

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 17, 2011

Taste and See: God is Good

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 98 with sung response
“Sing the Day” (bulletin insert)

***Hymn:** “Holy, holy, holy” #120 HWB

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-17

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

Children’s time: “The anniversary quilt”

Song: “I’ve got peace like a river”
2. I’ve got love like an ocean
3. I’ve got joy like a fountain

History Moment: “The beginning of St. Paul Fellowship” ~Joan Kreider

Assembly reporting: “Bridges to (the) Cross”

Hymn: “Jesus, help us live in peace” #52 STJ

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**

Community Time

- 10:45 **Picnic and games at Matthew Park.** Everyone is welcome –with or without food to share; there’s always enough! Let’s get better acquainted across the generations as we eat, visit, and play softball and bocce ball (or just lounge in the shade if the heat is too intense!)

TODAY: Report from Mennonite Church USA Convention in Pittsburgh

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Reflections: Katie Hochstedler, Donna Minter, & Joetta Schlabach

Organ: David Mayou **Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Drums: Matthew Thomas

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Kristen Green & one volunteer needed

NEXT SUNDAY: The Land of Milk & Honey (Deuteronomy 8:1-10)

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Barb Beers & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Susan Weinlick & Annette Semanchin-Jones

Fellowship: Cori Skogerboe & 1 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 10: **Attendance:** 82 **Offering:** \$2011
(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$28,172 **Amount remaining:** \$7,828

*Note: We apologize that an error occurred in previously reports of the money raised to date for the painting fund. We’ve made good progress toward our goal and thank all who have generously contributed. **We will begin the painting in early August.** Your continuing contributions are appreciated! – The Trustee Commission*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: July 18-22

Pastor: Mon noon-4; Wed 9-4; Thurs 11-5. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen will be on vacation this week.

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.

FMC Soup Group This is an opportunity for our church community to share meals. All are welcome to bring friends and family. Soup and bread provided.

- **3rd Thursday, July 21**, home of Dan and Terry Gerber, **RSVP to Joetta by Wednesday evening**
- **4th Friday, July 29**, Picnic in Powderhorn Park (weather permitting)

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

Sign-up sheets at back of sanctuary:

- **50th Anniversary service projects, Sat., September 24**, 9:30 a.m. – noon
- **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** with questions.

Please claim personal items located in the back of the Sanctuary. A few nice rain gear wear items from Car Sabbath Sunday, clothing and other.

Church Meetings and Events

July 19 – Education Commission, 7 p.m. Schlabach home

July 20 – Marriage Guidelines Task group, 7:30 p.m., Hendricks

July 27 – August newsletter deadline, noon to Gregg Richardson

August 24 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardson home

September 23-25 – FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

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1 Corinthians 3:1-17

Reader 1: And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, ‘I belong to Paul’, and another, ‘I belong to Apollos’, are you not merely human?

Reader 2: What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.

All: ⁹*For we are God’s servants, working together; [we] are God’s field, God’s building.*

Reader 1: According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

All: *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.*

Reader 2: ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—¹³the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Reader 1: Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person.

All: *For God’s temple is holy, and [we] are that temple.*

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

Free **Megabus ticket from Chicago to Minneapolis for Wednesday July 20**, leaving Chicago 12:00 noon. If anyone would like it, contact Hermann.

Pedal for Peace, Saturday July 23, at Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis. Event supports the **Nonviolent Peaceforce** with a bike ride, live music, speakers and lunch in the park! You can ride 8, 20 or 40 miles. Please ask family and friends to support your efforts by making a donation. Can’t ride and just want to make a donation? Go to www.razoo.com/team/Pedalforpeace and make a donation! Register at: <http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org/pedalforpeace>

Farewell party for Pierre Gingerich-Boberg, Saturday, July 23, 4-6 p.m., home of Beth and Gregg Richardson. Everyone is invited to a going away party for Pierre, as he moves to Madison, WI, to begin medical school. We are making homemade ice cream and would love to borrow a couple more ice cream freezers! Please call Beth or Gregg if you have an extra.

Be A Good Neighbor and Take A Nice Walk: Dick Westby coordinates the **Seward Walkers**, who commit to walking around Seward neighborhood on Thursday evenings to keep an eye out for suspicious activity and nonviolently guard public safety. On **July 28th**, some FMC folks will fill the role of Seward Walkers. If you would like to walk, **join us at Matthews Center at 7:00** to walk with others until about 8:30. Questions? Call Dick.

Missio Dei Co-Hosts 9th Annual Jesus Radicals Conference, at FMC, July 29-30 “Beyond a Brave New World: Anarchism and Christianity for the Coming Age.” The theme is inspired by Aldous Huxley’s *Brave New World* and is organized into three areas: 1. Understanding emerging technologies and forms of social control that affect our futures. 2. Identifying the practices and social structures that make it difficult to resist these forces of oppression. 3. Exploring concrete ways to live as anarchists and radical followers of Jesus in this unfolding reality. For info: www.jesusradicals.com/conference/

The 50th Anniversary Committee seeks submissions of mini-biographies from each household. We are putting together a book to celebrate our jubilee year, including a snapshot of the people of our congregation. More info & a sample biography were placed in your mailbox with extra copies in the back of the church. Submissions and questions may be directed to Adam.

SURPRISE 65th Birthday celebration for Orv Gingerich at Murphy Park, which is in the middle of Augsburg campus, on **2 August at noon**. Please come to enjoy the “Paddle Cloud” machine and Orv’s favorite sherbet/ginger ale floats. Wear a crazy hat, bring a noise maker and if you like, bring a blanket & your picnic lunch. *Cheers & Surprises, Cleta*