

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
July 26, 2009 ~ “Letters to the early churches”

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love—

**P: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers—  
a community of kindred hearts.**

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—

**P: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an  
outstretched hand..**

L: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

**P: In me, in you, in each of us, God’s Spirit shines for all to see.**

L: People of God, come.

**All: Let us worship together.**

**\*Hymns:** “Praise, I will praise” #76 HWB  
“The love of God” #44 STJ

**Psalm 103: 1-3; 8-14** (insert)

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

**Children’s time:** “The clothes we wear”

**Hymn:** “Ubi caritas” #452 HWB

**New Testament reading:** Colossians 3:12-17

**Sermon:** “What shall we wear?”

**Hymn:** “Beloved, God’s chosen” #38 STJ

**Congregational Sharing** Kami Blackwell Kinney, deacon

**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 the pastor or worship leader*)

**Introduction of Guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** “In Christ there is no East or West” #306 HWB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

**- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.**

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**TODAY:** Loving One Another

**Worship leader:** Thaine Dirks

**Sermon:** Donna Stucky

**Song leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Reader:** John Mayou

**Nursery volunteers:** Andi Kuenning and Laurie Kaufman

**Fellowship:** Tom Johnson

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Standing Firm in Faith (2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5) /  
Communion

**Worship leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Nursery volunteers:** Karen Wiebe and Mark Kaufman

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*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.*

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**July 19:** Attendance: 71

Offering: \$1,318

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**We still welcome contributions to the Columbus 2009 travel fund** for our delegates who attended the Mennonite Convention. Our goal was to raise 1/3, or approximately \$500, of the costs for two people. So far we have raised \$338. Additional contributions can be made to FMC, with a memo: Assembly delegate travel. Thank you!

**Mennonite Church USA Resolution on National Healthcare** info and call to action on back table, yellow sheets “Next Step”.



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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: July 27-31

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

**Michael Bischoff:** Thurs 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**Next Sunday: All-Church Picnic & Outing at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.** Following the worship service we will go to the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for a shared picnic and afternoon together. Besides eating we can a) visit the zoo and conservatory, b) walk around the lake, c) play bocce ball or other lawn games, or d) enjoy a free pops concert in the lakeside pavilion at 3 p.m. *Everyone welcome!*

Please bring, according to the first initial of your family's last name:

A-F: beverages

G-J: desserts

K-O: main dish (grain/pasta, etc) salads

O-Z: green, vegetable or fruit salads

Everyone: your own table service, bocce ball or other lawn games

### Church Meetings and Events

July 28 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's Restaurant, SP (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

July 30 – "Who are the Mennonites?" Forum planning, 7 p.m., FMC

August 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

August 19 – Deacon's, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

August 19 – Missions & Service, 7 p.m., FMC library

August 22 – Sunday School teacher orientation (tentative)

August 30 – Car Sabbath

You've got mail...



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### Psalm 103: 1-3; 8-14

L: Bless God, O my soul. All that is in me, bless God's holy name!

**P: Bless God, O my soul, and remember God's faithfulness: in forgiving all your offenses and healing your diseases.**

L: God is merciful and forgiving, slow to anger, rich in love;

**P: God's anger does not last forever; it exits a short time only.**

L: We are never threatened, never punished as our guilt and our sins deserve.

**P: As the height of heaven over earth is the greatness of God's faithful love for those who fear God.**

L: God takes our sins away farther than the east is from the west.

*All: As tenderly as parents treat their children, so God has compassion on those who fear God.*

### Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

A community forum on **"Who are the Mennonites?"** will be held at Faith on the evening of **October 24th**. The planning committee wants your input NOW to help shape the event. How can we best convey Mennonite values and practices? **A meeting to brainstorm ideas for the forum will be held at the church on Thursday, July 30 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.** Please come share your ideas or contact Michael Bischoff (612-521-1889) with questions or ideas.

**Movies at the Seward Towers:** Many in the church have talked about a desire for the church to connect with the Seward Towers, the large apartment buildings a couple blocks from Faith. Most residents are recent East African immigrants and refugees. **Haven Schrock** and **Michael Bischoff** are volunteering with the summer youth program at the Towers, helping the kids make movies. They invite you to join them as they show the movies the kids make. It will be an easy and quick way to connect with the Towers. Movie showing times will be:  
• **Tuesday, July 28, 4-4:30 pm** at Seward Tower West (26th Ave. & East Franklin Ave.)  
• **Thursday, July 30, 4-4:30 pm** at Seward Tower East (29th Ave. & East Franklin Ave.)

**Donna Minter** invites us to support her one-day, 30-mile canoe fundraising effort in the **Wilderness Wind Paddle-a-Thon**, on July 28. Please donate at [www.wildernesswind.org/paddleathon.htm](http://www.wildernesswind.org/paddleathon.htm)

**Sunday School Teachers Needed** — Are you interested in teaching elementary Sunday School this fall, winter, or spring? Teachers are needed for preschool, kindergarten-2nd grade, and 3-4 grade classes. Please contact Kristin Green at [ratigangreen@yahoo.com](mailto:ratigangreen@yahoo.com) or (612) 721-8786. Training and materials provided.

**Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North** — **Wed. July 29, 7-9 p.m.**, Documentary film and facilitated discussion of what slave trade history means to us as people who work to promote social justice. **See info sheets on table at back of sanctuary.**

**Latino Voices, Thurs. July 30**, noon, Discussion from 12:20-1:30 p.m. Panel and discussion about immigration with help from Resource Center of the Americas. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St., Mpls. \$4 charge for meal. 612 729-8358 or [office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org).

**Mennonite Church USA Convention 2011** — **July 4-9, 2011** Please mark your calendars now for the next in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We will begin Monday afternoon, July 4, and end Saturday morning, July 9. Come join us at the Pittsburgh Convention Center located in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. We are looking forward to hosting Convention 2011 in the first fully LEED certified (green) convention center in the nation.