

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 5, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

### Psalm 34:11-15

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

### Welcome

**\*Call to Worship** *From Words for Worship 2, edited by Diane Zaerr Brenneman,  
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Come, follow Jesus to the sacred place where God is, a place of intimate prayer, of open heart.

**We come, seeking God's face, pierced by the power of Love's presence, silent before the glory of divine beauty.**

Come, follow Jesus to a place of community, to the place where sons and daughters join as one, sharing in the bountiful grace of our Provider.

**We come, seeking God's face in our brothers and sisters, we worship, work and play, sharing our lives together in love.**

*Jesus, lead us to the Holy One that we might see God's face. Amen.*

**\*Hymn:** "How good a thing it is" #310 HWB

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

**Hymn:** "Where Love and Justice Combine," p. 6 *River of Gladness*

### 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:** "Where charity and love prevail" #305 HWB

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

**Scripture reading:** Rom 12:9-13:1, 8-10

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

**Children's Activity:** *Melissa Hochstetler & Cynthia Miller*

**Sermon:** "The Root of Peace and Justice is the Power of Agape Love"

### Communion

*We will gather at the front table in groups of 12-15 as the usher guides. Gluten free bread is available. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table.*

**Communion hymn:** "Ubi Caritas" #452 HWB

### Children's Response

#### Offering & Offertory

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

#### Introduction of guests

**\*Sung Benediction:** "Now go in peace" #74 STJ

**\*Passing the Peace**

#### Community Time

Picnic potluck after the service in Matthews Park.

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**TODAY:** Seek peace as a lifestyle / Communion

**Worship leaders:** Orv & Cleta Gingerich **Sermon:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Keyboard:** David Mayou

**Song leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Usher:** Shawn Helmeke

**Nursery:** Laurie Kaufman & Andy Martinson

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Seek peace through respect (James 2:1-13)

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Usher:** Cori Skogerboe

**Keyboard:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Fellowship buddy:** Jenny Wandersee

**Nursery:** Donna Minter & 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: August 6-10**

**Pastor:** Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 9-4. Tuesday is a study day.

**Ministry Staff:** Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 10-5

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

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**July 29: Attendance:** 67 **Offering:** \$1,903; Ashland MC: \$100; CES: \$160

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**Prayer request:** (from Mennonite Mission Network) Pray for renewal for Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network, who coordinated four Summer Language Institutes, one on the campus of LCC International University in Lithuania, one in Ukraine, one in the eastern European country of Georgia, and one in Kazakhstan.

*From Mennonite Central Committee Central States:* Thank you! Your generous and quick **response to the Ash Creek wildfires** in Montana allowed us to send a shipment of thousands of relief supplies and nearly 2,000 cans of meat. The shipment was unloaded by folks at Ashland Christian Fellowship Church on July 22. We have also received nearly \$5,000 that will go towards relief and community organizing on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

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

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

**August 7** – Sunday Text Discussion, Trotter's, SP

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

**August 15** – FMC Artisans & Crafters, 7 p.m., library

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

**August 23** – "Discussions that Encounter" Soup Group, 6:30 p.m., at FMC

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

**Romans 12:9–13:1, 8-10**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

**Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.**

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

**Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.**

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

**Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.**

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

**Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.**

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."**

No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God...

**Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

*Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.*

### Announcements

**Faith Action Vigil** - Education Not Deportation, **TODAY**, 2:30 - 3:00 p.m., Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, 425 Grove Street, Saint Paul. The time the event is hosted by NAVIGATE, an organization that addresses the needs of immigrant students, regardless of immigration status.

**FMC Women's camping weekend, August 17 and 18.** This is for women and girls of all ages and will be at nearby Baker Park Reserve Campground. You can stay overnight, or just come for the day. Biking, hiking and a chance to be outdoors. The group campground has been reserved. Hope to see you there! **Contact Heather Wengerd** if interested.

**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 (end of July, beginning of August this year). 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.** Several people from FMC participated last year and had a profound experience. The Council requests advance registration on their website: [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org).

Please **respond to the email** sent out by the church last week requesting a **head count for the FMC fall retreat**, Oct. 5-7 in Hudson, WI. If you are planning to go, email Adam Nafziger.

FMC will be hosting "**Discussions That Encounter**," a twice-monthly anti-racism forum, for our August **Soup Group, Thursday, August 23** in the fellowship hall. **Guest speaker** will be Alicia Frosch, Racial Justice and Public Policy Program Coordinator for YWCA. A soup, bread, and beverage meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the forum from 7-8:30 p.m. **Sign-up sheet in the back for helping with the meal.** *–Rich Deming*

**STAR** (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) **trainings are coming up** this fall: **Sept. 10-14 and Oct. 24-28. Scholarship funding is available through Central Plains Conference** for those who have interest but lack the financial resources for full tuition. For more information, see: [www.starmpls3.eventbrite.com](http://www.starmpls3.eventbrite.com). *–Donna Minter, STAR.Mpls@gmail.com*

My second-to-last performance with **The Wild Goose Chase Cloggers** will be this **Sunday, August 5**, at 4:00. Bring your friends and tell others to come. The performance is at Central Park Frank Rog Amphitheatre, 2540 Lexington Ave. North, Roseville. *–Shawn Helmeke*

My mother-in-law works with adults with disabilities who live independently. She is currently **looking for donations of new or gently-used household or hobby/craft items.** If you have items you would be willing to donate, find me on Sundays or send me an email. Thanks!  
*–Meagan O'Brien*

**Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day commemorations:** On **Monday, August 6**, a reflective 7:30 a.m. "Ceremony of the Cranes" remembering the bombing of Hiroshima at Peace Garden by Lake Harriet. On **Wednesday, August 8**, a Nagasaki Commemoration at 7 p.m. in the Global Harmony Labyrinth of Como Park, St. Paul. On **Thursday, August 16, Ched Meyers Free Webinar** at 7 p.m. on Hiroshima & Feast of Transfiguration (go to [www.chedmyers.com](http://www.chedmyers.com) for details about registering in advance).