

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
July 29, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

**Psalms 34:1-3; 8-14**

**Sung response:** "Seek Peace & Pursue It" by Gregg Richardson

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

We come with praise on our lips, with songs in our hearts;

**for God is good.**

We come seeking a glimpse of Christ's kingdom, a taste of God's grace;

**for God is good, and in Christ we lack no good thing.**

So hear, O people of God, Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One.

**We seek to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

Yahweh our God, Yahweh is love.

**We seek to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

May this time of worship be a step;

*a step we take together as we pursue God's peace.*

**\*Hymn:** "O that I had a thousand voices" #84 HWB

**Prayer for Peace/Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

**Hymn:** "Praise, I will praise you, Lord" #76 HWB

**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

**Hymn:** "If all you want, Lord" #512 HWB

*(children come forward during final verse for scripture reading)*

**Scripture reading:** Mark 12:28-34

**Sending song for children:** "Peace before us" (insert)

**Children's Activity:** Cleta Roth Gingerich and Arlene Geissinger

**Sermon:** "One God"

**Response:** Adam Nafziger

**Children's Response**  
**Offering & Offertory**

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sung Benediction:** "I bind my heart this tide" #411 HWB

**\*Passing the Peace**

Community Time

11:40 Fellowship time.

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**TODAY:** Seek peace through love

**Worship & song leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Sermon:** Hermann Weinlick

**Nursery:** Donna Stucky & Tyler Zabriskie

**Usher:** Cori Skogerboe

**Fellowship buddy:** Sandra Westby

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Fellowship:** Westbys

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Seek peace as a lifestyle (Rom 12:9-21) / Communion

**Worship leader:** Orv Gingerich

**Sermon:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Organ:** David Mayou

**Song leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Usher:** Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Laurie Kaufmann & Annette Semanchin-Jones

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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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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
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**FMC office hours: July 30 – August 3**

**Pastor:** Joetta is on vacation this week. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs or in case of an emergency.

**Ministry Staff:** Mon 10-4, Wed 10-7, Thurs 1-6

**Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening.** Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

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**July 15:**                      **Offering:** \$2,240; Ashland Mennonite, MT: \$500  
**July 22:**                      **Attendance:** 56    **Offering:** \$1,556; Deacons Fund: \$100

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**Prayer Request** (*from Central Plains Conference*): Pray for William and Luz Marina and the congregation in Riobamba, Ecuador. They are planning a youth exchange with congregations in Colombia beginning on August 6.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar at: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**July 31** – NO Sunday text discussion

**August 3** – Friday picnic potluck in Powderhorn Park, 6 p.m., SE corner

**August 5** – Picnic potluck after worship service, Matthews Park

**August 6** – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

**August 8** – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

**August 17-18** – FMC Women’s Camping Weekend

**August 26** —Worship & potluck with Walker UMC

**October 5-7** – All-Church Fall Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

**Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “**The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.**” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Leader:     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**

**Community Emergency Services Food Drive. Final collection of cash, food, and hygiene items** and delivery to CES will take place at FMC **TODAY**. You may give a designated gift in the offering plate today by writing a check to “Community Emergency Services.” For our March food drive, FMC donated 183 pounds of food, valued at \$366, and cash donations were \$75. Let’s meet or exceed this for July! –*Missions & Service*

**MCC School Kit Supplies Needed.** The children will be putting MCC school kits together during the worship hour **on August 5**. One school kit includes the following: 4 spiral notebooks, 4 unsharpened pencils, box of 12 colored pencils, 12 inch flexible plastic ruler, and a large eraser. These are the most requested item from MCC, going to dozens of countries and thousands of schoolchildren around the world. For more information, contact MCC.org. –*Joan Kreider*

**Sunday, August 5** we will have a **potluck after worship**. We’ll do it as a picnic in Matthews Park, weather permitting. Bring your own table service and lawn chairs and/or blankets. The potluck committee will provide drinks. If your last name begins with:

A-G, please bring chips or dessert to share,  
H-O, sandwiches,  
P-Z, salad or fruit.

**Church website updates** ([www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org)):

- Texts of recent sermons from July have been added to the sermons page.
- The minutes from the church council meeting in June has been added to the church council page in the member area.
- We have created a link on our homepage to a new page with worship times and locations for each of the Twin Cities Mennonite churches. The church council encourages you to occasionally **visit other Twin Cities congregations as a way to strengthen our relationships with them.** Several of these churches meet on Sunday afternoon or evening.

**Ramadan Open House invitation.** The MN Council of Church's "Taking Heart" program is organizing a series of open houses at local Mosques and Islamic Centers during Ramadan. Each day the fast is broken with a meal called Iftar, and for the second year, **mosques around the Twin Cities would like to invite you to share in the Iftar dinner, now through Aug. 9.** Several people from FMC participated last year and had a profound experience. The Council requests advance registration at [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org).

**Children 4 through 14** are invited to participate in the **Shalom Readers Club**. We have a selection of books on themes of peace, love and justice that are on loan from Central Plains Conference. Children who read 7 books from the club list during the year and report on 2 of them will **earn a gift book of their choice** from the Shalom Readers Club list. **Brochures** with information on signing up for the club are on the small table against the east wall **in the narthex**. Children are encouraged to join by filling out the form in the blue brochure and putting it in Cynthia Miller's mailbox. For more information, please contact Cynthia.

**Deacon's Fund welcomes contributions.** Our FMC Deacon's Fund responds to special needs that arise within the congregation or among neighbors. This fund is separate from our annual budget and depends on separate contributions. We currently have a low balance in the fund and **would welcome your help in rebuilding the balance.** Contributions can be made through the Sunday morning offering. Please write checks to FMC with "Deacon Fund" on the memo line. Thank you! *–The Deacons*

"One Heart, One Soul: Building Communities that Work," **Baptist Peace Fellowship gathering, July 30 – August 4, St. Olaf College, Northfield**, for everyone who longs for the spirituality, inspiration, skills, knowledge and community to support a life of peace rooted in justice. For full conference details, see: [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org). **"We would love to have members of Faith Mennonite there!** I think you'd enjoy this great gathering of people."  
*–LeDayne McLeese Polaski, BPFNA*