

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH  
June 8, 2008 ~ Things that Make for Peace

**Gathering Music**

Welcome

Prelude

\***Call to Worship:** #121 STJ

\***Hymns:** “We are people of God’s peace” #407 HWB  
“Filled with the Spirit’s power” #289 HWB

**Prayer of Confession:** #697 HWB

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

**Children’s Time** “Peace in many languages”

**Hymn:** “In Christ There is No East of West” #306 HWB

**New Testament:** Matthew 5:43-48

**Sermon:** “Loving enemies: As natural as sunshine and rain”

**Communion**

*We will gather in groups around tables at front and back; come down the center aisle, as the ushers excuse each row, and return by the outside aisles. Please hold the elements until all are served. Gluten free bread is available in each basket.*

**Communion Hymn:** “Put peace into each other’s hand” #87 STJ

**Graduate Sharing** ~ Sam Bartel, Greta Kreider Carlson and Tony Johnson

**Congregational Sharing & 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**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book      STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

\***Sending hymn:** “The Lord lift you up” #73 STJ

\***Benediction**

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.**

- The Christian Education program will resume on September 7.

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*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.*

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**TODAY:** Loving our enemies / H.S. Senior Recognition

**Worship leader:** Michelle Okerstrom

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Piano:** Cathy Smetana & Sam Bartel

**Childcare:** Matthew Hendricks & One Volunteer Needed

**Fellowship time:** Joan Kreider, Johnsons & Bartels

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Loving each other (Mark 12:28-34)

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

**Song Leader:** Hermann Weinlick      **Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Childcare:** Two Volunteers Needed

**Fellowship time:** Shelly, Matthew & Noelle Hendricks

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**June 1:**                      Attendance: 128

Offering: \$3,127

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**Thank you** – I am deeply grateful for the many expressions of affirmation and for all that everyone did to make last Sunday’s installation service and celebration a memorable time. Special thanks to the Pastoral Discernment Committee for all their work through the last nine months. And thanks to each of you who have shared your gifts in ministry to the church and to one another during our months of transition.

Appreciatively, *Joetta Schlabach*

## Faith Mennonite Church

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# Things that Make for Peace

### FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 9-13

**Pastor's Hours:** Monday 10-2; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Friday 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**Please sign your favorite hymn** in the hymnals on the back table.

These are gifts for our three graduating high school seniors.

**Parents of nursery & primary-aged children:** Beginning this Sunday **we will take up an offering** as part of children's time in worship. This will allow children of all ages to give an offering as part of their worship experience.

**Youth and Parents' meeting – June 15, following worship.** Rachel Hoskins would like to meet with all youth and parents, and college students home for the summer, to discuss a possible Boundary Waters trip. Meet in the library after fellowship time.

**Help needed for June 14 Cleaning Day starting at 9 a.m.** We will be cleaning the children's nursery and Sunday School. The more people who help clean up, the faster we'll get done, so please consider joining us! Please let Shelly Hendricks know if you're planning to be there ([smhendricks2@msn.com](mailto:smhendricks2@msn.com) or 612.501.3382), but if you just want to join us at the last minute, that would be great too. Thanks!

Artwork by Hannah Dirks

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... Matthew 5:44

### Church Meetings and Events

June 6- 8 – Wilderness Wind Work Weekend-II in Ely

June 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

June 15 – Youth & Parents meeting following worship

June 19-22 – Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting, Lincoln, NE

June 23-July 3 – Peace Village

June 28 – Youth/young adult gathering with Esther Harder, MCC-Uganda

July 9 – Picnic & concert with Agape Youth Choir from Houston, TX

July 20 – FMC Neighborhood Gatherings

September 26-28 – Fall All-Church Retreat, Osceola, Wisc.

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## Announcements (cont.)

### Matthew 5:43-48

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

L: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Announcements

All are invited to a **Graduation Open House for Ruth Gerber, Sunday, June 15, 1-3 p.m.**, FMC Fellowship Hall. *The Gerbers*

### National Call-In Day for Dialogue with Iran, Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Sponsored by The Campaign for a New American Policy on Iran and the Enough Fear Campaign. You are already praying for peace; please consider making phone calls for diplomacy. Call both of your senators and your representative. Remember to thank them for their restraint thus far and for diplomacy efforts with North Korea and Libya.

For more information, see [www.newiranpolicy.org](http://www.newiranpolicy.org)

### Two canoe opportunities at Wilderness Wind

- **Writing workshop** Combine a writing retreat with lakes, loons, canoes and fireside chats in the Boundary Waters on Thursday, July 17 - Sunday, July 20. Ann Hostetler, Goshen College faculty and Julia Spicher Kasdorf, Penn State creative writing faculty will facilitate. Find more information at [www.wildernesswind.org](http://www.wildernesswind.org) or call 218-365-5873.
- **Women's trip** is scheduled for the week of July 27th-August 1<sup>st</sup> and spots are still available. Women of any age and ability are welcome. The group is 1/3 set and ready – we just need a few more women to complete the group. For more details or to sign up call 218-365-5873 or email Mary Ruth Kamp at [maryruth@wildernesswind.org](mailto:maryruth@wildernesswind.org)

**Mennonite Central Committee Central States is seeking a full-time Service Program Administrator** to oversee programming in the central and northern part of the 16-state region. Office location is flexible within these boundaries. Eligible candidates must hold a biblical view of nonviolence and be active participants in a Christian faith community. A full job description is available upon request. Please direct inquiries, letters of intent and resumes to Tina Schrag (316.283.2720 or [tschrag@mcc.org](mailto:tschrag@mcc.org)) by June 20.

**A Twin Cities Organ Festival set for June 21-29. Six public concerts courtesy of The American Guild of Organists** A Twin Cities Organ Festival offers six unique concert events, each showcasing an international organ soloist, one with a world renowned choir and another with a prominent local orchestra, at six different area venues, from Saturday, June 21 through Sunday, June 29. All concerts are open to the public. Both the June 21 and 24 concerts are ticketed events, free-will donations will be accepted at the other four. Please be aware that venue seating capacities are limited and will be available on a first come, first-served basis. Complete concert information at [www.ago2008.org](http://www.ago2008.org). Also, see blue info sheet on back table.

**"The Practice of Sabbath" Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** — Sabbath House, 3228 Portland Ave. South, Minneapolis. Treat yourself to a retreat and spend a day learning, reflecting, practicing how to keep Sabbath. For additional information see brochure at back of sanctuary. Cost: \$25.00. To register call 612-822-2623 or e-mail [sabbathhouse@fslf.org](mailto:sabbathhouse@fslf.org). Registration taken up to one week before program date.

**One Voice Mixed Chours' 20th Anniversary Concert** — Saturday, June 21- 7:30 p.m., Sunday, June 22 - 3:30 p.m. Special guests include Dan Chouinard as host. Other special guests include performers from Kairos Dance and One Voice alumni singers. History Theatre, 30 East Tenth Street, St. Paul, MN Tickets: [www.ovmc.org](http://www.ovmc.org) or call 651-298-1954

**Mission Network Prayer Requests** Thank God for the students who will be graduating on Saturday, June 14, from United Evangelical Theological Seminary near Madrid, Spain, where Mennonite Mission Network worker Dennis Byler teaches.