

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

August 28, 2011

*Taste and See: God is Good*

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: You have given every plant and seed that is on earth.

**People: Taste and see that God is good!**

L: Each day you give us our daily bread.

**P: Taste and see that God is good!**

L: You have satisfied our thirst and filled us with good things.

**P: Taste and see that God is good!**

L: You call us to remember Jesus...often.

**P: Taste and see that God is good!**

L: Your words are like the sweetest honey in our mouths.

**P: Taste and see that God is good!**

L: Let us give thanks for the goodness of God!

**\*Hymns:** "We plow the fields and scatter" #96 HWB  
"I sing the mighty power of God" #46 HWB

**Gospel reading:** Luke 14:15-24

**Children's gathering song:** "Taste and See" (hymnal insert)

**Children's time** "Who will come to my party?" – The Hendricks family

**Song:** I cannot come to the banquet, don't trouble me now.  
I have married a wife; I have bought me a cow.  
I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum.  
Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

**Conversation about the story** – Annette Semanchin Jones

**Song:** "You've got a place" #4 STJ

**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

**Offering & Offertory** *You are invited to bring your offering to the table and to receive a cracker with honey.*

**Chorus:** More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey in the honeycomb. (Psalm 119:103)

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

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sung Benediction:** "We will follow" (hymnal insert)

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:45 Fellowship/party time

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**TODAY:** The Great Dinner (Luke 14:15-24)

**Worship leaders:** Kathleen Harder & Sophia Harder Kouay

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick      **Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ensemble:** Anna Gambucci, Kathleen Remund, Kristi Zabriskie

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Rhonda Martin

**Nursery:** Scott Neal & Heather Wengerd

**Fellowship time:** Harder & Beerswing families

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Labor Day: Reflections on spirituality and work

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick      **Piano:** David Mayou

**Ushers:** Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Anna Dadabo & Shelly Hendricks

**Fellowship:** 2 volunteers needed

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*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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**Aug 21: Attendance:** 69      **Offering:** not recorded

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update:**

**Received to date:** \$28,697      **Amount remaining:** \$2,303

*Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.*

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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks**  
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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** August 29-September 2

**Pastor:** Wed 9-5; Thurs 9-2; Fri 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day.

**Ministry Staff Person:** Monday 1-3 p.m.; Friday 9-noon

**Office Assistant, Julie Cross:** Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:*

*[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.*

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**TODAY, following fellowship time:** There will be a **40-minute rehearsal for Menno'Faith men's chorus** to prepare for the Anniversary Concert held on Saturday, September 24. This is an open invitation to all men attending Faith. - *Neil Okerlund*

#### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

- **Car Sabbath -- September 4** The Mission & Service Commission invites those who are able to observe a Car Sabbath next Sunday. We encourage you to walk, bike, bus, carpool, or find alternative methods of transportation to church, and minimize driving throughout the day. This is one small collective action we can take on behalf of this wonderful earth we inhabit.
- **Please bring a "work of your hands."** As we celebrate Labor Day and consider the relationship between our work and our faith, each person is invited to bring an item that they have made or something that represents their work or profession for a worship display.

#### **Church Meetings and Events**

**August 29** – Sept 25 worship planning meeting, 4:30 p.m., FMC

**August 30** – Sunday text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's Café, SP

**August 31** – Gifts Discernment Committee, 1 p.m., Hendricks home

**September 8** – Missions & Service Commission, 6:30 p.m., FMC

**September 11** – Christian Education Program resumes

**September 12-16** STAR workshop

**September 14** – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

**September 21-** Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardson home

**September 23-25** – FMC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Weekend

**October 29** – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

## Luke 14:15-24

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner." '

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

**Anniversary Committee Evite** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee recently sent out a mass email Evite to the Sept. 23-25 weekend activities. If you **did NOT receive a copy** of this email, **please contact** [anniversary@faithmennonite.org](mailto:anniversary@faithmennonite.org) to request a copy. If you DID receive it but **haven't yet responded, please RSVP** at your earliest convenience. – *Joan Kreider, Adam Nafziger, Sandra Westby*

**Today, 3-5 p.m. Dedication of mural on Seward Market**, 2431 Franklin Avenue East. ArtiCulture, a Twin Cities nonprofit arts organization, will unveil their tribute mural at Seward Market where three Somali men were brutally gunned down in the January 2010 robbery.

**Moving help request for Siggelkows', Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.** Help need to move packed boxes and furniture onto the truck. If you can help, please let Ry or Marcia know.

**For sale: solid oak church pews** (most are quite long); about (10) will be available - \$25 each / you haul! Talk to Glenn Geissinger, Trustee.

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## Announcements

After considering the **feedback received through a recent survey** of our experimental Sunday morning schedule (March-May), the Church Council decided in its August meeting to **move forward with the following Sunday morning schedule, beginning Sunday, September 11:**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. (or so) Fellowship time
- 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation/Discipleship hour

Thank you to all for completing the survey and for helpful comments.

### *Opportunities to help with Faith's Anniversary celebration*

**Lodging:** Housing for guests coming from outside the Twin Cities. We have reserved several rooms at a motel, but some guests prefer to stay in homes. Expected stay would be Friday & Saturday nights (with or without breakfast). Please indicate your willingness to host (1 or 2 persons). Reply and Questions to: Arlene Holdeman

**Anniversary Saturday (9/24):** We still have a few empty spaces on our duty list. Consider volunteering for one of these jobs:

- Host lunchtime at area restaurants, or picnic in Matthews Park (3)  
Reply or questions to: Mike & Paul Okerstrom
- Banquet set-up, clean-up, etc. @ Minnehaha Academy  
Servers (2, 3) 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Clean up, take down (2, 3) 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Reply or Questions: Joan Kreider

### *Updates from Missions and Service*

**Anniversary Weekend Service Projects:** Please sign up for a kid friendly Saturday morning project during our Anniversary Weekend.

**2 Projects to support Missio Dei:** Two projects are outlined on a display made by Mike Okerstrom. You are invited to sign up for activities such as gardening, bike repair, fence repair, and/or spending time with Missio Dei's guests. Or contribute to a "supplies drive." We will collect items during the month of September (a list of items was laced in your mailbox). Plan to bring your donations on *one of the first three Sundays in September.*

**11th Annual MCC Festival and Sale for World Relief, Oct. 29**, Hennepin Technical College, 9000 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park. 200+ volunteers & contributors play a significant role generating funds for world relief projects. Would you **consider being a partner in this worthy cause by providing a cash sponsorship** (\$100, \$200 or \$300) to defray the expenses of bringing quilts, wood products and traditional foods offered? All contributions are fully tax deductible. **Checks should be made out to: Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale and sent to Teresa Wasick, Treasurer.** - *Gene Friesen*