

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
August 30, 2009 ~ "Letters to the early churches"

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

\***Call to Worship:** #120 STJ

\***Hymns:** "As rain from the clouds" #40 STJ  
"Fairest Lord Jesus" #117 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5

**Children's gathering hymn:** "Come and See" #20 HWB

**Children's time:** "Getting ready for school"

**Hymn:** "May God grant you a blessing" #422 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Romans 8:18-27; 38-39

**Sermon:** "Dreaming and Groaning"

**Ritual of Anointing**

**Hymn:** "Blest are they" #94 STJ

**Congregational Sharing**

**Congregational Prayer with response:** "God remembers" #107 STJ

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:** "The peace of the earth be with you" #77 STJ

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

**- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.**

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**TODAY:** Car Sabbath: Seeking healing for all of creation

**Worship leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Nursery volunteers:** John Ratigan & Shelly Hendricks

**Fellowship:** Tom Johnson & Kathleen Harder

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

**Worship leader:** Annette Semanchin Jones

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Nursery volunteers:** Volunteers Needed

**Fellowship:** Dick & Sandra Westby

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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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**August 23:** Attendance: 72 Offering: \$1,647 and \$10 designated

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**Christian Education is starting on September 13!**

Fall teachers for the children's classes are: Brooke Derrickson and Andy Kuenning, Pre-school; Matthew Blackwell-Kinney, K-2; Heather Wengerd, 3-4. The Pre-school class will meet in the nursery, the K-2 class will meet in the classroom across from the nursery, and the 3-4 class will meet in the classroom under the church office.

All parents are invited to attend a **Sunday School Open House on Sept. 27** for the last fifteen minutes of the Sunday School hour. Please come and meet your child's teacher, see her/his classroom, and learn what the themes for the year will be.

There are a few new developments for Sunday School this year. All students are expected to participate in the singing time from 11:00 – 11:15. This is the first part of Sunday School. Also, students are expected to be in the Sunday School classroom for the Sunday School hour, or with their parents. We all want students to have a great year in Sunday School, as they are all an important part of their classes!

Teachers will talk with parents on September 27 about classroom expectations. ~ Kristin Green, Children's Education Coordinator

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book     STJ: Sing the Journey

\**Please stand if you are able*



Faith  
Mennonite  
Church

## Faith Mennonite Church

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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: August 31-September 4

**Pastor:** Mon 1-4; Wed 9-3; Thursday 1-5; 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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### There is a new sign-up form for Fellowship Volunteers

Many spaces are open for the rest of 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

September 1 – Lectionary Discussion (Acts 2:1-11: John 20:19b-21a)  
Trotter's, SP

September 2 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., chapel

September 3 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 7 p.m. church office

September 6 – Back-to-School – kits for MCC

September 7 – FMC Labor Day Bash, Minnehaha Park Blue Grass  
Festival, noon picnic

September 12 – King's Fair, Matthews Park, Noon – 5 p.m.

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.

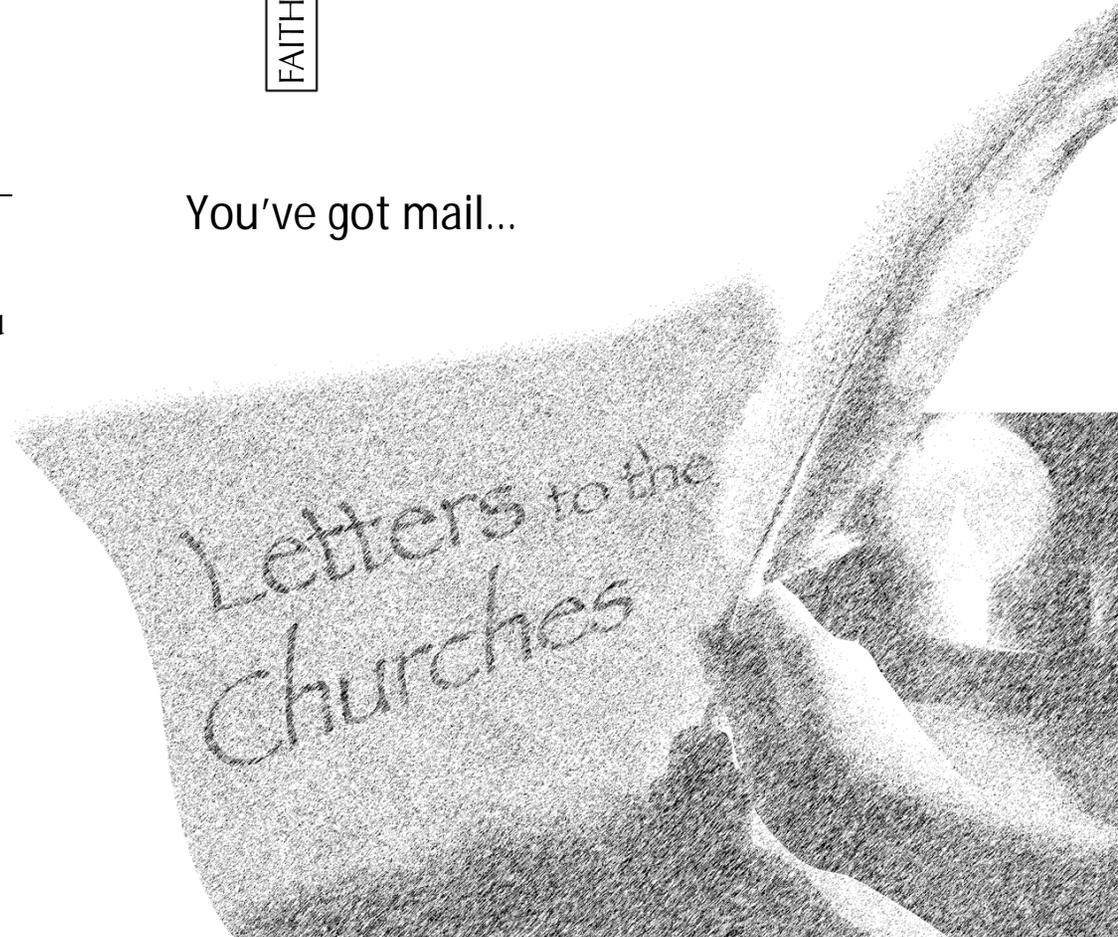
September 19 – House of Heinrich Concert, 7 p.m., Emmanuel  
Mennonite Church

September 23 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

September 27 – Children's education open house, noon

October 25 – "Who Are the Mennonites" community open house event,  
2-5 pm, FMC

You've got mail...



Summer 2009

# 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:**

### **Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

### **Romans 8:18-27; 38-39**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of  
(over)

our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.**

## Announcements

### **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 ISALAH-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.

**House of Heinrich Concert, September 19, 7 p.m.**, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 725 E 25th St., Minneapolis — A women's quintet, directed by Charles Harder, and accompanied Jan Klassen and an instrumental group. There will be a free-will offering. The **Menno' Faith Men's Ensemble** will provide opening music for this concert. Refreshments will be available.