

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
August 10, 2008 ~ Things that Make for Peace

**Gathering Music**  
**Welcome**  
**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

- 1: God, this day is your gracious gift.
- 2: **May we walk in the clear light of your grace.**
- 1: Give us a heart that is pure in your sight, that we may see you.
- 2: **May we love our neighbors as ourselves and truly deal justly with them.**

*All: O God, may your gracious eyes be upon us day and night.  
Bless all our undertakings to your honor. Amen.*

**\*Hymns:** “He came down” #31 STJ  
“Rain Down” #49 STJ

**Prayer of Confession:** #697 HWB

**Scripture reading:** James 2:1-13

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

**Children’s Time** “Treating everyone fairly”

**Hymn or Song:** “Where charity and love prevail” #305 HWB

**Sermon:** “Living by the ‘mercy quo’”

**Communion**

*Please form two lines in the center aisle. After you receive the bread and dip it in the grape juice and partake, please return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten free bread is available.*

**Communion hymn:** “Let the hungry come to me” #464 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**

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:** “I bind my heart this tide” #411 HWB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

**- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.**

*- The Christian Education program will resume on September 7.*

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**TODAY:** Everyone is equal before God

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Worship leader:** Jennifer Wandersee

**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg      **Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Childcare:** Gregg Richardson, Glenn Geissing & Alisa Bardo-  
Martinson

**Fellowship time:** Westby

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Dressed for Peace (Ephesians 6:10-20)

**Sermon:** Hannah Breckbill, CPT volunteer in Hebron, West Bank

**Worship leader:** Kami Blackwell Kinney

**Piano & Song Leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Childcare:** Jennifer Wandersee and One Volunteer Needed

**Fellowship time:** Volunteers Needed

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**August 3:**      Attendance: 61

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.*

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## Faith Mennonite Church

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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: August 11-15

**Pastor's Hours:** Joetta will be week in Michigan this week with her family. Please contact one of the deacons for pastoral care needs and in case of emergency.

**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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**Wilderness Wind Paddle-a-thon** — Aryn Baxter is participating today in the annual Paddle-a-thon fund-raising event for Wilderness Wind. This event helps 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 Aryn on this 50-mile paddle, there are brochures at the back of the sanctuary with more information. Or you can donate on line: <http://www.wildernesswind.org/paddleathon.htm>

**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, 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.

**Trustees "dejunkification" day - August 29.** The trustees are looking for 4-6 people who are able to help on the afternoon of August 29 to transfer junk from the boiler room into a dumpster, and also to make a trip or two to the Hazardous Waste Disposal Station. Please speak to Darrell Martin or Glenn Geissing if you can help in this way.

### Church Meetings and Events

August 19 – Deacons Commission, 7:30 p.m., Richardson's  
August 29 – FMC "Dejunkification" Day, Friday afternoon  
September 24 – Families Moving Forward  
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



"Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?"

James 2: 5

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## **James 2:1-13**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

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**

### **Simply in Season— Group Blueberry Harvest has been canceled.**

Individuals can locate blueberries grown in their geographic location at [www.minnesotagrown.com](http://www.minnesotagrown.com). 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.

**Phone number change — Leslie Minkler** has a correction to her directory information. There are now only 2 numbers for her: cell phone: 612-387-0096 and work phone: 612-312-6838. Please delete her home phone from your directory.