

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
June 14, 2009 ~ "Letters to the early churches"

Prelude Michelle Okerstrom, saxophone
Welcome

***Call to Worship** #670 HWB

***Hymns:** "We sing to you, O God" #1 STJ
"In the morning when I rise" #45 STJ

Psalm 92

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,

**P: to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.**

L: Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;
for the work of your hands I shout for joy.

**P: O Lord, how great are your works!
How deep are your designs!**

L: The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

**P: Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,**

L: still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green

**All: to proclaim that the Lord is just,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.**

Children's gathering hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's time: "God sets us free"

Hymn: "Halle, halle, halle" #17 STJ

New Testament reading: Romans 3:9-31

Sermon

Hymn: "There's a wideness in God's mercy" #145 HWB (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Congregational Sharing

Sharing by our seniors: Moti Endalew, Geneva Martin, Michelle Okerstrom

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. (*cont.*)

Give us today our daily bread.
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 and Offertory

Announcements (*please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader*)

Introduction of Guests

***Sung benediction:** "Go, my children" #433 HWB (vv. 2, 3)

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m. We celebrate with our graduating seniors and we welcome contributions for our Assembly delegates Leslie Minkler and Rhonda Martin.

-Discussion with Delegates – 11:15-noon – Basement fellowship hall. We welcome all who can stay to join Leslie and Rhonda in conversation around topics they will discuss at the Assembly in Columbus, OH, June 30-July 5

-Noon – salad lunch with Lois and Wayne Hochstetler

TODAY: The gift of grace / Graduate recognition

Sermon: Wayne & Lois Hochstetler **Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

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

Flute: Jennifer Wandersee

Nursery volunteers: Heather Wengerd & Rhonda Martin

Fellowship: Teresa Wasick, Leslie Minkler, Okerstroms, Martin Miller

NEXT SUNDAY: The gift of love (1 Corinthians 13)

Worship leader: Erin Geiser

Reflections on service: Donna Minter and Gregg Richardson

Song leader: Donna Stucky **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Marcia Siggelkow & One Volunteer Needed

Fellowship: Volunteers 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.

June 7: Attendance: 86

Offering: \$2,762.00



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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 15-19

Pastor: Monday noon-4 p.m.; Wed 11:30-5:30. Joetta will be in Freeman, SD for Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting Thursday through Sunday. Please contact a deacon in case of emergency or spiritual care needs.

Michael Bischoff: Thursday, 9:00-noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before **Tuesday** evening to:*
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

It's Strawberry Time!—FMC will again host a strawberry picking trip to Natura Farms near Hugo, MN, on Wednesday, July 1 (5:15-8:45 p.m.). A bus (50 available seats) will leave from the church. Berries cost \$16 / 5-quart pail or \$15 if you use own pail. Suggested donation to cover bus rental: \$5/person or \$12/family. Marcia Sigglekow is coordinating this year's event. To reserve a seat(s) on the bus, please contact Marcia at FMCstrawberries@gmail.com or 651.224.3620. Informational fliers are on the back table to share with friends.

Church Meetings and Events

June 15 –Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

June 16 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant,
St. Paul (1 Corinthians 1:18-2:10)

June 17 – Deacons Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

June 17 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

June 18-21 – Central Plains Menn. Conf. Annual Meeting, Freeman, SD

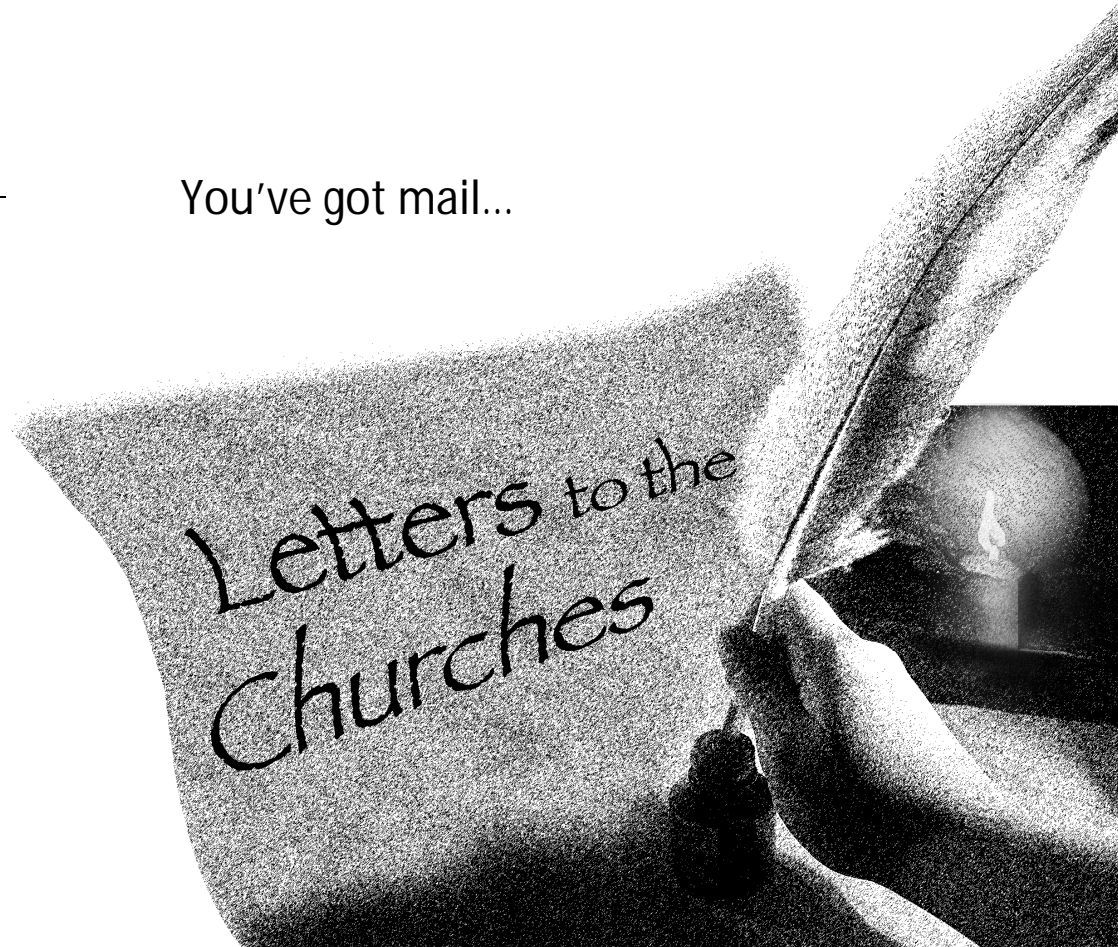
June 28 – Church Membership Sunday / FMC presence in Pride Parade

