

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
May 13, 2012 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to this sacred space:

All: House of prayer for many nations; home to all who come.

L: Welcome to this gathering place:

All: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here.

L: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning;
all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

All: Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your spirit.

***Hymns:** "O sing to the Lord" #12 STJ

"Jubilate Deo omnis terra" #103 HWB

Old Testament reading: Psalm 98

**Refrain: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.**

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

Children's time: "Make a joyful noise!"

Hymn: "Christ is risen! Shout hosanna" #272 HWB

Gospel reading: John 15:9-17

Reflection: "That your joy may be complete:

Journeying in and toward balance"

Hymn: "Joys are flowing" #301 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)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "You shall go out with joy" #427 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time.

11:00 a.m. Education classes for all ages. Adult session: Hermann Weinlick will lead a Bread for the World focus. – Basement fellowship hall.

TODAY: Signs of Resurrection: Complete Joy

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Reflection: Aryn Baxter

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Rhonda Martin

Violin: Phil Stoltzfus

Fellowship buddy: Jenny Wandersee

Nursery: Donna Minter & Annette Semanchin-Jones

NEXT SUNDAY: Children's Day

Feature: *Fish Tales: Feeding 5,000*

Greeter: Donna Minter

Worship leader: Chris Semanchin Jones

Song Leader: Anna Gambucci

Fellowship buddy: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Shawn Helmeke & Cori Skogerboe

Nursery: Matthew Hendricks & Jacob Schlabach

May 6:

Attendance: 64

Offering: \$2,174

Weekly amount need to meet budget: \$2,692

*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.*

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks,
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FMC office hours: May 14-18

Pastor: Mon 9-3; Wed 9-4; Thurs 2-5. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon 10-5; Wed 10-4:15; Fri 12:30-5

Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening. Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

A **picnic potluck** is scheduled for after the education hour **next Sunday, May 20**, in Matthews Park, weather permitting. Everyone is asked to bring your own dishes and silverware, and an item to share based on the first letter of your last name:

A-G Sandwiches
H-K Fruit
L-O Dessert
P-Z Salads

The potluck committee for May will provide beverages. In the event of rain, we'll have our picnic indoors.

Dates to note:

• **Fall, all-church retreat, October 5-7.** Camp St. Croix, a YMCA camp in Hudson, WI, just 40 minutes from Faith Mennonite Church, has been selected as the site. Located on the bank of the St. Croix River, the camp offers renovated facilities, hiking trails, outdoor camp fire rings, and a food service that accommodates a wide range of dietary concerns. The planning committee (Wendy Brunner, Adam Nafziger, Donna Stucky, and Joetta Schlabach) will be providing more information soon but invites everyone to **put the date on your calendar** and plan for a great weekend of community building and relaxation in nature.

- **Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale**, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012
- **Phoenix 2013 Mennonite Convention**, July 1-6, 2013

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

May 15 – Sunday Text Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, SP

May 15 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., Joan Kreider home

May 16 – FMC Crafters & Women's Talking Circle, 7 p.m., library

May 17 – Deacon Commission, 9:30 a.m., Nafziger home

May 19 – May Birthday Brunch, 9:30-11 a.m., Schlabach home

May 20 – Children's Day Worship & Picnic; final day of Christian Ed.

May 21 – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

Psalm 98

Response: O sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things.

God's right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

God has made salvation known, has shown justice to the nations, and has remembered the house of Israel in faithfulness and love.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of our God.

Response: O sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the LORD.

Response: O sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the LORD, for God is coming to judge the earth. God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Response: O sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Last chance to register for the **Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR)** training in Minneapolis, **June 20-24**. STAR responds to the full spectrum of violence and trauma and offers alternatives to revenge. Info at: www.starmpls2.eventbrite.com or contact Donna Minter. **Deadline: May 14.**

Wednesday, May 16, 7-9 p.m. in the library: **FMC Crafters and Women's Talking Circle**. Please bring your favorite tea and join your FMC sisters for the monthly crafty talking circle. If you don't have a craft, just come to talk and listen. The topics of the circle will be determined by participants writing topics on slips of paper and then drawing them anonymously from a hat, so we can talk and listen freely to each other about anything.

Friday, May 18, 7 p.m., **John Rutter's Gloria** will be performed by the choirs from Oak Grove Presbyterian and St. Luke's Lutheran. Free. Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, 2200 West Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington.

Saturday, May 19, Birthday brunch at the Schlabach home for all with a May birthday, including family members and significant others. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship area or RSVP to Joetta.

Nursery Notes: It's time for **spring cleaning!** On **Sunday, May 20** we'll be giving the nursery and all nursery toys/equipment a good spring scrubbing.

Please stop by between 1:00 and 3:30 if you have time to help with the cleaning. Rags and cookies provided. Also, if you have toys/books/puzzles/art supplies your children have outgrown, **please consider donating them** to the nursery. We ask that toys be gently used, be age appropriate (c. 6 months to 5 years), and not require batteries. Also note: a pair of size 9 children's shoes (brown leather) were found in the nursery last weekend.

Boxes of **MCC relief kits** currently stored in our kitchen need to be transported to MCC. If you are traveling to **Newton, KS or Goshen, IN** contact the church office about taking along some kits. Thank you to Orv & Clea Gingerich and to Karen Wiebe's family who have begun the transport!

Wilderness Wind is seeking volunteers to help this month with the opening of camp in Ely, Minnesota. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Wilderness Wind. Also, are you looking for a summer getaway in the BWCA? Wilderness Wind still has **openings for summer canoe trips** particularly in August. Contact Wilderness Wind to book your trip. Lakeside cabins are also available.

I am **looking for housing** in the Seward area as of June 1st. My preference is to rent a room in a house or a small apartment or a studio. I am a professional in refugee and girls education, have worked in 14 countries, and am training to be a chaplain in the area. I am vegetarian and do not drink or smoke. I speak different languages and enjoy the diversity of the area. I can provide more information on request. *—Andrew Jilani*