

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
June 22, 2008 ~ Things that Make for Peace

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Opening Prayer:** #141 STJ

***Hymns:** “For the beauty of the earth” #89 HWB
“Hark! The glad sound!” #184 HWB

Old Testament reading: Leviticus 25

Prayer of Confession: #697 HWB

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

Children’s Time “The jubilee of strawberries” ~ Carol Harder

Song: “This land is your land” (Insert)

New Testament reading: Luke 4:16-20

Sermon: “God’s Gift of Land”

Hymn: “Jubilate Deo omnis terra” #103 HWB

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:** “Let all creation bless the Lord” #61 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.

TODAY: Restoring relationships and the land

Worship Leader: Beth Richardson

Sermon: Richard Westby

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

Readers: Donna Minter, Gregg Richardson

Childcare: Gregg Richardson & 2 Volunteers Needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Knowing when to walk away (Genesis 26:12-33)

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Esther Harder, MCC-Uganda

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Childcare: 3 Volunteers Needed (Meagan will be gone)

Fellowship time: Volunteers Needed

June 15: Attendance: 68 Offering: not recorded

Call for prayer and fasting for Zimbabwe Mennonite World

Conference is sending a deacon couple to Zimbabwe and calling for two days of prayer and fasting, June 26 and 27, as Zimbabweans face a tense run-off election on June 27. “Zimbabwe is at a highly volatile time of crisis, and the threat of long-standing violence looms over the run-off and its aftermath,” stated MWC president Nancy Heisey in requesting intercession from the global Anabaptist faith family. “The Brethren in Christ Church in Zimbabwe (BIC CZ), led by Bishop Danisa Ndlovu (who is also MWC president-elect) is urging sisters and brothers around the world to support them at this time by praying and fasting on the day before and the day of the run-off election, June 26-27,” said Heisey.

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.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Candace Lauth, Mike Okerstrom,
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 23-27

Pastor's Hours: 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

Next weekend, June 28-29, Esther Harder, recently returned after four years of working in Uganda with Mennonite Central Committee, will be visiting in the Twin Cities. On Saturday evening she will meet with the youth and young adults to talk about her work and MCC service opportunities. On Sunday she will preach during our worship service before going to Emmanuel Mennonite to talk during their Christian education hour.

This week, Thursday through Sunday, the youth group from Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, will sleep in our church. They will be doing service projects in the city and will join in activities with Esther Harder on Saturday evening and Sunday worship.

Address/Email Changes

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Sandra & Richard Westby sandrich22@comcast.net

Church Meetings and Events

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

July 2 – Simply in Season Strawberry Picking

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

July 14 – Deacons Commission, 10 a.m., Richardsons

July 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

July 20 – FMC Neighborhood Groups

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

Things that Make for Peace

Artwork by Michael Okerstrom

“I am the Lord you God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
to give you the land... to be your God.”

Leviticus 25:38

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Leviticus 25:1-4; 8-12; 23-25; 35-36; 38; 39-42

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard.

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants. Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land. If anyone of your kin falls into difficulty and sells a piece of property, then the next-of-kin shall come and redeem what the relative has sold.

If any of your kin fall into difficulty and become dependent on you, you shall support them; they shall live with you as though resident aliens. Do not take interest in advance or otherwise make a profit from them, but fear your God; let them live with you. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God.

If any who are dependent on you become so impoverished that they sell themselves to you, you shall not make them serve as slaves. They shall remain with you as hired or bound laborers. They shall serve with you until the year of the jubilee. Then they and their children with them shall be free from your authority; they shall go back to their own family and return to their ancestral property. For they are my servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves are sold. You shall not rule over them with harshness, but shall fear your God.

Luke 4:16-20

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

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

Advocating for Minnesota’s Children: Inexcusable Inequality
Thursday, June 26, 6-8 p.m., hosted by the Minneapolis Urban League, 2100 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis Equip yourself to be an advocate for ending disparities in child well-being in the state of Minnesota. An expert panel will prepare you to be well informed and effective at candidate forums and in organizing your community. Sponsored by Every Child Matters, a partner of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition. Learn more about this and other child advocacy opportunities.

Strawberry Harvest will be Wednesday, July 2, from 5:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Invite a friend. Invitation flyers available by church mailboxes. Chartered school bus will be available for transportation leaving from church. Cost for transportation is a suggested donation of \$5/person or \$12/household. Strawberries are \$3 per quart. For reservations please sign-up on the special bulletin board at church or call Carol Harder at 651-457-8436 or e-mail Candace Lutt at candacelutt@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

One Voice Mixed Chours' 20th Anniversary Concert — 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

“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.

Pride Parade 2008, Sunday June 29th — Faith church will again have a group gathering with other churches as we visibly show our welcome to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Carpooling from church immediately following worship. Please notify Pierre Gingerich-Boberg or Leslie Minkler if you plan to walk.

Penny Power We invite children, families, and individuals to collect pennies for the MCC Relief Sale on November 8, 2008. 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.

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.

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND *words and music by Woody Guthrie*

Chorus:

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Island
From the redwood forest, to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me

1 As I was walking a ribbon of highway
I saw above me an endless skyway
I saw below me a golden valley
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

2. I've roamed and rambled and I've followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
And all around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

3. The sun comes shining as I was strolling
The wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The fog was lifting a voice come chanting
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

4. In the squares of the city - In the shadow of the steeple
Near the relief office - I see my people
And some are grumblin' and some are wonderin'
If this land's still made for you and me.

Chorus

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