June 30- July 5 – Mennonite Assembly, Columbus Ohio

July 5 – Peace Worship & Picnic in the Park with Missio Dei & Bethany
Lutheran

July 12 – Ordination of Joetta during morning worship, 11 a.m.
(note time change)

You've got mail...



Romans 3:9-31

What then? Are we any better off? No, not at all; for we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin, as it is written:

‘There is no one who is righteous, not even one;
there is no one who has understanding,
there is no one who seeks God.

All have turned aside, together they have become worthless;
there is no one who shows kindness,
there is not even one.’

‘Their throats are opened graves;
they use their tongues to deceive.’

‘The venom of vipers is under their lips.’

‘Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.’

‘Their feet are swift to shed blood;
ruin and misery are in their paths,
and the way of peace they have not known.’

‘There is no fear of God before their eyes.’

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For ‘no human being will be justified in his sight’ by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

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

Health Care Reform Advocacy Opportunity ISAIAH, a collection of congregations committed to building power for a worldview that prioritizes racial and economic justice (and has offices at FMC) is seeking “Rapid Response Teams” to call Minnesota Congress members to advocate for health care reform. Now is a critical time! If you'd be willing to make 15-minutes of calls when notified, please notify the church office or sign up on the sheet on the fellowship table by Wednesday, June 17. Talking points will be provided for all of the calls. A sample letter to Congress members is also on the back table.

Interfaith Gathering on Immigration Reform – Today, 2:30-4:30 pm, Incarnation Church, 3800 Pleasant Ave. S, Minneapolis. The Interfaith Coalition on Immigration invites you to join Illinois Congressman Luis Guterrez, leader of the Hispanic Congressional Caucus, Rep. Keith Ellison, and other MN legislators, community members and faith leaders to an event highlighting the impact of our broken immigration system on families and the moral imperative to change it.

One Voice Mixed Chorus Concert “Lavender Green - Thinking Globally, Singing Locally.” Today, 3:30 p.m. Season finale celebrates the majesty of nature, honors the accomplishments of GLBT environmentalists, fosters understanding of how our actions affect the delicate balance of nature and urges better stewardship of the world around us. At the History Theatre - 30 East 10th Street, Saint Paul. Tickets prices: \$18-25, \$10 student and senior. www.ovmc.org/concerts

Wednesday, June 17 — Ten Years of Resistance to War – Lake Street/ Marshall Avenue Bridge Peace Vigil, a special Vigil, Potluck, and Speakout will be held to remember ten years of consistent public witness against sanctions, war and occupation and to share “bridge stories.”

5:00 p.m.–Vigil on the bridge

6:30 p.m. –Potluck at St. Albert the Great Church, 2836 33rd Ave S.

7:00 p.m. –Music by Bret Hesla and Linda Breitag, Story-telling and sharing of memories

June 19, 8 p.m., As part of World Refugee day — The music of Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars is a spirited, infectious, and soothing blend of traditional West African music, roots reggae and classic Rhythm & Blues. Tickets are on sale now from the Cedar Ticketline (612-338-2674 ext 2), Cedar outlets, and online at Ticketweb. \$22 advance, \$25 day of show

FMC in the GLBT Pride Parade - June 28 - If you are interested in joining the FMC group marching in the Pride parade on June 28, contact Katie Hochstedler. katie.hochstedler@gmail.com A group will carpool together from FMC following worship.