

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
August 23, 2009 ~ “Letters to the early churches”

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship:** #670 HWB

***Hymns:** “In thee is gladness” #114 HWB
“Lord Jesus you shall be my song” #14 STJ

Psalm 145

L: I sing your praises, O my God,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.

**P: Great are you, Yahweh, and most worthy of praise;
your greatness is beyond our understanding.**

L: Generation after generation praises your work
and proclaims your might.

**P: They publish the fame of your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your justice.**

L: Yahweh, you are gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and full of love.

**P: Your reign is a reign for all ages,
and your dominion endures for all generations.**

*ALL: You are faithful in all your words
and holy in all your works.*

L: You lift up all who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.

**P: You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you sincerely.**

*ALL: May my mouth speak your praise, Yahweh, and may all
creatures bless your holy name forever and ever.*

Children’s gathering hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s time

Hymn: “Brothers and sisters of mine” #142 HWB

New Testament reading: James 2:8-26

Reflections on Service

Hymn: “Help us to help each other” #362 HWB

Congregational Sharing Beth Richardson, deacon

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 the pastor or worship leader*)

Introduction of Guests

***Sung Benediction:** “For me to live is Christ” Insert

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.

TODAY: Faith and Works

Worship leader: Adam Nafziger

Sharing: Teresa Wasick and Hermann Weinlick

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: David Mayou

Nursery volunteers: Minke Sundseth & Nicole Nafziger

NEXT SUNDAY: God’s own people (1 Peter 2:9-17)

Worship leader: Adam Nafziger

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Mark Kaufman & Shelly Hendricks

Fellowship: Volunteers Needed

*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.*

August 16: Attendance: 80 Offering: \$1,215 and \$180 designated



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FMC OFFICE HOURS: August 24-28

Pastor: Wed-Thursday 9-4; Friday 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Michael Bischoff: Thurs 9-noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

New phone number for Steve Cayford : 612 986-1893 (cell).

There is a new sign-up form for Fellowship Volunteers

All spaces are open for the rest of August, September and October. If you are willing to provide a snack for the fellowship time after our services and help clean up, please find a date that works for you and sign up. We would like to have two volunteers per Sunday.

Church Meetings and Events

- Aug 25 – Lectionary Discussion Group will NOT meet this week
- August 30 – Car Sabbath
- August 30 and September 6 – Back-to-School – kits for MCC
- September 2 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., chapel
- September 3 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 7 p.m. church office
- September 7 – FMC Labor Day Bash, Minnehaha Park Blue Grass Festival, time TBA
- September 13 – Christian Education classes begin / Potluck
- September 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel
- September 16 – Deacon's Commission Retreat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- September 19 – House of Heinrich Concert, 7 p.m., Emmanuel Mennonite Church
- October 25 – "Who Are the Mennonites" – 2-5 pm, FMC

You've got mail...



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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.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness’, and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

L: 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.

Next Sunday, Car Sabbath – August 30

The Missions & Service Commission invites the congregation to take part in another Car Sabbath on the last Sunday of August. The purpose of Car Sabbath is to challenge ourselves to occasionally let our cars rest for an entire day. While this may not be possible for folks who live at greater distances, we encourage those who can to walk, bike, take transit, carpool, or explore other creative modes of transportation!

Back to School Sundays, August 30 and September 6

As the time of year approaches when families are buying school supplies, we encourage families and other individuals to buy extra supplies for School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee. We will collect school kits on August 30 and September 6. A complete school kit includes (all new):

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (about 21.5cm x 27cm / 8.5" x 10.5" and 70 sheets
- 4 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30cm and 12")
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- large pencil eraser

Kits can be brought in plastic bags or in double drawstring cloth bags (28cm x 40.6cm / 11in x 16in). Directions for making the bags are found at <http://mcc.org/kits/kitbags/>. A few cloth bags are available at church.

We also invite school age children to bring their personal backpack on either of these Sundays. During children’s time we will offer a “Backpack Blessing” for children as they return to school.

Opportunity for action on health care reform: “Get Back to Work” event for Senators Franken and Klobuchar. **Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 6:30 to 8:30 PM** at Plymouth Creek Center (14800 - 34th Ave North, Plymouth; in the Plymouth Room). Organized by the ISIAH-led coalition of health care partners in Minnesota.

FMC will have a table at King’s Fair, a neighborhood festival in Matthew’s Park on Saturday, September 12 from noon to 5:00 PM.

We need volunteers to staff the table to let our neighbors know about the values and activities of the church. Ideas for fun and engaging activities at the table are also welcome! To sign up for a volunteer shift, sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact Michael Bischoff at 612-234-1122.

FMC Labor Day Bash

Noon Picnic Potluck

September 7

Minnehaha Park for the
Laughing Waters Bluegrass Festival!

Please bring your own:

- items to grill (*barbecue briquettes will be provided*)
- tableware
- blanket/chairs for the concert

Bring food to share:

salads, veggies, dessert (drinks provided)

There are about 8 places for electrical plug-ins IF we get the spot we want. This is a fun event with some of the best local bluegrass bands performing. See you there!! If you have any questions ask/call Cleta Roth Gingerich at 612-333-7956

Tear off and place in offering or in Cleta Roth Gingerich's mailbox.

Labor Day Bash

Name:

Number Attending:
