

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

September 4, 2011

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Spirit of Life, open our lips,

**People: and we shall declare your praise.**

L: Open our eyes,

**P: and we shall behold your glory.**

L: Open our hearts,

**P: and we shall know your love.**

L: Open our minds,

**P: and we shall discover your wonders.**

L: Open our hands,

**P: and we shall show your generosity.**

L: Open our flesh,

**P: and we shall embody your presence.**

*From Prayer at Day's Dawning by Jim Cotter, Cairns Publications*

**\*Prayer**

**\*Hymns:** "Praise with joy the world's Creator" #16 STJ

"O God, in restless living" #557 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

**Old Testament reading:** Psalm 90:13-17

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

**Children's time** "The work of making rugs"

**Song:** "Your will be done" #57 STJ

**Reflections:** "What is our role in the 'work of God'?"

**Song:** "How clear is our vocation" #541 HWB

**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**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** "Where love and justice combine" (insert)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:45 Fellowship time

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**TODAY:** Reflections on work and faith

**Worship leader:** Bob Mack

**Reflections:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** David Mayou

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

**Nursery:** Anna Dadabo & Shelly Hendricks

**NEXT SUNDAY:** For the healing of the nations

**Worship leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Wendy Brunner & Brooke Derrickson

**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 28: Attendance:** 77 **Offering:** 2570.50; **Deacon' fund:** \$100

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update:**

**Received to date:** \$28,797 **Amount remaining:** \$2,203

*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:** Sept 5-9

**Pastor:** Wed 9-5; Thurs 11-5; Fri 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day.

**Ministry Staff Person:** 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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**Labor Day Potluck Picnic & Blue Grass Festival - Monday, Sept. 5**

**WHERE:** Minnehaha Falls Park, hopefully in Pavilion, near Sea Salt Cafe

**WHEN:** NOON

**BRING:** One main dish AND one salad/dessert/chips, your own meat to grill (optional), drink to share, your own dinnerware & lawn chairs

**\*\*NOTE: Volunteer(s) needed to hold our desired covered pavilion area in front of the Sea Salt Café from 9 a.m. – noon. Are you willing to sit for part or all of the “holding” period with a good book?**

**September Birthday Brunch – Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 -11:30 a.m.** If you or a family member has a birthday in September, pastor Joetta invites you to her home, 248 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, for brunch. This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please sign up or RSVP [jschlabach@faithmennonite.org](mailto:jschlabach@faithmennonite.org)

**Church Meetings and Events**

**September 6** – Sunday text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, St. Paul

**September 6** – Christian Education Commission, 6 p.m., FMC

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

**September 10** – Birthday Brunch, 10 -11:30, Schlabach's

**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 9** – CROP Walk for world Hunger, 1:30 p.m., Augsburg College

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

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### **Psalm 90:13-17**

Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

### **Matthew 9:35-38; 11:28-30**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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**

**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*

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### **Fall Schedule & Christian Education begins Sunday, Sept. 11**

Beginning next Sunday we will return to the schedule we experimented with last spring:

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

**Children's classes** will be as follows:

Pre-K & K: Andi Kuenning and Thaine Dirks - team teachers

Younger Primary (gr 1): Mike & Paula Okerstrom - partnering

Older Primary (gr 2-3): Kristi Zabriskie & Chris Jones - team teachers

Middler (gr 4-6): Kami Blackwell Kinney

There will be 20-24 children participating in Sunday School this year, using the Gather 'Round curriculum we've used for the past several years. We welcome new teachers Kristi, Kami and Thaine. A couple of our regular teachers could use a break later in the year, so please e-mail Minke Sundseth if you'd consider helping in that capacity.

For now, there will not be music time except for at major holidays; please enjoy fellowship time with your child and bring him/her directly to class at just before 11AM. Please make sure your child gets a restroom break before class. We also ask that parents keep their primary-age and younger children in the same room with them during fellowship time. Children wandering the building alone should be returned to their parents.

**Adults** will meet together during September:

Sept 11: Getting acquainted in deacon groups

Sept 18: Update on Marriage Guidelines Process and Pastor-Congregation Evaluation

Sept 25: Panel discussion among former and current FMC pastors  
*-Christian Education Commission*

**Tuesday morning scripture discussions** Anyone who has a free hour from 8:30-9:30 on Tuesday mornings and enjoys reflecting on scripture is invited to join Joetta and several others who meet to read and discuss upcoming preaching texts. We meet at Trotter's Restaurant in St. Paul, on Cleveland Avenue, just south of Marshall Avenue. Off-street parking is available behind the dry-cleaner (enter the alley).

**Opportunity to help with Faith's Anniversary celebration**

We are still looking for a few people to help host Saturday lunchtime at area restaurants, or picnic in Matthews Park. If you would like to be involved in this way, please contact Mike & Paul Okerstrom

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

**VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY (!) NEEDED for Saturday Work Days, Sept 10 & 17.** Several critical jobs **must be started or completed next weekend** in order to prepare for the resumption of worship in our newly painted sanctuary on 9/11. I'm sure we'll have other smaller final preparation jobs to complete before our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration... So, come one, come all and experience the joy of working shoulder to shoulder with your church friends!! **Your muscles are needed** and your reward will be great in heaven!

- **Saturday, Sept 10 – anytime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.** The Sept. 10 workday requires a thorough cleaning of the sanctuary, the removal of one pew from each side of the sanctuary with re-spacing of the remainder & the painting of one of the entry stairwells.
- **Saturday, Sept 17 – anytime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Includes painting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> entry stairwell, the staining of the banged up fellowship hall double swinging doors & the scrubbing and waxing of the fellowship hall & kitchen floor.  
Please, please **let Glenn Geissinger know by Friday noon each week if you are able to contribute a couple hours**

**FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration** There are several ways to celebrate and be involved in this momentous milestone celebration of our church life, our 50<sup>th</sup> **Jubilee**. With grateful thanks to our Anniversary Committee and numerous others, fun activities are planned for all ages, and importantly, several projects in a tradition of service. We honor our past and move forward with purpose.

**You're encouraged to participate in any of these to the best of your ability.**

- We are still looking for a few people to help **host Saturday lunchtime at area restaurants, or picnic in Matthews Park**. If you would like to be involved in this way, please contact Mike & Paul Okerstrom
- **Singing opportunity:** Anyone (men & women) who loves singing is invited to participate in Faith's choral performance of Brett Hesla's, "We Share the Peace". We will **rehearse for 30 minutes right after the Anniversary Concert on Sept. 24th** and before church on the **25th at 9am**. If you are unable to attend the Saturday's rehearsal, you can join us for the brief rehearsal on Sunday morning. The piece can be learned quite easily. All visitors are welcome to sing with us. -*Neil Okerlund*
- **On September 24th:** Sign up for 1-2 kid friendly **service projects** during our Anniversary Weekend. The first option is to participate in **graffiti removal** around the Seward neighborhood (more suited to older children) or, **pick up trash** around the neighborhood. Also sign up for 1-2 **fun activities** including a **bike ride** and a **history walking tour**.
- **2 Projects to support Missio Dei**, as outlined on the large poster 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."** Plan to bring donated supplies to the church on one of the first three Sundays in September (a list of items was placed in your mailbox).