

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH  
August 2, 2009 ~ "Letters to the early churches"

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew,

**P: tall and strong, wise and kind.**

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew,

**P: your spirit with us, your thoughts in our minds.**

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew,

**P: serving and helping people each day.**

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew

**P: living so others can know the way.**

*All: God, help us grow like Jesus grew. Amen*

**\*Hymns:** "Each morning brings us" #645 HWB  
"Here in this place" #6 HWB

**Psalm** (insert)

**Children's gathering hymn:** "Come and See" #20 HWB

**Children's time:** "God's comfort, love, and hope"

**Hymn:** "The word of God is solid ground" #314 HWB

**New Testament reading:** 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

**Sermon:** "The comfort of tradition"

**Communion** *Please form a single line down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. The bread is gluten free and the cup is grape juice. Children may come to receive a grape and a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn:** "Eat this bread" #471 HWB

**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**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

**\*Sung benediction:** "I sing with exultation" #438 HWB (v. 1 & 2)

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- Following the worship service we will go to the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for a shared picnic and afternoon together. (Details on back of bulletin.)

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**TODAY:** Standing firm in faith / Communion

**Worship leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Nursery volunteers:** Karen Wiebe and Dan Leisen

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Personal faithfulness (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

**Worship leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Sermon:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Song leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Nursery volunteers:** Three Volunteers Needed (Meagan gone)

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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 26:** Attendance: 65

Offering: \$968.50; \$550 designated

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**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: August 3-17**

**Pastor:** Joetta & family will be traveling to Malaysia August 3-17. During her absence please contact a deacon for emergencies or spiritual care needs.

**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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**Today: All-Church Picnic & Outing at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.** We will gather in the picnic area across from “Como Town” on Midway Pkwy (enter from Hamline Ave; maps available). After sharing a picnic lunch 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

**South Minneapolis Potluck Group — Fridays, 6:00 p.m. at Powderhorn Park.** Meet at the top of the hill (or just down the hill), corner of 15th Av and 35th Street. Bring a dish to share, your own tableware (cups, plates, etc.), picnic blanket or lawn chairs and beverage if desired. Canceled if raining. Everyone welcome.

### **Church Meetings and Events**

August 4 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter’s Restaurant, SP (Hebrews 11:1-12:2)

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, 9-11 a.m., FMC

August 30 – Back to School Sunday / Car Sabbath

You’ve got mail...



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## Psalm 84

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**P: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;**

*All: my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young.

**P: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

*All: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the  
highways to Zion. They go from strength to strength.*

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**P: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; God bestows favor and honor.**

L: No good thing does God withhold from those who walk uprightly.

*All: Happy is everyone who trusts in you, O God.*

## 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

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

**Sunday School Teachers Needed** — We still have need for several teachers for our fall Sunday School program:

- a pre-school teacher to team teach with Andi Kuenning
- a K-2 teacher
- a teachers' aid for kids too young to participate in preschool.

Please contact Kristin Green at [ratigangreen@yahoo.com](mailto:ratigangreen@yahoo.com) or 612-721-8786 if you are interested. Thanks! A teacher orientation session is planned for Saturday, August 22, 9-11 a.m.

**Adam Nafziger continues to coordinate meals for the Westbys** during Sandra's surgery recuperation. Please contact Adam to schedule a time when you can provide a meal. [Adammynafziger@yahoo.com](mailto:Adammynafziger@yahoo.com) or 612-722-3317. Thanks!

**Next Tour of Families Moving, August 6, 4:30 p.m.** Tours are on the 1st Thursday (4:30 p.m.) and 3rd Wednesday (11:30 a.m.) of each month. These are informative sessions about family homelessness crisis in our community and how Families Moving Forward is working to help meet the growing need for shelter and housing. This is not a fundraiser and will only take 59 minutes (guaranteed!). 1810 Emerson Ave. N., Mpls, MN 55411. Phone 612-529-2185.

### The 2009 Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration Events

Join others in the community to encourage reflection on the past and hope for the future through action in the present. All are welcome.

- **Wednesday, August 5, 4:30 p.m. (Procession)** 40th Street and Bryant Avenue South, Minneapolis. **5:30 p.m. (Music), 6:00 p.m. (Japanese Tea Ceremony)** Lyndale Park Peace Garden, 4124 Roseway Road, Minneapolis.
- **Thursday, August 6, 7:30 a.m. (Hiroshima Commemoration: Ceremony of the Cranes), 8:30 a.m. (Speaker: Roger Hale of Ploughshares Fund), 11:00 a.m. (Ceremony of Eleven Bells with Veterans for Peace and Women in Black)** Lyndale Park Peace Garden. **7:30 p.m. (Concert for Peace)** Lake Harriet Bandshell

**On Saturday, August 15, Gale Woods Farm will be hosting its annual Breakfast on the Farm.** The morning is a celebration of local food, grown either at Gale Woods or at nearby farms. The event begins at 8:30, with eating times every half hour. There are also farm activities and tours during the morning. Reservations are \$12 for those aged 13 and up, \$6 for those 2-12, and free for those under 12. Reservations are required. Please see Melissa Hochstetler for more information, or go to [www.threeriversparkdistrict.org](http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org).