

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
June 10, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

Prelude

Psalm reading: Psalm 34:14-18

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We seek peace.

People: We pursue peace.

Peace with our family,

peace with our neighbors,

peace with our friends,

peace with our enemies.

We seek Christ.

We pursue Christ,

who guides our feet,

who strengthens our legs

All: as we walk the difficult and holy path of peace.

***Hymn:** "In thy holy place we bow" #2 HWB

Prayer for Peace/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn: "Longing for light" #54 STJ

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

Hymn: "And is the gospel peace and love" #406 HWB

Scripture reading: Philemon

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

Darrell Martin & Gerald Schlabach, children's activities

Sermon: "Risky Reconciliation"

Responses: Matthew Hendricks, Rich Deming

Children's Response

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "We are people of God's peace" #407 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

TODAY: Be reconciled

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader & piano: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Sandra Westby

Usher: Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship buddy: Jenny Wandersee

Fellowship: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

NEXT SUNDAY: Promoting Justice (Numbers 27:1-11)

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Usher: Darrell Martin

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Melissa Falb

Fellowship: Joan Kreider

Fellowship buddy: Richardsons

Nursery: Mark Kaufman & Cori Skogerboe

*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.*

June 3:

Attendance: 77

Offering: \$3,022

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

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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FMC office hours: June 11-15

Pastor: Mon & Wed 9-4; Thurs 2:30-4:30. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta will attend a regional Mennonite pastors meeting in Cannon Falls Thursday.

Ministry Staff: Mon. 10-4; out rest of week in Harrisonburg, VA

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

Prayer Request (Mennonite Mission Network): Pray for empowerment for the Chinese Anabaptist Network as they bring together representatives from Canada, China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the US to strengthen their witness through conversations, Anabaptist literature, and youth ministries.

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 & sign-up sheet in the back.** 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 with a note or check memo: Worship-Hesla songbooks.

AV Projector Needed: During the past number of years we have enjoyed the free use of the AV projector that belonged to Mike Schrock. Now that Erin is leaving, we are returning this to the family. We would like to know if anyone else owns or has access to a projector that we might borrow/use on occasion and/or if anyone has a good lead on purchasing a reasonably-priced projector. If so, please contact the church office.

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

June 12 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's Café, SP

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

June 16 – Rootworks "Coming Out of Empire" Workshop, all day, at FMC

June 20 – "Understanding Taliban" Jilani meal, talk, & fundraiser, 6 pm, FH

June 20 – FMC Artisans and Crafters, 8:00 p.m., library

June 26 – deadline for July Newsletter, noon to Gregg Richardson

June 28-July 1 – Central Plains Conf. Annual Meeting, Henderson, NE

Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

A **special Soup Group** will take place on **Wednesday, June 20, 6-8:00 p.m.**, fellowship hall. This will be a fundraising evening of Pakistani vegetarian foods and a talk, “**Understanding Taliban: Creating Strategies for Peace in Afghanistan and Pakistan,**” by Andrew Jilani. The presentation will trace the emergence of Taliban groups, the effects of NATO’s presence and drone attacks, and strategies to explore peace in the region. Time for Q and A afterwards. Andrew is raising funds to attend a July conference in Sri Lanka and give a paper on Tamil conflict transformation. Please come and help support his trip with a freewill offering. Event fliers to post will be available in the fellowship area.

We would like to invite everyone to a celebration of **Glenn Geissinger’s retirement** on **Sunday, June 24**, 2-4 p.m. He is retiring on the 15th. This is an open house. Come and enjoy the gardens and a snack. –*Arlene Geissinger*

Carmina Burana, by Carl Orff, will be performed by the Mississippi Valley Orchestra and **Chorus Polaris** (including our own Jerry Janzen) **Today, June 10**, 4 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, suggested donation \$10. www.mississippivalleyorchestra.com

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.

The **June edition of *Scattered Seeds*** (Central Plains) is on the back shelf.

We’re missing a new **Bogen amplifier** from the Sacristy. If anyone mistakenly took it when we were recycling electronic equipment, or if you know anything about it, contact the church office.