

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

September 2, 2012

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** from Psalm 15

Oh God, who has the right to enter your tent or to live  
on your holy mountain?

**Those whose way of life is blameless, who do what is right  
and speak truth from their heart.**

Those who do not slander, who do no wrong to friends  
nor discredit their neighbors.

**The ones who honor those who fear you and stand by a pledge  
at all costs, who cannot be bribed to exploit the innocent.**

We are not worthy to enter your tent, but we come, as we are to worship.  
*Accept our thanks and praise.*

**\*Hymns:** “God of the earth, the sky, the sea” #53 HWB  
“Father God, you are holy” #78 HWB

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

**Children’s gathering song:** “Come and see” #20 HWB

**Children’s time:** “Five weeks in the wilderness” - Noah Kreider Carlson

**Hymn:** “Obey my voice” #163 HWB

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Congregational Prayer and 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

**New Testament reading:** Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21

**Reflections:** Dan Leisen and Gerald Schlabach

**Hymn:** “O God, who gives us life” #483 HWB

**Offering & Offertory**

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

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** “We will walk with God” #78 STJ

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

*Our 2012-13 Christian Education program begins next Sunday! See back  
side for details.*

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**TODAY:** Learning from the wilderness

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

**Readers:** Hendricks Family      **Usher:** Darrell Martin

**Fellowship:** Schlabachs      **Fellowship buddy:** Jacob Schlabach

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson & Shelly Hendricks

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Living into Community: Gratitude (Luke 17:11-19) /  
Communion

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach      **Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck      **Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Nursery:** Candace Lutt & Marybeth Luing

**Fellowship buddy:** Jenny Wandersee

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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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<b>August 26:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b> 136	<b>Offering:</b> \$2,310
	Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,692	

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**Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network:** Lane Stopher with MMN  
is organizing a video-making competition at the War Trauma Center in  
Serbia. Pray for healing for youth who are making videos that raise  
awareness of the psychological consequences of war.

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
**Deacons: Shelly Hendricks, Cleta Roth Gingerich,**  
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**FMC office hours: Sept. 3-7 Church office will be closed on Labor Day.**

**Pastor:** Wed & Thurs 9-4. Tuesday is a study day.

**Ministry Staff:** Tues, Wed, Thurs 10-5

**Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening.** Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

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**Faith Action Vigil, TODAY, 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.

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>) – Gregg Richardson

Younger primary (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) – 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.

Next **Sunday, Sept. 9**, at 2:30 p.m., the **Hmong Mennonite Church** will hold a **licensing service for a new pastor**. A meal will be served following the service. Joetta will represent FMC at this service and welcomes others to attend as well. If you would like to attend, please speak with Joetta.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar at: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**September 4** – Sunday Text Discussion, Trotter's Café, SP

**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

### **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

### **Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. ... For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come."

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, with extra copies on the shelf above. 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.

**Volunteer ushers needed.** Ushers play an important role each Sunday morning, making sure the sound system is working, passing out bulletins, answering questions, taking attendance, and receiving the offering. **We currently need several additional volunteers to serve once or twice a month.** If you would be willing to contribute in this way, please speak with Darrell Martin, lead usher, or Shelly Hendricks, Gifts Discernment Committee. Orientation will be provided.

**Visit Shalom Mennonite Church in Eau Claire, WI.** We would like to encourage FMC members to visit the Mennonite church in Eau Claire on **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. *—Glenn Geissinger*

**PADS Silent Auction and Night of Poetry, Dance, and Music, Saturday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.,** HAUS Salon, 4240 Nicollet Ave S, Mpls., free. Join three-time National Poetry Slam finalist Khary Jackson, dancer Alanna Morris, and percussionist Brian Van Tassel for this fundraiser to provide 1,315 students at Nyamira Girls' High School in Bondo, Kenya with menstrual kits. For more information, please visit [www.dignitysquad.org](http://www.dignitysquad.org) or contact Charity Kroecker.

**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.