

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
July 27, 2008 ~ Things that Make for Peace

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship:**

L: Source of all hope and holiness,

C: we gather this morning to be church

L: Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.

C: Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.

**A: Bless each of us here that we may choose justice by
your Spirit, draw kindness from the well of your mercy,
and walk humbly in your path, O God. AMEN**

***Hymns:** “All people that on earth do dwell” #42 HWB

“There are many gifts” #304 HWB

Prayer of Confession: #697 HWB

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:1-16, I Corinthians 12:12-26

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time “Pieces of the Puzzle”~ Heather Wengerd

Sermon: “Body Theology, the Body Politic, and the
Upside-Down Kingdom”

Hymn: “New earth, heavens new” #299 HWB

Congregational Sharing & Prayer ~ Candace Lutt, deacon

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 & Offertory

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Announcements (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** “You are salt for the earth” #226 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.

- The Christian Education program will resume on September 7.

TODAY: We are one body

Worship & Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Sermon: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Andi Kuenning & One Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Laurie Kaufman

NEXT SUNDAY:

Sermon: Kay Welch, former interim pastor

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Childcare: Cynthia Miller & One Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Weinlick’s

Next Sunday, Aug. 3, after fellowship time, Aryn Baxter will share about her semester in Tanzania.

July 20: Attendance: 73 Offering: Not Recorded

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. 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.

Help yourself. Items on the table in the Sunday school room (204-206) across from the nursery are free for the taking.

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Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: July 28-August 1

Pastor's Hours: Mon 1-5; Tues 9-1; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri 9-12. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

For those that missed the email update –July 16, was the closing on the sale of the lease on the former FMC parsonage. Faith is receiving a payment of \$170,000. Many thanks to Darrell Martin who has seen this process through. At its meeting on Monday evening, the Church Council gave approval for the Trustees to move ahead with securing contractors to remove the current heating system in the east building (radiators, boiler, etc.), to be replaced by a more efficient, zoned, forced-air system. This conversion will begin soon, to be finished before the winter cold sets in. The cost for the project is estimated between \$70,000 and \$90,000. The Trustees will provide regular progress reports (much of which will become obvious!), and anyone may direct questions to the Trustees (Darrell, Glenn Geissing, David Mayou).

Church Meetings and Events

July 29 – August Newsletter items due, noon
July 30 – Retreat Planning Committee, 7 p.m., Woodwinds
August 3 – Aryn Baxter sharing following fellowship time
August 6 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC
August 19 – Deacons Commission, 7:30 p.m., Richardson's
September 26-28 – Fall All-Church Retreat, Osceola, Wisc.
October 12 – CROP Walk for World Hunger
November 8, 2008 – MCC- Festival & Sale for World Relief

Things that Make for Peace

**Puzzle drawing by William Blackwell
Kinney**

Artwork by William Blackwell Kinney

“Make every effort to maintain the unity
of the Spirit in the bond of peace”
Ephesians 4:3

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not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

L: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Cindy Bjork would appreciate visits and/or cards and games to play. Cindy says she's doing pretty well now, she's at the bored stage of her healing. You can visit her at Riverside campus 2450 Riverside Ave. Minneapolis, 55454, Room 827. Phone 612 273-8327.

We have learned that Phil Fuller is now being held in the Lancaster County Jail in Lincoln, NE. Following is an address for those who wish to send him a card: Phillip L. Fuller, Lancaster County Jail, 605 South 10th St., Lincoln NE 68508

Hannah Breckbill left on a three-week Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) delegation to Palestine this past Tuesday. Please remember her and the delegation in this important ministry of presence and peace. Hannah will share about her experience in our August 17 worship service.

Wilderness Wind Paddle-a-thon — After an enjoyable and meaningful experience working at Wilderness Wind last summer, I have decided to participate in this year's Paddle-a-thon fund-raising event on August 10th. Each year, this event has helped the organization raise over \$10,000 to purchase new gear, pay quality staff, and start the foundations of an endowment. If you are interested in sponsoring me on this 50 mile paddle, there are brochures at the back of the sanctuary with more information. Thanks! Aryn Baxter

Heating System Replacement—The first work will begin on our project this coming week. First the asbestos insulation will be removed, and following that, the boiler, piping, and radiators. In conjunction with this boiler room clean-out, we'd like to remove all of the excess wood, broken tables, old paint cans, etc that have been accumulating in the black hole for years. If you have any need for some spare lumber, see Glenn or Darrell. —The Trustees

SAVE THE DATE – Annual Fall All-Church Retreat: Sept. 26-28 Fall retreat is a time to get away, get better acquainted with your FMC friends, and explore topics of mutual interest. This year our focus will be on peacemaking. More details coming soon!

