - 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.