

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
June 24, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

Prelude

Proclamation: Isaiah 2:1-5

Sung response: "Seek Peace & Pursue It" by Gregg Richardson

Welcome

***Call to Worship** #134 STJ

1-organ side; 2-piano side

***Hymn:** "Blest are they" #94 STJ

Prayer for Peace/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn: "Come, thou fount of every blessing" # 521 HWB

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Hymn: "Blessed Jesus, at your word" #13 HWB
(children come forward on v. 3)

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sending song for children: "Peace before us" (hymnal insert)
Katie Hochstedler, children's activities

Sermon: "Practitioners of Shalom"

Response: Rhonda Martin

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 we will celebrate two recent weddings in our congregation. Couples are: **Cynthia Villegas and Scott Guenther**, married in March, and **Dylan and Elena (Kuenning) Vidas** in May. Congratulations!

11:00 a.m. Departure for Pride parade – gather at front door to carpool.

TODAY: Practicing the ways of peace

Worship leader: Adam Nafziger

Sermon: Loren Swartzendruber

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Karen Zeug

Usher: Shawn Helmeke

Fellowship buddy: Phil Fuller

Nursery: Casey Englund & Arlene Geissing

Fellowship: Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Cori Skogerboe

We welcome Dr. Loren Swartzendruber, president of Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, to preach today. He has worked in Mennonite higher education for 28 years and previously served as a pastor in Iowa and Pennsylvania.

NEXT SUNDAY: Getting along (Matthew 18:15-22) / Communion

Worship leader: Tyler Zabriskie

Sermon: Greg Renstrom

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Usher: Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship buddy: Jacob Schlabach

Nursery: Candace Lutt & Wendy Brunner

Fellowship: Westbys

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
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FMC office hours: June 25-29

Pastor: Mon, Tues, & Wednesday 10-5. On Thursday Joetta and Phil will depart for Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting in Nebraska

Ministry Staff: Tues. 12-5; Wed. 10-8

Email bulletin items by Wednesday afternoon. Bulletin finalized Wed. evening.

June 17:	Attendance: 65	Offering: \$2,607
	Weekly amount need to meet budget: \$2,692	

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for Blaine Friesen, Central Plains Conference moderator, as he prepares for business and discernment at the Annual Meeting in Henderson, Nebraska, this weekend, June 28-July 1. Pray too for our FMC delegates: Kathleen Harder, Joetta Schlabach, Phil Stoltzfus, and Donna Stucky. Sophia Harder Kouay will also attend and participate in the children's program.

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

June 25 – Fall Retreat Committee, 7 p.m., church office

June 26 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's Café, SP

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

June 28-July 1 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, Henderson, NE

July 8 – Worship & Picnic in the Park, Matthews Park picnic area

July 9 – Missions & Service Commission, 5:00 p.m., library

July 11 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

July 18 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Nafziger home

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Anyone wanting to **march for FMC in TODAY's Pride parade** should line up with the UCC coalition, #96. We will be able to carry our FMC banner. It is an especially important year to have as many churches represented as possible, given the ballot measure this coming election. **Line up by 10:30** at 3rd & Hennepin; **the parade starts at 11:00.** (There will be a second group departing from FMC at 11, after fellowship time.) –*Pat Eliason*

We would like to invite everyone to a celebration of **Glenn Geissinger's retirement TODAY**, 2-4 p.m. This is an open house. Come and enjoy the gardens and a snack at 6140 Mill Street in Shorewood. –*Arlene Geissinger*

TODAY is the final day to sign up for a **personal** copy of **Bret Hesla's hymn collection: "River of Gladness: Hymns from the Heart of the City,"** written last year for our FMC 50th anniversary. Cost is \$1.00 for black & white or \$2.00 for a colored cover. **Sample copies are in the fellowship area, along with a sign-up sheet to order.** 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.

Special offering for Walker Community United Methodist Church. On July 1 we will take a special offering for Walker, which recently lost its building in a fire. Please consider joining in this act of solidarity. Travis Lusk's son Arlo is a participant there along with his mother & grandmother.

Announcements, cont.

Urgent need for **volunteers for children's time this summer!** Specifically, we need two volunteers for July 1, presenting the theme coming from Matthew 18 about how to resolve conflicts with other people, starting by talking directly one-on-one (the activity will be to make "stop" signs: stop, think, listen). Please contact Joan Kreider to volunteer. More spots open later in the summer as well!

Sharing opportunity from Heather Wengerd: I am working with a family who recently moved into an apartment and is in need of **household items, pots, pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, a vacuum and bedding.** If anyone is looking to unload any one of these items this summer, I would happily accept these for a family in need. I will even pick them up or collect them from church on Sunday. Thank you!

Save the date: Women's camping weekend, August 17 and 18. This is for women and girls of all ages and will be at nearby Baker Park Reserve Campground. You can stay overnight, or just come for the day. Biking, hiking and a chance to be outdoors. The group campground has been reserved. Contact Heather Wengerd, Shelly Hendricks or Donna Minter if interested! Hope to see you there!

From Andrew Jilani: **I am deeply grateful** to so many people who helped and contributed to my **"Understanding Taliban" event** at FMC Wednesday night. Nearly 80 people attended. I am glad we had enough food because I had cooked for about 40 people! My thanks to FMC Missions & Service Commission, Melissa Hochstetler, Dan Leisen, Phil Stoltzfus, and countless volunteers who helped cook and clean up. Over \$1,500 was raised, which brings me very close to my goal of \$2,300. With much gratitude to all who participated, ate together and interacted during the talk on how we can end violence in Afghanistan/Pakistan and bring lasting peace. A memorable event for me which made me realize that after eight months in Seward, I am at home here.

From Charity Kroeker: When I was in Kenya in February visiting girls' schools and women's groups, I found out that one major issue keeping girls from attending school was a lack of feminine products. I'm launching a campaign to provide kits for each of the females at Nyamira Girls' High School. It costs only \$6.50 to buy a kit. **You are all invited to the Backyard Kick-off**, featuring music from Lightning' Joe and tasty desserts, **Sunday, July 1, 4:30-7:30**, 588 Clifford St., SP. You can find us online at www.dignitysquad.org, or on Facebook.