Run for Oromia, Saturday, August 2 at Lake Nokomis \$36,700 Prize Purse. Pre-registration July 30, is \$25 and registration August 2 (Race Day) is \$30. Registration opens 7:00 a.m. 10K starts 8 a.m., 5K starts 9:15 a.m. Brochures are on the back table in sanctuary.

Family camping weekend of August 9-11—The Sundseth family is looking at camping at the very kid-friendly Baker Park Preserve the weekend of August 9-11. If there are any families who might like to join us, please call us soon at 721-6098 so that we can coordinate reservations, and maybe do a potluck dinner Saturday night. Campsite info: <http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org/parks/bakerparkreserve.cfm> Also, if you have an air bed and/or extra tent to lend (in case having all of us in our big 4-6 person tent isn't working), that would be appreciated. A 2-person tent or a little bigger would be fine. Thanks!

To wish Arlene every wonderful thing that retirement brings, please join us in our gardens **Sunday afternoon, Aug 10 from 2:00 - 5:00** to celebrate. Light refreshments will be served as we celebrate 35 successful years in social work. Now the fun begins having time to spoil her grandson, weeding gardens at a leisurely pace, quilting during the winter months and plowing through many "must read" books. No gifts please; just an RSVP. We want to enjoy your company!! Glenn (952-470-1847) & Rachel (952-250-5188)

Relief kits are urgently needed. Over the past five years, 2.8 million people have fled their homes for safer locations within Iraq. In response to requests from three long-term partner organizations, MCC is undertaking a \$2-million humanitarian crisis response. MCC is sending 20,000 relief kits, 62,000 blankets, 62,000 school kits, 12,000 newborn kits and 5,500 sewing kits to be distributed in 11 of the 18 governorates in Iraq. Relief kits are urgently needed. Other items such as heavy blankets, newborn kits and sewing kits also are required. To help cover the cost of shipping these items to Iraq, MCC is asking for a cash donation of \$10 with each kit. **Please check the MCC pink flyer on the back table for a detailed list of Relief Kit contents**, or mcc.org/iraqrelief. Please contact MCC Central States with any questions at 316.283.2720.

MCC Kits need a ride to Goshen or Newton — If anyone is traveling to Goshen, IN or Newton, KS and has room for some kits and can deliver them to MCC, please let the church office know.

Announcements (continued)

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR WORLD RELIEF!—We request quilt related items - the used/unused, unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. These items will help to stock a Quilter's Corner at the November 8th Festival & Sale for World Relief, sponsored by area Mennonite Churches and the Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale. Some suggestions are:

- finished/unfinished tops, blocks, etc
- old or damaged quilts
- quilt frames, supplies/tools
- quilt books, magazines
- quilt patterns - new or old, stencils, piecing and quilting
- buttons
- fabric - cotton, flannel, wool, denim (cut into blocks), crazy quilt materials – (please limit to quilt quality fabrics)

Proceeds from the sale will go toward world relief through MCC. More information about this event can be found at www.tcmccreliefsale.org Please contact Dulcie Campana for drop off locations or pick-up. Phone: 763-427-2488 Email: livingoutfaith@hotmail.com

Do you have an idea for an adult Christian education class and/or be willing to teach? Please share your ideas with Pat Eliason, adult education coordinator, who is currently making plans for classes for 2008-09.

Damascus Road Antiracism Analysis Training in Sioux Falls, SD — Thursday–Saturday, August 21-23. Expand your understanding of systematic racism and how it impacts the church and society. What does it take to be a truly anti-racist church? Sponsored by MCC Central States and Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The training will be held at Mercy/Good Shepherd Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Space is limited, so please register early. If you are interested in registration information, please see the yellow brochures on the mailbox table. Missions & Service Commissions has scholarships available. Pastor Joetta is planning to attend and would be glad for company!

Nicole Debuts on the Catwalk — Saturday, August 23, 5:00pm

Nicole and friends will model seven outfits she and her sewing teacher have made over the last two years. There will be musical guests and a reception with refreshments after the show! More information at clothesencounterofthethirteenthkind.blogspot.com. Please RSVP by August 16, Phone: 612 721-8786. \$3.50 kids/\$7 adults. Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Ephesians 4:1-16

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. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 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 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.

I Corinthians 12:12-26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do