

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
June 3, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

Prelude

Psalm reading: Psalm 34:1-3; 8-14

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come with praise on our lips, with songs in our hearts.

People: For God is good.

We come seeking a glimpse of Christ's kingdom, a taste of God's grace.

For God is good, and in Christ we lack no good thing.

So let us listen well;

Let us speak truth.

May this time of worship be a step;

All: a step we take together as we pursue God's peace.

***Hymn:** "For the healing of the nations" #367 HWB

Prayer for Peace/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn: "O God of love, O Power of peace" #368 HWB

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Ritual of sending/blessing of Erin Geiser

Hymn: "By gracious powers" #552 HWB

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

Scripture reading: Genesis 26:12-33

Sending song for children: "Peace before us" (hymnal insert)

The children will follow a leader to the basement fellowship hall for an activity related to the scripture story.

Sermon: "Trusting in abundance keeps the peace"

Silent Reflection

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

Communion Hymn: "Put peace into each other's hands" #87 STJ

Offering & Offertory

Children's Response

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "O healing river" #372 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

11:00 a.m. Evaluation meeting of this past year's primary Sunday School program - Library

TODAY: Seek Peace & Pursue It: Walking Away from Conflict

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Jim Kuebelbeck

Nursery: Shelly Hendrichs & Aine McCarthy

Fellowship buddy: Jacob Schlabach

Fellowship: Gambucci family

NEXT SUNDAY:

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Sandra Westby

Usher: Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship buddy: Jenny Wandersee

Fellowship: volunteer needed

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.

May 27:

Attendance: 59

Offering: \$946

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

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
Deacons: Shelly Hendricks, Clea Roth Gingerich,
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FMC office hours: June 4-8

Pastor: Mon & Wed 9-4; Thurs 2:30-4:30. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon. 10-5; Wed 10-5; Thurs. 10-5

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Conference: Karen Dalke, pastor of Des Moines Mennonite Church, is being ordained today. Pray for God's guidance and grace with Karen and DMMC as they proclaim the reign of God in Des Moines.

Faith-action Vigil, Today, 2:30 p.m., Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, 425 Grove St., SP, organized by the **Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM)**. June's vigil is hosted by the Church of St. Stanislaus.

June Birthday Brunch, Saturday, June 9, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Schlabach home, 248 Aurora Ave., SP, for all with a June birthday, including family members and significant others. Sign-up sheet in the back or email Joetta.

Volunteers are needed to host our **fellowship times** during the summer months. Please see the **new sign-up sheet** in the fellowship area.

The Worship Commission is ordering a printed set of **Bret Hesla's hymn collection: "River of Gladness: Hymns from the Heart of the City,"** written last year for our FMC 50th anniversary. In addition to the pew copies, individuals may order personal copies at a cost of \$1.00 for black & white or \$2.00 for a colored cover. Sample copies are in the fellowship area, along with a sign-up sheet to order. We will ask for your payment contributions once the order is received (in early July). The Worship Commission welcomes contributions to help defray the cost of the pew copies (approximately \$165.00 total). Contributions for the pew copies can be made at any time and placed in the offering (memo: Worship-Hesla songbooks).

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

June 7 – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., Clea Gingerich home

June 8 – BMC Fundraiser Concert and Dinner, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

June 9 – June Birthday Brunch, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Schlabach home

June 13 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

June 16 – Rootworks "Coming Out of Empire" Workshop, fellowship hall

Genesis 26:12-33

Isaac sowed seed in that land, and in the same year reaped a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him, and the man became rich; he prospered more and more until he became very wealthy. He had possessions of flocks and herds, and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him. (Now the Philistines had stopped up and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of his father Abraham.) And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

So Isaac departed from there and camped in the valley of Gerar and settled there. Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of his father Abraham; for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herders of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herders, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the well Esek, because they contended with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also; so he called it Sitnah. He moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he called it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

From there he went up to Beersheba. And that very night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you and make your offspring numerous for my servant Abraham's sake." So he built an altar there, called on the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army. Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?" They said, "We see plainly that the LORD has been with you; so we say, let there be an oath between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you so that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD." So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths; and Isaac set them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water!" He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

Leader: 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

The Longfellow Community Council invites you to **Pathways to a Peaceful Neighborhood**, a 3-part series of panel discussions on positive, community-based approaches to crime and conflict. Please join us for the second discussion in our series, "Conflict Mediation," **Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** at Becketwood Coop, Kensington Room (4300 W. River Pkwy). Contact joanna@longfellow.org for more information.

Come to the BMC Fundraiser Concert and Dinner on Friday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at FMC. Members of the Brethren Mennonite Council, Faith Mennonite and Lutheran Volunteer Corps communities will perform a variety of music. Chef Katie Hochstedler will prepare a delicious pulled pork dinner (and vegetarian option). All are welcome to attend. A suggested minimum donation of \$20 is requested. RSVP to the BMC office at 612-343-2600 or bmc@bmcigbt.org. There is still room for performers if you are interested, let the BMC office know.

Clothing Exchange: Kristin Green's home, Saturday, June 9, 3:00 p.m. Bring friends!

Join **One Voice Mixed Chorus** for a spirited trip around the globe where travel songs and indigenous music are woven with stories of GLBT communities worldwide. **June 15 & 16, 7:30 p.m.**, at the History Theatre in St. Paul. Tickets \$18 to \$25, or \$10 for students and seniors; available on the website or by calling 651-298-1954.

Saturday, June 16, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m., fellowship hall: "**Coming Out of Empire**," a Rootworks workshop, co-hosted by Missio Dei, with Wes Howard-Brook & Sue Ferguson Johnson. Wes will draw from his insights as a biblical scholar (recent book: *Come Out, My People!*). Sue will draw from her experience as a spiritual director. Join us as we grapple with the shape of Christian discipleship in our imperial context. \$35 suggested donation. Register at: www.eventbrite.com/event/3606847177 –*Mark Van Steenwyk*

Wednesday, June 20 dinner (6 p.m.) and **training session** (7-9 p.m.) at **Bethany Lutheran Church** (2511 E. Franklin Ave.) to empower us to **defeat the MN anti-marriage amendment**. Part of the *Minnesotans United for All Families* campaign. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Bethany: (612) 332-2397 or mail@bethanyinseward.org. See poster in foyer.

Wilderness Wind is announcing the beginning of a **search for a new executive director**. Help spread the word. Inquiries about the position, including submission of resumes, can be addressed to WW board president Steve Mullet at: boardpresident@wildernesswind.org.