

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
July 1, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

Prelude

Psalm 34:1-3

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

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (insert)

***Hymn:** "What is this place" #1 HWB

Prayer for Peace/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn: "Where charity and love prevail" #305 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

Hymn: "Put peace into each other's hands" #87 STJ (vs 1, 2, 3, 5)
(children come forward during final verse for scripture reading)

Scripture reading: Matthew 18:15-22

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

Sermon: "Plain Talk on Forgiveness"

Communion

We will gather at the table in groups of 12-15 as the usher guides. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table.

Communion hymn: "Seed, scattered and sown" #454 HWB

Children's Response

Offering & Offertory We invite additional gifts today for Walker Community United Methodist Church, which recently lost its building in a fire. Please write check to FMC, with "Walker Church" in the memo line.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "Renew your church" #363 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

TODAY: Peace within the Congregation / Communion

Worship leader: Tyler & Kristi Zabriskie **Sermon:** Greg Renstrom

Song leader: Karen Wiebe **Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Adam & Nikki Nafziger **Fellowship buddy:** Jacob Schlabach

Nursery: Wendy Brunner & Andy Martinson

NEXT SUNDAY: Seek peace with enemies (2 Kings 6:8-23)

Worship leader: Tyler Zabriskie **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Usher:** Darrell Martin

Nursery: Candace Lutt & Beth Richardson

Our worship next Sunday will be held in the Matthews Park picnic area and will be followed by a potluck picnic. Watch for details in the Midweek Email Update.

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.

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FMC office hours: July 2-6 Office closed on Wednesday, July 4.

Pastor: Mon & Thurs 9-4. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon & Wed. 10-7; Thurs. 12-7

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

June 24: **Attendance:** 55 **Offering:** \$645
Weekly amount need to meet budget: \$2,692

Thanksgivings: Andrew Jilani's gratitude for the success of the special Soup Group event last week

Concerns: Rich Deming's hope that several FMCers might participate in the ISALAH effort to get out votes against the Voter ID amendment; Karen Peterson's cousin undergoing bypass surgery; healing for Rebecca Johnson as she has screws removed from her leg and as conflicts are resolved in her workplace; Casey England's grandfather who was hospitalized with an infection and the people of Duluth suffering from the flooding; Terry Gerber as she undergoes medical procedures this week and next; former member Steve Nussbaum whose mother recently died; family of Noah Skogerboe's former school mate, Jimmy, who died of leukemia, leaving several small children; traveling mercies for the Skogerboe family as they backpack in the UP and for Michelle Okerstrom as she travels in South America this summer.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network Stanley Green, executive director of MMN, begins lecturing at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India, this week as part of his sabbatical leave. Pray that his teaching would be Spirit-inspired and that his body, mind and spirit would be renewed during this time away from office responsibilities.

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

July 3 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m. Trotters, SP

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

July 18 – FMC Artisans & Crafters, 7 p.m., library

July 25 – Fall Retreat Planning Group, 7 p.m., FMC office

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love—

People: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—

P: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

L: People of God, look about you and see all the images of God assembled here.

P: In me, I you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see.

P: People of God, come.

ALL: Let us worship together.

From Sing the Story: Worship Book Supplement II

Matthew 18:15-22

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

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

July Birthday Brunch, July 14. If you or a family member has a birthday in July, Joetta invites you (& family or friend) to her home at 248 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, for brunch on Saturday, July 14. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email: jschlabach@faithmennonite. (Persons who have had conflicts with brunch dates in recent months are also invited.)

Urgent need for **volunteers for children's time this summer.** Please contact Joan Kreider to volunteer. Spots open throughout the summer! A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship area.

Volunteer needed to water the children's garden (tomato plants) in front of the church, from **now through July 14.** Sign-up sheet in fellowship area.

Several boxes of **MCC relief kits** for Syria are still remaining (stored in the back kitchen area) to be transported to either Goshen, IN, or Newton, KS, if you are traveling in either direction.

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 projects. 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 Lightnin' Joe and tasty desserts, **Sunday, July 1, 4:30-7:30 p.m.** You can find us online at www.dignitysquad.org, or on Facebook.

An evening with Sami Rasouli, Thursday, July 5, 6:30 potluck, 7:30 presentation and discussion. Iraqi-American Sami Rasouli will speak on **“Iraq: after 20 years of war and occupation”** at St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 3rd Ave. S, Mpls. Rasouli lived in Minnesota for many years before returning to Iraq after the US invasion and occupation. He now works in Iraq with Muslim Peacemaker Teams (MPT). (Flier on foyer bulletin board.)

Every Church a Peace Church July Potluck & Meeting, July 9.

Everyone is invited to this bimonthly meeting to be held at Twin Cities Friends Meeting, 1725 Grand Ave., SP beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program will be a presentation and discussion, **“From Death to Life: A Story of Forgiveness and Reconciliation”** by Mary Johnson and Oshea Isreal, the man who took her only son's life and who, through a process of healing and reconciliation, became her “spiritual son.” (Flier on foyer bulletin board.)

Sr Joan Chittister to speak on July 12. Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister will speak on **“The New Violence and Its Unintended Victims”** on Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church at Nicollet Mall and 12th Street in Minneapolis. Sponsored by WomenSpirit and the Westminster Town Hall Forum. (Flier on foyer bulletin board.)