

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 13, 2008 ~ Easter 4

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship #662 HWB

*Hymns: “God of the Bible/Fresh as the Morning” #27 STJ (v. 1,2,3,5)
“Shepherd of tender youth” #480 HWB (v. 1, 3,4)

Affirmation of faith ~ Psalm 23 #814 HWB

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

Children’s Time

Hymn: “Guide my feet” #546 HWB (v 1-4)

Gospel reading: John 10: 1-11

Sermon: “Green pastures and gate keepers”

Response: Anointing with oil

Hymn: “Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us” #352 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 & Offertory

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

Introduction of Guests

*Sending hymn: “When all thy mercies, O my God” #72 HWB

*Benediction

Postlude / Passing the Peace

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

Community Time

- Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.

- Christian Education (11:00 – noon)

Children’s classes begin with singing in the nursery at 11 a.m.

Adults: Two new classes begin today:

- “How can I keep from Singing?” This class is for anyone who a) enjoys singing but isn’t satisfied with the amount of singing we do in Sunday worship, b) thinks that we don’t sing their favorite hymns often enough, c) likes to sing but has never learned to read music and sometimes feels lost on Sunday morning, d) some combination of the above. This class, led by a number of our song leaders, will combine singing favorite hymns with some instruction on how to read music. Discover what part you sing and who you should be sitting next to on Sunday mornings! Hermann Weinlick will lead the first Sunday. Chapel, Edu 201
- “Reading the Bible from an Anabaptist, feminist perspective” In this class, facilitated by Pat Eliason and Joetta Schlabach, we will read and discuss selected articles from *The Wisdom of Daughters: Two Decades of the Voice of Christian Feminism*, edited by Reta Halteman Finger and Kari Sandhaas. Women and men are invited to examine probing themes such as Paul’s women co-workers, the meaning of “headship,” women and non-violence, and theories of Christ’s atonement. Library

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. 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.

TODAY: Easter four: God leads us to abundant life

Worship Leader: Matthew Hendricks **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Childcare: Beth Richardson & Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Karen Peterson & Heather Wengerd

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter five: Earth Day & Prayer for Sierra Leone

Worship Leader: Matthew Hendricks

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Heather Wengerd & Cindy Bjork

Fellowship time: Volunteers Needed

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 14-18

Pastor's Hours: Mon, 1-5 p.m.; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri, 8:30-12:30.
(Tuesday is a study day.) Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

A mid-week update is distributed by email each Wednesday. If you do not have an active email account and/or wish to have a copy sent to you through the mail, please notify the church office.

April 6: Attendance: 71 Offering: \$2,274

Baptism & Church Membership Sunday. We are planning a service of baptism for Leslie Minkler on May 11. Other persons interested in exploring church membership at this time may speak with Joetta or one of the deacons.

Church Meetings and Events

- April 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC Chapel
- April 16 – Missions & Service, 7 p.m. at FMC
- April 20 – FMC Neighborhood Gatherings, 5-7 p.m. in homes
- April 25-26 – FMC Women's Retreat, Carondelet Center
- May 11 – Pentecost/Baptism & Church Membership Sunday



**I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd
lays down his life for his sheep.**

~ John 10:11

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John 10:1-11

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements (continued)

The latest issue of the **MCC Peace Office Newsletter** contains articles on Cluster Bombs. One of the articles, “Ain’t Goin’ Study War No More?—NOT” is by Virgil Wiebe.

St. Martin’s Table Book Sale Fri. April 25, 4-11 pm & Sat. April 26, 9 am-5pm. 2001 Riverside Av., Mpls. Phone: 612 339-3920

Simply in Season As an outgrowth of the Food & Spirituality Adult Education Class, FMCers have the opportunity to take part in a “Simply in Season” program this summer, harvesting and preserving locally grown produce. Sign-up sheets are on a bulletin board display in the fellowship area and additional information will soon be placed in mailboxes. Questions can be directed to participants from the class: Cindy Bjork, Carol Harder, Pierre Gingerich-Boberg, Melissa Hochstetler, Candace Lutt, Cynthia Miller, Paula Okerstrom, Joan Wing.

Announcements

FMC Neighborhood/Geographic Area Groups meet next Sunday, **April 20.** Details are in mailboxes.

Lost and Found — There are a number of lost and forgotten items that have accumulated in the church kitchen recently. These items are at the back of the sanctuary. Please look the collection over and retrieve anything that you’ve forgotten here.

Grief Resources in Church Library—In times of grief and mourning we seek and receive support in many forms. Sometimes the written word can provide solace and guidance in a special way. As our community grieves the loss of Mike Schrock, we have two new resources for young people in our library. The first is a book entitled *You Are Not Alone: Teens Talk About Life After the Loss of a Parent* and is for teens and those who care for them. The author, Lynne Hughes, lost both her parents at an early age and founded Comfort Zone Camp as a “safe and fun place for grieving children.” The book includes her story and those of other teenagers coping with loss and grief.

The second new book is called *Help Me Say Goodbye* and is geared toward younger children. It is an art therapy book that encourages children to draw and write as a way of expressing their feelings as they work through grief. Look for both of these books on display in the church library and feel free to check one out by signing the card and placing it in the card box on the shelf closest to the library door.

~ Cynthia Miller

OutFront Minnesota's JustFair Lobby Day is at the State Capitol on Thursday, April 17th, 2008. Join in letting our leaders know that Minnesota cares about equality for GLBT people and their families. Educational sessions will be held in the morning, a large rally will be held from noon-1pm in front of the state capitol, and appointments will be scheduled throughout the day for people from the same district to visit with their lawmakers (training provided). For info or to register for a visit with your lawmakers: www.outfront.org

One Voice—Spring Fever Cabaret—Saturday April 19, 2008, 6:00 pm Silent Auction, 7:30 pm Cabaret & Live Auction, Zuhrah Shrine Center, 2540 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis. Under the direction of Jane Ramseyer Miller, One Voice is 80-voices strong with singing members from ages 16-65. Concerts emphasize the positive role of GLBT people in society and increase the visibility of issues that are relevant to the LesBiGayTrans community.