

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
August 3, 2008 ~ Things that Make for Peace

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

- L: Children of God, imagine a new heaven and earth.  
**C: We are all God's children. We dream of a world where everyone has what they need.**  
L: Imagine a world where fierce lions and shy lambs, gentle calves and wild leopards  
**C: play together and live in peace.**  
L: Where people from different countries with different ideas  
**C: forgive, love, and share.**  
L: Imagine a world  
**C: where everyone lives in peace.**  
*All: As children of God, we imagine a new heaven and earth! Amen.*

- \*Hymns:** "Morning has broken" #648 HWB  
"O praise the gracious power" #111 HWB

**Prayer of Confession:** #697 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Children's Gathering Hymn:** "Come and See" #20 HWB  
**Children's Time:** "Imagining a peaceful earth" ~ Adam Nafziger  
**Hymn:** "It came upon the midnight clear" #195 HWB

**Sermon:** "Living into the Vision"

**Hymn:** "Lead us from death to life" (insert in HWB)

**Congregational Sharing & 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 & Offertory**

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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**

- \*Sung benediction:** "The peace of the earth be with you" #77 STJ  
**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.** In the basement fellowship hall.  
*- The Christian Education program will resume on September 7.*
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**TODAY:** Visions of Peace

**Sermon:** Kay Welsch, former interim pastor  
**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach  
**Song Leader:** Hermann Weinlick      **Piano:** Karen Zeug  
**Childcare:** Cynthia Miller & One Volunteer Needed  
**Fellowship time:** Hermann & Susan Weinlick

*We welcome Kay Welsch to our pulpit this morning. Kay served as interim pastor at FMC in 1995-97 and as sabbatical supply pastor in 2004. Kay is ordained in the United Church of Christ and a consociate of the Sisters of St. Joseph.*

**Today after fellowship time, Aryn Baxter** will share about her semester in Tanzania, basement fellowship hall.

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Everyone is equal before God (Jn 2:1-13) / Communion

**Worship leader:** Jenny Wandersee      **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach  
**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg      **Piano:** Sandra Westby  
**Childcare:** Gregg Richardson & Glenn Geissinger & One volunteer  
(Megan will be away)  
**Fellowship time:** Dick & Sandra Westby

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**July 27:**      Attendance: 63      Offering: Not Recorded

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*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.*

## Faith Mennonite Church

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Deacons: Candace Lauth, Mike Okerstrom,  
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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## Things that Make for Peace

### FMC OFFICE HOURS: August 4-8

**Pastor's Hours:** Tues 8:30-10:30; 2:30-4:30; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri 9-12.  
Joetta will attend the cluster meeting of area Mennonite pastors in Faribault on Tuesday. 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**Hannah Breckbill is on a three-week Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) delegation to Palestine.** 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.

**Simply in Season— Group Blueberry Harvest been canceled.** The weather has taken a toll on the blueberry plants and there is an increased demand for Minnesota produce. Individuals are still welcome to locate blueberries grown in their geographic location, see website: [www.minnesotagrown.com](http://www.minnesotagrown.com). This is also a good time for buying berries at the farmers market. New Jersey and Michigan blueberries are now in season and available at many grocery stores. Freezing and fruit leather are the easiest ways of storing blueberries for winter snacks. Carol Harder has a food dehydrator available for short term loan to make fruit leathers.

**FMC will host Families Moving Forward again on Wednesday, September 24th.** If you are interested in providing dinner or child care, please call Karen Wiebe at 612-276-1217. Families Moving Forward is an interfaith program that provides temporary shelter to homeless families.

### Church Meetings and Events

August 4 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., FMC  
August 6 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC  
August 10 – Wilderness Wind Paddle-a-thon  
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

“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox....  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord”  
Isaiah 65:25

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### **Isaiah 65:17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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** continues to receive physical therapy in the Fairview Rehab Center and appreciates visits and phone calls. The Fairview Rehab Center is located at 2512 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, one block north of Riverside Ave. She is in room 424, and her direct phone is 612 273-8240. Cards can be sent to: Cindy Bjork, Room 424, Riverside Medical Center Rehab, 2450 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55454.

**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 foundation 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

**This Monday, Aug. 4th, “Bridge Over Troubled Water”** The band Collective Unconscious will perform the music of Simon and Garfunkel's classic album at St. Joan of Arc, 4537 3rd Ave. So. Mpls.. This is a benefit concert for the Sept. 2-3 Peace Island Conference. Tickets, \$25, may be purchased at mapm.org or at the door. Doors open at 6:30pm., the concert is at 7:00. Flyers on back table.

**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 governates 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 pink MCC flyer on the back table for a detailed list of Relief Kit contents**, or [mcc.org/Iraqrelief](http://mcc.org/Iraqrelief). Please contact MCC Central States with any questions at 316.283.2720.

**Thank you to Wendy Brunner for transporting some of the MCC relief kits** to Goshen, Indiana this week. There are still more to be transported, so please contact the church office if you are traveling to Goshen or Newton, KS.

**For anyone who wishes to receive a subscription**, FMC provides one Mennonite publication for members or regular attenders. We currently have an offer for half-price subscriptions to the **Mennonite Weekly Review**. Anyone who doesn't already have another subscription and would like to receive this weekly newspaper, and can sign up on the yellow form located on the table by the mailboxes. **Shared copies of publications** are located on the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary. Anyone may borrow copies as wanted.

**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. Missions & Service Commissions has scholarships available. Pastor Joetta is planning to attend and would be glad for company!