

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 7, 2008

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 119**

L: Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes

C: that I may always observe them.

L: Give me discernment that I may observe your law

C: and keep it with all my heart.

L: Guide me down the paths of your commands,

C: for I delight in it.

L: Turn my eyes away from seeing worthless things;

All: by your way renew my life.

***Hymns:** “What is this place” #1 HWB

“Holy Spirit come with power.” #26 HWB

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time: “The most important rule”

Hymn: “Will you let me be your servant” #307 HWB

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon: “A conversation about love”

Communion *We will gather at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free.*

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

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 & Offertory

Announcements *(please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)*

Introduction of Guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

***Sending hymn:** “Sent forth by God's blessing” #478 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45-11:10 a.m.

- Children’s music – 11 a.m., Room 201, education wing

- Education for all ages – 11:15-noon; adults in basement fellowship hall

- Potluck lunch – 12:15

TODAY:

Worship leader: Cleta Roth Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson **Organ:** David Mayou

Childcare: Gerald Schlabach & One Volunteer Needed

NEXT SUNDAY:

Worship leader: Cleta Roth Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Childcare: Two Volunteers Needed

Fellowship time: Volunteers Needed

August 31: Attendance: 62 Offering: Not Recorded

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. 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.

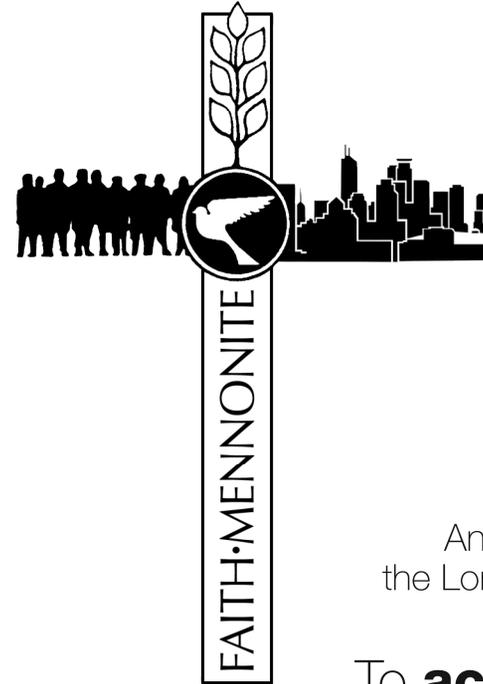
Please check your mailbox for information on the formation of **small groups** this fall. Please return the form TODAY, in the morning offering or to the church office mailbox.

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: September 8-12

Pastor's Hours: Monday 1-5; Wed & Thurs 10-4; Friday 9-1. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Thank you to **Joan Kreider** for delivering MCC kits to Newton, KS, last weekend, and to everyone who contributed kits.

Update from Troy & Emma Osborne: "Iris Katherine finally arrived on August 14 at 9 pounds 14 ounces. She and mother are doing well, although the trip, the move, and the baby have made all of us a little tired. Please pass on our greetings to the Faith family." Troy & Emma's address in Bluffton, OH, where Troy is teaching at Bluffton University is: 201 N. Lawn Avenue, Bluffton, OH 45817. Email: osbornet@bluffton.edu.

We do not yet have a **coordinator for the Oct. 12 CROP walk**. Would YOU be like to serve in this way? If no one steps up by Sept. 12, we will cancel our participation this year. You may speak with Melissa Hochstetler about what's involved.

Church Meetings and Events

- September 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC
- September 10 – Deacon Commission, 2:30 p.m., Richardson's
- September 10 – Retreat Committee, 4:30, Schlabach's
- September 12, Ministry Staff Position Application Deadline
- September 21 – Ice Cream Social with Community of St. Martin, FMC, 5:30 p.m.
- September 24 – Families Moving Forward
- September 26-28 – Fall All-Church Retreat, Osceola, Wisc.
- October 12 – CROP Walk for World Hunger
- October 19 – FMC Neighborhood Gatherings, 5-7 p.m.
- November 8, 2008 – MCC- Festival & Sale for World Relief

And what does
the Lord require of you?

To **act justly** and
to **love mercy**
and to **walk humbly**
with your God.

Micah 6:8

**Come,
walk with us.**

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Announcements

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

L: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

"Missio Dei Open House (Clare House)" September 14, 6-9 p.m. Missio Dei, the new Anabaptist fellowship on the West Bank invites us to an open house celebrating the purchase of a new community house at 2717 8th St. South in Minneapolis. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to mark@missio-dei.com. We will have further opportunity to get better acquainted with the Missio Dei community when Mark Van Steenwyk preaches at FMC and speaks informally during the Christian education hour on Sunday, September 21.

Join Faith and the Community of St. Martin for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 21 at 5:30 pm for a time to meet the members of CSM, which shares our commitment to peacemaking. The ice cream will be provided. Please bring your favorite topping to share. After this time of socializing, all are invited to stay for the CSM service of "Prayer around the Cross." CSM holds this service, in the style of Taizé worship, on the 3rd Sunday of each month. CSM will have child care available during the service which lasts about 45 minutes. We will need several volunteers to scoop ice cream and help wash dishes. (Members of Faith and CSM will share these duties.) A sign-up sheet is available for this and the remaining social events through Feb '09. ~ *Leslie Minkler, on behalf of the Fellowship Commission.*

Don't forget to sign up for nursery care and/or fellowship time hosting. Both volunteer opportunities are important contributions to our Sunday worship. ~ *Leslie Minkler, Fellowship Commission, & Mark Kaufman, nursery volunteer coordinator*

The Children's Auction at the Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale in November needs your help. We are looking for 20 new or very gently used items, valued between \$20 and \$25 each, that children would be excited to bid on. If you have something to donate, contact Evelyn Turner by phone at 507-288-7554 or at evelynturner1@msn.com if you prefer email.

Parents of young children may wish to check out **two articles in the August 5 edition of *The Mennonite*** (shared copies on magazine rack): "Growing compassionate kids" and Bring back the wonder of childhood."

Nursery families, friends, and volunteers who know Meagan O'Brien and would like to attend her and Phil Moody's September 20th wedding should see her by September 7th for an invitation. Alternately, please email her your address as soon as possible and she will mail one to you. (meaganobrien@hotmail.com)