

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH  
August 12, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

**Psalm 34:14-22**

**Sung response:** "Seek Peace & Pursue It"

Gregg Richardson

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**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters, welcome to worship.

**We lay aside our pride and our judgments as we enter the house of God.**

In this place, each seat is a seat of honor.

**In this place, each person is of utmost value.**

Here we glimpse God's kingdom of justice.

**Here we hear whispers of God's kingdom of peace.**

*May our eyes and our ears be open.*

**\*Hymn:** "Here in this place" #6 HWB, vv. 1, 2, 4

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

**Hymn:** "O young and fearless prophet" #374 HWB, vv. 1, 4, 5

**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:** "Take, O take me as I am" #81 STJ

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

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

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

**Children's Activity:** Jan Weber and Rich Deming

**Sermon:** "Love your neighbor as yourself – Take 3"

**Responses:** Noah Skogerboe and Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Children's Response**

**Offering & Offertory**

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

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** "Christ's is the world" #62 STJ, vv. 1, 2, 4

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace**

Community Time

11:40 Fellowship time.

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**TODAY:** Seek peace through respect

**Worship leader:** Gregg Richardson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Keyboard:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Flute:** Jenny Wandersee

**Guitar:** Gerald Schlabach (tbd)

**Usher:** Cori Skogerboe

**Fellowship:** Jan Weber

**Nursery:** Donna Minter & Annette Semanchin-Jones

**Fellowship buddy:** Jenny Wandersee

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Seek peace for the whole world (Isaiah 2:1-5)

**Worship leader:** Orv Gingerich

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Usher:** Darrell Martin

**Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Nursery:** Susan Weinlick & Matthew Hendricks

**Fellowship buddy:** Richardsons

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
**Deacons: Shelly Hendricks, Clea Roth Gingerich,**  
**Donna Minter, Adam Nafziger, Neil Okerlund**

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**FMC office hours: August 13-17**

**Pastor:** Mon noon-5; Wed 9-4; Thurs 10-3. Tuesday is a study day.

**Ministry Staff:** out of the office this week

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

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| <b>August 5:</b> | <b>Attendance:</b> 53                        | <b>Offering:</b> \$2,999 |
|                  | Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,692 |                          |

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**Prayer request from Central Plains Conference:** The Ecuador Partnership is calling on the churches of Central Plains to a season of prayer for Quito Mennonite Church, which besides meeting for worship, carries out two ministries: offering peace workshops and after-school programs for neighborhood children, and offering refugee (mostly from Colombia) counseling, food, and help to start small businesses.

FMC is planning a **potluck meal** after our joint worship service with Walker United Methodist Church on **August 26**. We are asking families to **bring both a main dish and one other dish**, either salad or dessert, and singles can bring just one dish. Please make the main dish be sandwiches or a main dish salad or other item that does not need to be warmed, so that we do not need to heat up the kitchen on a potentially hot day. –*Andi Kuenning*

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

**August 14** – Sunday Text Discussion, Trotter's, SP

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

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

**August 22 (rescheduled)** – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

**August 23** – Discussions that Encounter soup group, 6:30pm, fellowship hall

**August 25** – August Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach's

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

**August 26** – Youth Canoe Outing to nearby lake, afternoon, leave from FMC

**August 27** – Deacons, 4:30 p.m., chapel

**October 5-7** – All-Church Fall Retreat, Hudson, WI

### 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.

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

**Youth Canoe Outing! Sunday, August 26.** Canoeing afternoon with the Okerstroms at a nearby lake—for upcoming 5th-7th graders to **kick off our FMC youth group** for the coming year. We will leave from church after the potluck meal. For more info, contact Phil or Paula.

**Volunteers needed to help with soup meal.** 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. A soup, bread, and beverage meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the forum from 7-8:30 p.m. **Guest speaker** will be Alicia Frosch, Racial Justice and Public Policy Program Coordinator for YWCA. **Sign-up sheet in the back.** —*Rich Deming and Pat Eliason*

**Visit Shalom Mennonite Church in Eau Claire, WI!** We would like to encourage FMC members to visit the Mennonite church started five years ago in Eau Claire on one of the next few Sundays: Aug. 19, Sept. 2, or Sept. 16 (they meet every other week). FMC is considering being a sponsoring congregation for them to help support their new part-time pastor, who is arriving Sept. 2. Contact Mike Okerstrom if interested. —*Missions & Service Commission*

**FMC Women's camping weekend, August 17-18.** 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. **Please contact Heather Wengerd** if interested.

**August Birthday Brunch, Saturday, August 25.** If you or a family member has a birthday in August, Joetta invites you (& family or friend) to her home at 248 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, for brunch on August 25 at 9:30 a.m. **Sign-up sheet on the back table.**

**Ten Thousand Villages** needs volunteers to **place a sign in your yard** for the second annual **Oriental Rug Event**, Sept. 12-16. Please respond to the email address below if you are interested in having a sign. They will be available for pickup at the St. Paul store beginning August 15, or we can deliver them to FMC for pickup. "Many thanks for your part in making this a very successful rug event for the men and women rug weavers in Pakistan!" —*Maggie Karl*, 651-225-1043, [eventscoordinator.stpaul@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:eventscoordinator.stpaul@tenthousandvillages.com).

**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](mailto:STAR.Mpls@gmail.com)

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*

*From Kristin Green:* Upcoming events at **The Third Place:** 1) Photo exhibit about refugees and immigrants; 2) "The Interrupters," **a movie about people who intervene in violent situations, Sunday, August 19, 7 p.m.** Wing Young Huie Photography Gallery, 38th and Chicago, Mpls. See: [www.wingyounghuie.com/events](http://www.wingyounghuie.com/events).

**FMC Directory update:**

- Marybeth Luing, change phone # to cell.