

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 15, 2010

Stories of God's People

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Response: In God I trust; I am not afraid.

Prayer

***Hymns:** "Sing praise to God who reigns" #59 HWB
"In your sickness" #585 HWB

Prayer of Confession: #692 HWB

Children's gathering song: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Children's time: Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6)

Song: "Dare to be a Daniel"

Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone.

Dare to have a purpose firm, dare to make it known.

Sermon: "Strength for the Struggle"

Hymn: "By gracious powers" #552 HWB

Sharing & prayer of blessing for Bob & Lauren Brown

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 worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "Guide my feet" #546 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Community Time

Fellowship time – 10:45

11:30 a.m. – Fall Retreat Planning Committee will meet in the church office.

TODAY: Daniel (Daniel 6)

Worship Leader: Beerswing family **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Piano:** Adam Nafziger

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Clea Roth Gingerich

Nursery volunteers: Heather Wengerd & Gregg Richardson

NEXT SUNDAY: Zechariah's vision (Zechariah 8:1-13)

Worship Leader: Anna & Sophia Gambucci **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Organ:** David Mayou

Ushers: Mike Okerstrom & Nikki Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Noah Skogerboe & Cindy Bjork

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.

Aug 8: Attendance: 79

Offering: not recorded

Mennonite Central Committee grieves the loss of service worker **Glen D. Lapp** following an attack on his medical team in northeastern Afghanistan. We call the church to prayer for Glen's loved ones, family and friends of the others who perished, staff of our partner organization in Afghanistan, the people of Afghanistan, and the people who carried out this tragic act. Glen truly showed Christ's love and compassion and the biblical call to peacemaking in serving with the Afghan people. He will be remembered.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Akiko Aratani and Raymond Epp and their four children as they live out the good news of Jesus through Menno Village, an award-winning urban/rural agricultural initiative in Japan.

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Aug 16-20

Pastor: Wed 1-5; Thurs & Fri 10-4. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

Church Meetings and Events

August 24 – Bible Study, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

August 25 – Deacons Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardsons

August 25 – Missions and Service, 7 p.m. Chapel

September 5 – Immigration Vigil, 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m., Ramsey Co.
Detention Center

September 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

Daniel 6 (adapted by *Gather 'Round*)

Daniel was a great favorite of King Darius of Persia. He had served the king so well that the king planned to put him in charge of the whole kingdom. This made the other officials angry and jealous. They started to look for things that Daniel was doing wrong so that they could report him to the king. But Daniel was honest and hardworking, and they couldn't find anything against him.

Then the officials had another idea. They decided to trick the king into making a law to punish Daniel. "O King Darius, live forever" they shouted. "You should make this decree: for 30 days no one may pray to anyone except you, O King. Anyone who disobeys your decree shall be thrown into a den of lions."

King Darius liked this idea and he signed the decree. Daniel knew about the decree. But he was a faithful Jew and he continued to pray just as he had always done. Three times a day he knelt by his open window and prayed to God.

The officials saw him praying. They went straight to the king and reminded him of his royal decree. They said, "Daniel is not paying attention to you or to your law, O King. He prays three times a day to his God."

King Darius did not want to punish Daniel. But he could not change the decree that he had signed. Finally, he ordered the guards to throw Daniel into the den of lions. But he said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you."

The guards threw Daniel into the lions' den. The entrance was sealed with a large stone. The king went back to his palace but he did not eat or sleep all night.

The next morning the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. He called out anxiously, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God saved you from the lions?" "O king, live forever!" said Daniel. "My God sent an angel, who closed the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me."

Daniel trusted in God.

Announcements

As **Rebecca Johnson** gains strength we are moving to **one visit/assistant per day**. A sign-up sheet for **August 16-22** is on the fellowship area table. You may sign up for the day that works for you and then **contact Rebecca to arrange the time and find whether she will need food that day or simply light cleaning/laundry**.

We are also creating a **visitation schedule for Terry Gerber**. Please consider signing up to visit her.

FMC South Minneapolis Potluck, Fridays, 6 p.m., SE corner of Powderhorn Park, corner of 15th Avenue and 35th Street. New participants welcome! Cancelled for rain.

Families Moving Forward, Friday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 11. Please note signup sheets on the fellowship table and volunteer. Folks are much needed to help with dinner (preparers, servers, cleanup) and evening activities for the children. The event is at Union Congregational UCC, 3100 Alabama Ave., St, Louis Park. See the sign up for more information. Pat Eliason is the contact.

It's time for MCC School Kits! The MCC warehouses are extremely low on school kits and MCC has already received requests for over 40,000 school kits from partner organizations around the world. The next time you're out running errands, pick up the supplies for an MCC School Kit! The complete list and instructions for making a school kit bag can be found at mcc.org/kits/school. **Empty bags ready to be filled are on the fellowship area table.**

Celebrate local food – Breakfast on the Farm, Saturday, August 21, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Gale Woods Farm, Minnetrista. Melissa Hochstetler, gardener, and her Galewoods colleagues invite you to start your weekend with a farm-fresh breakfast made from locally grown foods. Enjoy live music while eating in a beautiful farm setting. Walk around the farm, meet the farm animals, and explore the gardens. \$12 for ages 13 and up; \$6 per children 2-12 years; children under 2 are free. **RSVP by Aug 17 at 763-694-2001.** For directions: ThreeRiversParks.org.

The **Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale** is scheduled for **November 13th**. While it is a ways off, it is not too early to donate items for the sale. In particular the “Services and Gift Certificates” group would like to secure donations for the live or silent auction. The possibilities for this are nearly limitless. **Please contact Thaine Dirks before September 1st if you have services to donate.**