

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 10, 2011

Taste and See: God is Good

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Response: *Give us what we need.*

***Hymns:** “Come, let us all unite to sing” #12 HWB
“You are all we have” #29 STJ

Scripture reading: Exodus 16:11-15

Children’s gathering song: “Taste and See” (insert)

Children’s time: “Give us this day”

Hymn: “I hunger and I thirst” #474 HWB

Sermon: “Manna—Food for Thought”

Hymn: “Precious Lord, take my hand” #575 HWB

FMC History Moment – Joan Kreider

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

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** “We will follow” (hymnal insert)

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Community Time

- 10:45 **Fellowship time**

- 11:00 **Intergenerational activity** – fellowship hall

Children and the young at heart (parents and others) are invited to participate in some intergenerational activities, beginning in the fellowship hall at 11 a.m. (snack included).

TODAY: Bread from Heaven—Manna

Worship leader: Semanchin Jones Family

Sermon: Wayne & Lois Hochstetler

Song Leader: Karen Wiebe **Piano:** Adam Nafziger

Ushers:

Nursery:

Fellowship

We give a warm welcome to Lois and Wayne Hochstetler. Since 2009 Lois, a retired counselor, and Wayne, a retired minister, have been serving as worker care specialists with Mennonite Mission Network. They are based in London, England, a hub that allows them to easily get to workers in mission fields to encourage them, listen, and offer counseling and help with adjustments. Through travel and technology that includes inexpensive internet phone calls, the Hochstetlers augment the worker support that exists at Mennonite Mission Network’s US-based offices. Faith Mennonite Church contributes to their support.

NEXT SUNDAY: Report from MCUSA Convention in Pittsburgh

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Reflections: Donna Minter & Joetta Schlabach

Piano: David Mayou

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Matthew Thomas & Kristen Green

Fellowship: potluck picnic

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 3:

Attendance: 63

Offering: *not recorded*

(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

Thank you to members of the summer worship planning team: Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Thaine Dirks, Marybeth Luig, and Annette Semanchin Jones; and to Kathleen Remund and Minke Sundseth who are organizing the second-hour intergenerational activities.

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: July 11-15

Pastor: Mon noon-4; Wed & Thurs 11-5. Tuesday is a study day.

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

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 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.

Regularly scheduled Friday potluck summer picnics in Powderhorn Park,
6 p.m., Meet near playground, SE corner of park at 15th Ave. & 35th.
Cancelled in case of rain. All welcome!

Sign-up sheets:

- **July Birthday Brunch.** If you or a family member has a birthday in July, pastor Joetta invites you to her home for brunch on **July 16, 10-11:30 a.m.** (Invitation is for the whole family or significant others too). Sign up or email.
- **FMC Children's Garden 2011:** We are growing food for Open Arms, which provides fresh meals for people living with chronic illnesses like MS and HIV/AIDS. **A few more scheduled times and tasks remain** that need to be covered over the summer.
- **Sunday fellowship hour:** A valued time to reflect, enjoy each other's company and build community in Christ's spirit. **Contact Alisa Bardo-Martinson** for info.

Church Meetings and Events

July 4-9 – Mennonite Church USA Assembly, Pittsburgh, PA

July 12 – Missions & Service Commission, 6:30 p.m., FMC library

July 13 – Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

July 14 – 7 p.m. Worship Commission, FMC

July 16 – July Birthday Brunch, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Schlabach's

July 19 – Education Commission, 7 p.m. Schlabach's

July 20 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardsons

September 23-25 – FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

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Exodus 16:11-15

The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."' '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

L: 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

Pedal for Peace Event, Saturday July 23 at Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis. Event supports the Nonviolent Peaceforce with a bike ride, live music, speakers and lunch in the park! The ride starts at the bandstand in the Park. You can ride 8, 20 or 40 miles. Please ask family and friends to support your efforts by making a donation. Please try to collect \$150 in donations. This is not a minimum, just do what you can. Can't ride and just want to make a donation? Go to www.razoo.com/team/Pedalforpeace and make a donation to one of our riders! More info at <http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org/pedalforpeace>

FMC Soup Group, 1st Monday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Thursday & 4th Friday of every month, 6 p.m. This is an opportunity for our church community to share meals. All are welcome to bring friends and family. Soup and bread provided.

- 2nd Tuesday, July 12, Home of Erin Geiser, **Please RSVP to Erin by Monday.**
- 3rd Thursday, July 21, Home of Dan and Terry Gerber
- 4th Friday, July 29, Picnic in Powderhorn Park (weather permitting)

The latest Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale is now online! Click on the link below for news of the sale, in addition to suggestions on opportunities to donate to the sale. Thanks. -Teresa Wasick
<http://www.tcmccreliefsale.org/2011/06/29/newsletter2011summer/>

Missio Dei Co-Hosts 9th Annual Jesus Radicals Conference, July 29-30
"Beyond a Brave New World: Anarchism and Christianity for the Coming Age" is the title of a conference that will be held at Faith Mennonite Church on July 29 and 30 (Missio Dei is a co-host of the conference and has reserved the use of our space). The conference theme is loosely inspired by themes from Aldous Huxley's work, *Brave New World* and will be organized into three core areas, including: 1. Understanding the emerging technologies and forms of social control that will affect our futures. 2. Identifying the practices and social structures that condition us so that we are either not willing or unable to resist these forces of oppression (or, to reference Huxley, naming our "somas"). 3. Exploring concrete ways we can live as anarchists and radical followers of Jesus in this unfolding reality. More information about the conference can be found at: <http://www.jesusradicals.com/conference/>.

The 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking submissions of mini-biographies from each household. We are putting together a book to celebrate our jubilee year and as a part of that are including a snapshot of the people who make our congregation. More information and a sample biography were placed in your mailbox with extra copies available in the back of the church. Submissions and questions may be directed to Adam Nafziger.

A Home For All, Homelessness Training Event. Thursday, August 4th, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, 1671 Summit Ave. St. Paul. The [Joint Religious Legislative Coalition](#) and the [Interfaith Youth Leadership Coalition](#) are facilitating a morning training session on responding to homelessness. Participants gain knowledge about homelessness, learn how to get involved, discover existing resources, find out how different faith traditions have been responding to homelessness, and make connections with others interested in ending homelessness. This event is open to people of all ages, but it is especially geared towards youth and young adults. Register [online](#) or by contacting JRLC intern Eleanor at volunteer@jrlc.org or [612-230-3232](tel:612-230-3232).

Retired CIA officer turned peace activist, Rodney McGovern, will speak on the topic, "**Moved by the Spirit: One Man's Journey in Speaking Truth to Power**" at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. S.; Minneapolis, on **Monday, July 11th 7:30pm**, preceded by a potluck at 6:30pm. This is the July monthly supper gathering of the ECAPC organization. Anyone from FMC interested in attending may contact Marybeth Luing to arrange carpools. It is hoped a table can be filled with FM people. ECAPC (Every Church a Peace Church) meets monthly for potluck and to present a speaker on topics addressing peace and social justice. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MnECAPC/message/135> or at www.ecapc.org.