

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 12, 2009

Service of Ordination
for Joetta Handrich Schlabach

Prelude

Invocation: “Come, O Spirit, come” ~ Choral ensemble

Welcome

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 96

Sing to God a new song; sing to God all the earth

Sing to God; bless God’s name.

Proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.

Splendor and majesty are in God’s presence,
power and beauty in God’s sanctuary.

**Families of the nations give honor to God,
give glory and praise to God.**

Say among the nations, “God is our Rock!”

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and all that it holds resound.

**Let the fields and all that is in them exult;
let all the forests cry out for joy**

*For God comes to judge the earth, to judge the world with justice
and the nations with truth.*

***Hymns:** “We sing to you, O God” #1 STJ
“What is this place” #1 HWB

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Children’s gathering hymn: “Come and see” #20 HWB

Children’s time: “Teamwork”

Hymn: “We will walk with God” #78 STJ

New Testament reading: Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-16

Sermon: “Reeds of God”

Hymn: “O Breath of Life” #34 STJ

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey
**Please stand if you are able*

Rite of Ordination ~ Ed Kauffman, Executive Conference Minister

Presentation of Candidate

Examination

Prayer of Ordination

Presentation of Bible

Song: “Song of the Servant” ~ Choral ensemble, Neil Okerlund, director

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

***Sending hymn:** “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” #632 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

*All are invited to the basement fellowship hall for a potluck meal
to celebrate this occasion.*

TODAY

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Sermon: Mag Richer Smith

Song leader: Jane Ramseyer Miller

Piano: Melissa Falb

Flute: Jennifer Wandersee

Guitars: Ry Siggelkow, Debbie Okerlund

Readers: Mathew & Becky Swora, Mark VanSteenwyk

Nursery volunteers: Paula Okerstrom, Thaine Dirks, & one volunteer needed

Mag Richer Smith is a pastor of First Mennonite Church, Iowa City, and served as a mentor to Joetta during her licensing period. Ed Kauffman served as a congregational pastor for 25 years before accepting the position of Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference in 2001. Jane Ramseyer Miller is a member of St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship and the artistic director of One Voice Mixed Chorus. Mathew Swora is pastor and Becky is a member of Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Minneapolis; Mark VanSteenwyk is pastor of Missio Dei, a Mennonite intentional community located in Cedar/Riverside.

*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
Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

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Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: July 13-17

Pastor: Monday 1:30-4:30; Wed & Thurs 10-4; Fri 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Michael Bischoff: Thursday, 9-noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

July 5 – Worship in the Park Attendance: 59 Offering: not recorded

NEXT SUNDAY: Pressing toward the goal (Philippians 3:12-4:9)

Worship leader: Thaine Dirks

Sermon: Aryn Baxter

Song leader: Donna Stucky

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Jenny Wandersee & Marcia Siggelkow

Fellowship: Volunteers needed

Aryn Baxter, who works with the GoEd educational exchange program of Food for the Hungry and is based in Rwanda, will share in our worship next Sunday. There will be additional opportunity to visit with Aryn at the Friday evening picnic, July 24, location to be determined.

Thank you to Sandra Westby and Susan Weinlick who have provided office assistance during Dan Leisen's vacation the past three weeks.

Church Meetings and Events

July 13 – Church Council meeting, FMC library, 7 p.m.

July 14 – Lectionary Discussion (Colossians 3:12-17), 8:30 a.m., Trotters,
Corner of Marshall and Cleveland, SP

July 15 – Christian Education Commission meeting, FMC, 5:15 p.m.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will
not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice
in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now
declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-13

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined

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and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Thank you to Richard Westby, Greg Renstrom, Hermann Weinlick and Mike Okerstrom for trim painting in the basement this week and to **Leslie Minkler and Minke Sundseth** for gardening help. **Thank you to the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (Beth Richardson, Thaine Dirks, Matthew Hendricks, and Heather Wengerd)** for planning today's meal.

FMC will host a Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Women's Community Potluck and Social, Saturday, July 18, 6:00 p.m. in the basement fellowship hall. Singles, couples, families—all ages Welcome. Bring an entrée, salad, or dessert to share; drinks and table service provided. RSVP appreciated. For more information and to RSVP: 319-936-0495 or katie.hochstedler@gmail.com

Donna Minter invites us to support her one-day, 30-mile canoe fund-raising effort in the **Wilderness Wind Paddle-a-Thon**, on July 28. This event raises operational funds to allow wilderness experiences to be accessible to people of diverse economic backgrounds. Wilderness Wind's trip fees **cover only two-thirds of all program expenses**. To be a positive influence in the local community, Wilderness Wind also tithes a portion of the event's proceeds to the betterment of the Ely community. Please donate at <http://www.wildernesswind.org/paddleathon.htm>

Neighborhood ESL Program Seeks Volunteer Teacher The Pan African Community Organization has informed us that the ESL program they are developing is getting underway. They would be happy for an additional volunteer teacher from Faith Mennonite Church. "The inclusion of volunteers in our program from Faith will make a difference in our neighborhood collaboration activities," says Dukassa Lemu, PACO director. Interested persons can speak with Michael Bischoff (michael@clarityfacilitation.com) Classes are held at Light House Academy of Nations, 2600 26th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406.

Mark your calendar for an All-Church Outing on Sunday, August 2. Following the worship service we will go to the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for a shared picnic and afternoon together. More details to come.