

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
June 15, 2008 ~ Things that Make for Peace

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** #176 STJ

***Hymns:** “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” #71 HWB
“Praise, I will praise you, Lord” #76 HWB

First reading: Mark 12:28-34

Prayer of Confession: #697 HWB

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

Children’s Time “Who is my neighbor?”

Hymn: “Shalom my friends”
Shalom, my friend (2x), shalom, shalom.
May God be with you (2x), shalom, shalom.

Second Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon: “Loving God and neighbor: It’s a package deal”

Hymn: “Love the Lord your God” (*insert*)

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

***Sending hymn:** “Ubi caritas et amor” #452 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.

- The Christian Education program will resume on September 7.

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.

TODAY: Loving one another

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

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

Childcare: Dan Leisen & One Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Shelly, Matthew & Noelle Hendricks

NEXT SUNDAY: Restoring relationships and the land (Lev. 25:8-55)

Worship Leader: Beth Richardson **Sermon:** Richard Westby

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Organ:** David Mayou

Childcare: Two Volunteers Needed

Fellowship time: Volunteers Needed

June 8: Attendance: 83 Offering: not recorded

Youth and Parents’ meeting – TODAY, 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.

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

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Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 16-20

Pastor's Hours: Tuesday & Wed 9-4; Thurs 9-11. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Joetta will be traveling to Lincoln, Neb. for Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting, Thursday noon to Sunday afternoon. Please contact a deacon in case of emergency or for pastoral care needs during this time.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Petition to End the War in Iraq and Cease Support of Military Operations in Colombia.

On the back table are copies of two resolutions that delegates to the Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting (June 19-22) will vote on. The FMC Church Council supports our delegates in voting in favor of these resolutions. If persons would like to individually sign copies of the resolutions, our delegates (Jerry Janzen, Joetta Schlabach, Hannah Breckbill) will take the signed copies to annual meeting.

Penny Power This year children will again be collecting pennies and counting them at the MCC Relief Sale on November 8th. Coins collected will be used for ongoing support of Ukrainian orphanages and the Bolikamxay Forestry and Agricultural College in Laos where curriculum, seeds and garden tools will be purchased. **At the back of the sanctuary is a pyramid of MCC Penny Power banks. Please take one and have the fun of collecting pennies,** watching them be counted at the fall sale, and then put to good use in Laos or Ukraine.

Church Meetings and Events

- June 15 – Youth & Parents meeting following worship
- June 19-22 – Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting, Lincoln, NE
- 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.

Artwork by Hannah Okerstrom

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and
with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 10:27

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Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself”—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

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

Next Saturday, June 21, 5-11 p.m., all are invited to a College Graduation Open House for **Messay Tamrat** at their home, 384 Nebraska Ave. E., St. Paul

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MCC Black Hills Bike Hike Event - September 4-7, 2008. Bikers will cycle through 175 miles of beautiful scenery in the Black Hills of South Dakota on terrain that is hilly with short steep grades. Hikers will experience 40 miles on popular trails with a variety of terrain from well groomed paths to more primitive trails. Both groups will visit Crazy Horse Monument, Mt. Rushmore, Needles, Custer State Park, Mt. Coolidge, Sylvan Lake and more. The event will raise money for MCC Native American Programs and Partnerships on the Pine Ridge Reservation in SW South Dakota. For more information, contact Elizabeth Janssen at the MCC Northern Tier Office, Box 416, Freeman, SD 57029, (605)925-4859 nt@mcc.org. **Registration is due by June 30** and is limited to the first 30 applicants.

A Twin Cities Organ Festival set for June 21-29. Six public concerts courtesy of The American Guild of Organists 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. 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. 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 or call 651-298-1954