

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
July 8, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It
Worship & Picnic in Matthews Park

Psalm 34:4-8, 14

Welcome

***Call to Worship .**

Leader: Open our eyes, O God, that we may see.

Men: That we may see your flaming presence that surrounds us with protection,

Women: that we may see the light of your Spirit that dwells among us with love.

Leader: Open our eyes, God, that we may see.

Men: That we may see the face of a friend where we thought there was an enemy,

Women: that we may see a banquet hall instead of a battlefield.

Leader: During this time of worship, O God,

All: open our eyes to see your vision of peace. Amen.

***Hymn:** “You’ve got a place” (insert)

Prayer for Peace/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn: “I will call upon the Lord” (insert)

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: “Be still” (insert)

(children come forward during final verse for scripture reading)

Scripture reading: 2 Kings 6:8-23

Sending song for children: “Peace before us” (insert)

Sermon: “Peace with Enemies: A Matter of Perception”

Responses: Cynthia Miller and Leah Otto

Children’s Response: “Down by the Riverside” –Joan Kreider

Offering & Offertory: “Let there be light, Lord God” (insert)

Report from Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** “Halle, halle, hallelujah!”

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace**

Community Time

After worship: All are welcome to a potluck picnic in the park.

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

Worship leader: Tyler Zabriskie

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Usher: Darrell Martin

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Fellowship buddy: Jenny Wandersee

Guitar: Gerald Schlabach

Nursery: Candace Lutt & Beth Richardson

NEXT SUNDAY: Seek Peace within the Broader Church (Acts 15:1-35)

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

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Usher: Shawn Helmeke

Fellowship buddy: Richardsons

Nursery: Cleta Roth Gingerich & Heather Wengerd

Fellowship: *volunteer needed*

*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.*

July 1: Attendance: 62 **Offering:** \$1,983 **for Walker UMC:** \$900

Weekly amount need to meet budget: \$2,692

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
Deacons: Shelly Hendricks, Clea Roth Gingerich,
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FMC office hours: July 9-13

Pastor: Mon 11-5, Wed & Thurs 9-3. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon 10-5, Tues & Thurs 11-5.

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

Prayer Request. *From Mennonite Central Committee:* Pray for all who have been affected by the wildfires causing immense devastation throughout the United States, in particular for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana affected by the Ash Creek fire that has burned nearly 190,000 acres so far.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is responding to the call for **immediate relief supplies** after the Ash Creek fire. **Join MCC in responding** by bringing the following items to your nearest MCC drop-off location by July 17: tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, body soap, shampoo & conditioner, laundry soap, lotion, chap stick, hairbrushes, feminine products, hair ties and hairspray. MCC will also send canned meat and other relief supplies. Please call 316-283-2720 with questions.

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, 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Joetta. (Persons who have had conflicts with brunch dates in recent months are also invited.)

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

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

July 10 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter’s Café, SP

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

July 14 – July Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home.

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

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

July 22 – Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., chapel

July 25 – Deadline for August newsletter, noon to Gregg Richardson

July 25 – Soup Group & Occupy Homes speaker, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

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

2 Kings 6:8-23

Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.” The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert. The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, “Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?” Then one of his officers said, “No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.”

He said, “Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.” He was told, “He is in Dothan.” So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city. When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, “Alas, master! What shall we do?” He replied, “Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.” Then Elisha prayed: “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, “Strike this people, please, with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. Elisha said to them, “This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” And he led them to Samaria. As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, “O Lord, open the eyes of these men so that they may see.” The Lord opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, “Father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?” He answered, “No! Did you capture with your sword and your bow those whom you want to kill? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink; and let them go to their master.” So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel.

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

A special **July Soup Group**, hosted by Sandra and Richard Westby, with **guest speaker from Occupy Homes**, is planned for Wednesday, **July 25**, 6–8 p.m., FMC fellowship hall. Volunteers needed to help with preparation and clean-up. Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Richard Westby.

A Celebration of Immigration and Belonging. You are all invited to join with **St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship** as we celebrate our **new membership in Central District Conference**. Join us for food catered by El Burrito, music by Dan Newton (Accordian Dan), and fellowship on Saturday, **July 28**, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Neighborhood House, 179 East Robie St., SP. (Flier on foyer bulletin board.) *–Helen Wells O'Brien*

A **new spigot** has been installed in the courtyard between the church and education wing towards the back on the west side. Please use this for lawn and garden watering. Also, the education wing preschool sink was fixed. Please don't turn off either of the hot or cold water shut-off valves on it without checking with me. *–Bruce Brunner*

Urgent need for **volunteers for children's time this summer**. Please contact Joan Kreider to volunteer. Spots open throughout the summer!

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.

Every Church a Peace Church July Potluck & Meeting, Monday, 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.)