

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 27, 2008 ~ Easter 6

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship #124 STJ

*Hymns: “Jesus calls us here to meet him” #3 STJ
“Christ is our cornerstone” #43 HWB

First reading: John 14:1-9a

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

Children’s Time “Preparing a Room”

Hymn: “Thy holy wings” #118 STJ

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon: “Living Stones in the House of the Beloved”

Hymn: “Loving Spirit” #34 STJ

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

*Sung Benediction: “God be with you” #430 HWB

Passing the Peace / Postlude

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

Community Time

- Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m. (in basement fellowship hall)

- Christian Education (11:00 – noon)

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

Adults classes:

- “How can I keep from Singing?” This is an opportunity to sing favorite hymns and practice reading music Chapel, Edu 201
- “Reading the Bible from an Anabaptist, feminist perspective” Today we will discuss articles from Chapter 1 “Women in Scripture” from *The Wisdom of Daughters*. Library

Congregational Meeting There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship today to vote on the recommendation from the Pastoral Discernment Committee to call Joetta Handrich Schlabach to the full-time pastorate of Faith Mennonite Church.

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 six: The God of eternity is our refuge

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson **Piano:** Adam Nafziger

Nursery: Mark Kaufman & Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship time: Richardsons

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter seven (Ascension Sunday)

Worship Leader: Beth Richardson **Sermon:** Stacy Griffin

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Childcare: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fellowship time: Geissinger & Hoskins

April 20: Attendance: 77 Offering: not recorded

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 28-May 2

Pastor's Hours: Mon, 3-5 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

Baptism & Church Membership Sunday. We are planning a service of baptism for Leslie Minkler on May 11. Mark Kaufman and Heather Wengerd will also be received into membership. Other persons interested in exploring church membership at this time may speak with Joetta or one of the deacons.

Church Meetings and Events

- May 3 – FMC Game Night, 6:30 p.m., FMC Fellowship Hall
- May 7 – Missions & Service, 7:30 p.m., FMC
- May 9 -- Deacons, 9 a.m., Richardson's
- May 11 – Pentecost/Baptism & Church Membership Sunday
- May 12 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC
- May 14 – Worship Commission, 4:30 p.m., FMC
- May 18 – Children's Day / Child & Parent Dedications / Final day of Christian education

Peace Village planning is underway! June 23 – July 3 You can be a part of the preparation and carrying forward of this year's camp, too! Here are some ways you can volunteer to help:

- help with art groups in the afternoons
- provide transportation to field trips
- help with afternoon snack, setting up and distributing
- help with the day hike to the river

Please contact Beka Hamlett-Leisen if you can help. 612-724-4339

FMC contributed 106 lbs. of nonperishable items to **Community Emergency Service** in April. Thank you for your contribution & to Dick Westby for delivering the items.



In my Father's house
there are many dwelling-places.

John 14:2

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John 14:1-9a

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

⁵Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ ⁶Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

⁸Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ⁹Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, ⁸and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – TODAY The South High School Foundation and Alumni Group is sponsoring a pancake breakfast TODAY to raise money for school activities. Serving until 1 p. m. Tickets may be purchased at the door (3131 19th Avenue South) for \$5.00 or \$2.50 for children. –Richard Westby

GAME NIGHT AT FMC: Saturday, May 3, 6:30 - 9:30. Bring a game and a treat to share. Meet in the Fellowship Hall and let's play together. Brought to you by the Fellowship Commission (Barbara Beers, Rebecca Johnson, Leslie Minkler)

BOOK DISCUSSION-*Speaking of Faith* – May 4 The Book Discussion group (which includes some folks from FMC) will discuss Krista Tippett's *Speaking of Faith* Sunday, May 4, at 7:00 pm at the home of Stan Pankratz and Eileen Marie, 8744 West Bush Lake Road, Bloomington. Anyone is welcome to join the discussion.

PAINO SITTER NEEDED -- I am inheriting my grandmother's piano this summer, and I can't move it into my second floor apartment! If there is anyone who is interested in having a piano for awhile, please talk to me. It's a beautiful piece of furniture--a large upright--and would be great for piano lessons or informal playing. It will be arriving in August. Talk to me after church, or call me at 952-929-0909. --Melissa Hochstetler

MCC JOB OPPORTUNITY -- Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a US Human Resources Director to coordinate and resource HR functions in regions of the United States. Deadline to apply is May 5, 2008. For more information visit www.mcc.org

SIMPLY IN SEASON UPDATE – Farmer Paul Otten of Natura Farms is looking forward to our coming to pick strawberries. The plants are snuggled under several inches of straw. Price will be \$16 for a 5-quart pail (\$15 if you bring your own pail). Sampling as you pick is encouraged! Picking dates will be announced as harvest approaches. Sign-up sheets are on display in the fellowship area. ~ Carol Harder

CLEAN UP THE CRUMBS! – The Kitchen Committee asks that anyone using the kitchen take special care to thoroughly wipe counters so that we don’t feed and encourage an ant population.