

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
WALKER COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST**

August 26, 2012 ~ Seek Peace and Pursue It

Gathering in Song – led by the Walker Church musicians
Welcome – Joetta Schlabach

Psalm 34:15-22

Sung response: “Seek Peace & Pursue It”

(sopranos sing top line, altos middle line, men bottom line)

Gregg Richardson

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Prayer for Peace/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Reading: Lao Tzu #46

Silence

***Hymn:** “River of Gladness” Hesla, p. 4

Scripture reading: Zechariah 8:1-8

Dismissal of children – led by Rich Deming and Teresa Wasick

Reflections: Thaine Dirks and Minke Sundseth, Faith Mennonite
Sarah Elizabeth and Joe Hesla, Walker UMC

Interlude: “O healing river” #372 HWB

Offering

***Hymn:** “Sing the day” Hesla, p. 3

Sharing Bread & Juice / Our Joys and Cares

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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

***Sending hymn:** “Amazing Grace”

***Passing the Peace**

Community Time

We will share a potluck meal at the conclusion of our worship service. Please sit with someone you do not know!

TODAY: Seek peace in the community

Worship leaders: Walter Lockhart and Joetta Schlabach

Song leaders: Conrad Difiebre, Bret Hesla **Violin:** Phil Stoltzfus

Usher: Cori Skogerboe **Nursery:** Gerald Schlabach & Kristi Zabriskie

NEXT SUNDAY: Learning from the wilderness (Deut 4:1-9; Mark 7:1-23)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Usher: Darrell Martin

Fellowship buddy: Jacob Schlabach

Fellowship: volunteer 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 19:

Attendance: 50

Offering: \$2,766

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,692

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

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FMC office hours: August 27-31

Pastor: Mon 10-4; 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.

Prayer request from Central Plains Conference: Pray for Wood River Mennonite Church and Matt Troyer-Miller from Shickley, Nebraska, as he becomes their new pastor today. Matt will also be licensed toward ordination. Pray also for Shawn Nolt and the Salem Mennonite Church in Shickley, Nebraska, as Shawn will be ordained this afternoon.

Christian Education Program begins September 9 with classes for children and adults. Children's classes and teachers will be:

Middle School – Beth Richardson

Older primary (2nd, 3rd, 4th) – Gregg Richardson

Younger primary (1st & 2nd) – Rhonda Martin

Preschool – Andi Kuenning and Shelly Hendricks

During September the adults will meet together to discuss themes from the book *Living into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us* by Christine Pohl. This will also be the theme of our fall retreat. **A sign-up form is in the fellowship area is you would like to purchase a copy of the book for \$13.99.** (Kindle edition is available for \$9.99.) We will also distribute summaries of the readings each week.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

Today – Youth Canoe Outing, noon-4:00, leave from church

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

August 28 – Sunday Text Discussion, Trotter's Café, SP

August 29 – September newsletter deadline, noon, to Gregg Richardson

September 10 – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

October 5-7 – All-Church Fall Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

November 10 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

LaoTzu #46

In a land where the way of life is understood
Race-horses are led back to serve the field;
In a land where the way of life is not understood
War-horses are bred on the autumn yield.
Owning is the entanglement,
Wanting is the bewilderment,
Taking is the presentiment:
Only one who contains content
Remains content.

Zechariah 8:1-8 (The Message)

A message from God:

“I am zealous for Zion—I care! I’m angry about Zion—I’m involved!”

God’s message:

“I’ve come back to Zion, I’ve moved back to Jerusalem.
Jerusalem’s new names will be Truth City,
and Mountain of God and Mount Holiness.”

A message from God:

“Old men and old women will come back to Jerusalem, sit on benches on the streets and spin tales, move around, move around safely with their canes—a good city to grow old in. And boys and girls will fill the public parks, laughing and playing—a good city to grow up in.”

A message from God:

“Do the problems of returning and rebuilding by just a few survivors seem too much? But is anything too much for me? Not if I have my say.”

A message from God:

“I’ll collect my people from countries to the east and countries to the west. I’ll bring them back and move them into Jerusalem. They’ll be my people and I’ll be their God. I’ll stick with them and do right by them.

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

Brochures for the FMC Fall Retreat are in mailboxes. We warmly invite *all* to participate, even if you are a relative new-comer. This is an excellent way to get better acquainted in a beautiful, relaxing environment. **Please complete and return the registrations forms ASAP, but no later than Sept 16**, so the planning committee can plan accordingly. Payment, according to your ability to pay, can be made in the Sunday morning offering.

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 following Sundays: Sept. 2 or Sept. 16. FMC is considering being a sponsoring congregation for them to help support their new part-time pastor. Contact Mike Okerstrom if interested. —*Missions & Service Commission*

This year’s **Twin Cities Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale** is fast approaching. The sale **desperately needs a volunteer coordinator** to fill all the volunteer jobs on sale day. Here’s the scoop: this job is easy but takes some time to call volunteers. I’ve been doing this for about eight years and am happy to teach the new coordinator a few simple tools; e.g., to use MS EXCEL and to organize calling last year’s volunteers over a four-week period. Call or email me and I’ll get you started right away. —*Glenn Geissinger*

March to Vote NO on Photo ID, TODAY, August 26. 1 p.m. line up in Sabathani Community Center parking lot. 2 p.m. march begins from Sabathani (down 38th Street to Nicollet) to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. 3 p.m. program at Rev. Dr. King Park. Elected officials will be given 2-3 minutes to address the community during the program. —*Pat Eliason*

Faith Action Vigil, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2:30-3:00 p.m., Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, 425 Grove Street, SP. Catholic Charities Advocacy Office along with the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) is hosting this vigil **to support immigrant detainees and their families**, and to show support for comprehensive immigration reform.

September Service Opportunities at Community Emergency Service. CES is recruiting volunteers for two Saturdays in September for their new home delivery program. **Volunteers needed 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday Sept. 8 and 29 to help bag and deliver groceries for homebound food shelf recipients.** This would be a great family project! Please contact Susan Weinlick for details.

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. —*Donna Minter, STAR.Mpls@gmail.com*