

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 4, 2010

Stories of God's People

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Welcome, God

All: We are here to worship you.

1: We have come to listen and learn

2: Show us what it means to be your people.

3: Teach us how to follow your ways.

All: You are our God. We are your people.

Prayer

*Hymns: "I heard the voice of Jesus say" #493 HWB
"Lord, you sometimes speak" #594 HWB

Confession: #699 HWB

Children's gathering song: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Children's time: "Jonah starts over" (Jonah 3-4)

Hymn: "God loves all his many people" #397 HWB

Sermon: "Called"

Story:

Hymn: "" #

Congregational Sharing

Congregational 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 and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

*Sung Benediction: "My life flows on" #580 HWB

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

Fellowship time –10:45

TODAY: Jonah – Part 2 (Jonah 3-4)

Sermon: Kay Welsch

Worship Leaders: Semanchin Jones Family

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: David Mayou

Reader: Andrew Smale

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Nikki Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Marybeth Luig

We extend a warm welcome to Kay Welsch who will preach this morning. Kay is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She served our church as an interim pastor in two previous occasions. Now retired, she remains active in part-time pastoral care work at St. Paul UCC, and enjoys writing and traveling with her grandchildren.

NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah's Call (Jeremiah 1:1-10)

Sermon: Donna Stucky **Worship & Song Leader:** Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Nikki Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Andi Kuenning and Shelly Hendricks

Fellowship: Karen Zeug

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 27: Attendance: 71 Offering: \$ 721

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: July 5-9

Pastor: Wed 9-4; Thurs 10-2; Fri 9-noon.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

Church Meetings and Events

July 9 – Scrabble night, 7 p.m. @ Joan Krider's, SP

July 9 – S. Mpls. Potluck, Powderhorn Park 6 p.m.

July 12 – Christian Education Commission, 7:15, FMC office

July 13 – Lectionary Discussion, Trotter's, SP 8:30 a.m.

July 13 – Bible Study 7 p.m. Chapel

July 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

July 17 – Birthday Brunch @ Schlabach's 9:30 a.m.

July 18 – Worship and Picnic in Matthews Park with Bethany Lutheran

July 21 – Deacons Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardsons

August 1 – All church picnic and games in park following
worship//celebration of summer weddings

Jonah 3-4

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Announcements

Scrabble & Bananagram Night , July 9, 7 p.m. @ Joan Kreider's, 2162 Carroll Ave, SP. Play scrabble without keeping score and with an open dictionary to learn new words and etymologies. Good family night.

South Minneapolis Potluck, Friday, 6 p.m., SE corner of Powderhorn Park, corner of 15th Avenue and 35th Street. Cancelled for rain. Also severe storm watches and warnings issued for Minneapolis (Hennepin Co.) Contact Dan Leisen 612-722-5585.

Meals for Rebecca and Tony Johnson We continue to provide several meals each week for Rebecca and Tony. If you can take them a meal, contact Adam Nafziger, adamnafziger@yahoo.com or call 612-722-3317

Andy & Alisa will be tearing down wall paper in their new home between July 8th and 12th. Willing hands who can help would be appreciated for any length of time, particularly July 10th & 11. (651) 207-2740 or andrew_martinson@hotmail.com

July Birthday Brunch, July 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m. If you or a family member has a birthday in July, Pastor Joetta invites you to her home, 248 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul for brunch. This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email jschlabach@faithmennonite.org

Catch up with the **Bardo Geissingers** while in town. **July 17th, 1-6 p.m.** @ Geissinger Gardens, 6140 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN. This is an **informal party**, come when you wish and stay as long as you'd like. No need to bring anything. Appetizers, snacks, desserts and beverages provided. RSVP Rachel Hoskins 952-250-5188 or rhoskins488@gmail.com

From Mennonite Mission Network: South Africa's World Cup soccer competition is in its final week. Pray for the churches using this event to witness – especially for the Kids' Klub that meets every Friday at Breakthru Church International.

Directory Change: The Blackwell -Kinney Family has a new address. Kami, Mathew (William and Ava) 2017 Goodrich Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. All other contact information remains the same.

Announcements cont.

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Joint worship & picnic in the Park with Bethany Lutheran on July 18.

Each summer we've typically had one worship service outdoors in a park. This year we will use the occasion for a joint worship service with one of our Seward neighborhood churches, Bethany Lutheran, located on the corner of Franklin and 25th St. **We will meet at 10 a.m.** in the picnic area at Matthews Park (rain venue: FMC). The theme for the worship service will be "A *Celebration of Gifts*." During the service two people from Bethany and two from Faith will share about gifts they've received at their respective churches, gifts of creation, welcome, community and peace. We will also celebrate communion together. Gregg Richardson and Adam Nafziger joined Joetta and Bethany Pastor Justin Ayres-Lind in planning the service. Following the worship service we will join in a picnic. Everyone should bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating, table service and something to grill for the picnic. In addition, please bring one of the following items to share, according to the first letter of your last name: **A-F: beverages, G-L: chips, M-R: salads or veggie tray, S-Z: desserts** The FMC hosting group for the picnic is: Cori & Noah Skogerboe (coordinators), Pierre Gingerich-Boberg, and Adam & Nikki Nafziger.

Update: The four day **STAR workshop** completed its debut in Minneapolis on Sunday, and I am pleased to say it did so with much rich success. All 25 participants found it a powerful model to discover and integrate ways for individual and community healing and transformation. Our group included 28% persons of color from the Somali, Native American, African American, and Hmong communities. The ages ranged from 20s to over 60. 16% of the group was male. I believe the GBLT community was also represented. Religions represented were Islamic, Buddhist, Christian, Shamanism, Native American Spirituality, and Unaffiliated. The beginnings of solid honest interpersonal relationships unfolded, and laughter was in good doses throughout our time together. All participants were interested in a post-STAR gathering to further explore and discover how the STAR principles and concepts can be integrated into our lives and work with those who are most vulnerable. We have a tentative plan to meet in mid-September after Ramadan. Thank you so much for your support of me and STAR as we fulfilled this STAR workshop together. It took risk of time, space, and financial support to allow something new to emerge that has potential to transform. Your encouragement, networking, and guidance were invaluable. Stay tuned for what's next on STAR's path in the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota, and beyond. -Donna Minter