

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
September 9, 2012 ~ Living Into Community

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

\***Call to Worship** #670 HWB  
\***Hymns:** “For the Beauty” #89 HWB  
“Jesus Christ is waiting” #30 STJ

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:4-12  
**Children’s gathering song:** “Come and see” #20 HWB  
**Children’s time:** “Backpack blessing”  
**Hymn:** “Come, walk with us” #2 STJ

**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:** Luke 17:11-19  
**Sermon:** “Stopping to say thank you”

**Communion**

*We will gather at the tables 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. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

**Hymn:** “Rain down” #49 STJ

**Offering & Offertory**

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

**Introduction of guests**

\***Sending hymn:** “Great God we sing” #639 HWB  
\***Benediction**  
\***Passing the Peace**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book  
\*Please stand if you are able

STJ: Sing the Journey

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time – Basement fellowship hall

11:00 Education classes for all ages

**Christian Education Program begins TODAY** with classes for children and adults. Children’s classes and teachers will be:

Middle School – Beth Richardson (2<sup>nd</sup> floor-above sanctuary)

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

Younger primary (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) – Rhonda Martin (Rm 204-206)

Preschool – Andi Kuenning and Shelly /Matthew Hendricks (Nursery)

**During September the adults will meet together** in the fellowship hall 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 number of books are available for purchase - \$13.99.** (Kindle edition is available for \$9.99.) We will also distribute summaries of the readings each week via the Midweek Email Update.

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**TODAY:** Gratitude

**Worship leader:** Chris Jones

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Usher:** Darrel Martin

**Fellowship buddy:** Jenny Wandersee

**Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Nursery:** Candace Lauth & Marybeth Luig

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Promise-making and keeping (Ecc 5:1-7; Mt 21:28-31)

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Organ:** David Mayou

**Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Fellowship buddy:** Richardsons **Nursery:** Cori Skogerboe & Donna Stucky

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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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**September 2:**

**Attendance:** 55

**Offering:** \$1,678

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,692

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**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for students beginning new terms at our Mennonite colleges, seminaries, and schools.

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
**Deacons: Shelly Hendricks, Cleta Roth Gingerich,**  
**Donna Minter, Adam Nafziger, Neil Okerlund**

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**FMC office hours: Sept. 10-14**

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

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

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

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**TODAY** 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 contact Joetta.

**September Birthday Brunch, Saturday, Sept. 15.** If you or a family member has a birthday in September, Joetta invites you (& family or friend) to her home at 248 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP by noon on Sept. 13.

**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 newcomer. **Please complete and return the registration 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.

**Weekly 30-minute prayer time for fall conversation process in Central Plains Conference.** The Church Council invites the congregation to a weekly time of prayer, each **Thursday at 7 p.m., beginning this week**, to pray for our FMC participants in the regional listening sessions scheduled this fall in response to the marriage guidelines we adopted at the beginning of this year (find a complete update in the September FMC newsletter). Each week the chapel will be reserved for anyone who would like to come and join with others in praying for God's Spirit to move through this process. Anyone who would like to host one or more weeks should contact the church office.

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

**September 10** – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

**September 11** – Sunday Text Discussion, Trotter's Café, SP

**September 13** – Weekly Prayer for CPMC listening sessions, 7 p.m., chapel

**October 5-7** – All-Church Fall Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

**November 10** – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

**Deuteronomy 6:4-12**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**Luke 17: 11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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**

**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 Sunday, Sept. 16. FMC is considering being a sponsoring congregation for them to help support their new part-time pastor. Contact Mike Okerstrom if interested.

This week **we say farewell to the Kushite Seventh Day Adventist (Oromo) church group** that has used our chapel on Saturday mornings for the past 19 months. They have decided to move to a new location. They express deep gratitude for our hospitality during these months.

This year's **Twin Cities MCC Sale** is fast approaching. We **desperately need 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 help train the new person.  
–Glenn Geissinger

**Conversation Training.** One Voice Mixed Chorus has invited FMC, BMC, and St. Paul Mennonite to co-host a “Conversation Training” by MN United for all Families **to help defeat the marriage amendment** on the November ballot. It will be held at the end of a One Voice retreat **on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m.** in the **FMC fellowship hall**. Ice cream will be served.  
**Please join us!** –Jane Miller

**Thursday, Sept. 20, Twin Cities area meet-up with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) guests**, for conversation and information, from 6:30 p.m. on. If enough people RSVP, we will find a banquet room at a local Somali restaurant for a reasonable cost. If fewer than 10, we'll cater it in to the church or our home. The guests are Pastors Siaka Traore of Burkina Faso and Benjamin Mubenga of the DRC, and AIMM staff Rod Hollinger-Janzen and Lola Gingerich. **Please RSVP** to 651-766-9759 **by Sunday, Sept. 16.** –Mathew Swora, Emmanuel Mennonite Church

Support the **expansion plans for Birchwood Cafe** next **Tuesday, Sept. 11**, during the Seward Neighborhood Group Development Committee meeting, 7-9 p.m., Matthews Center. If you live or work in Seward and you want to support Birchwood's Land Use Application to rezone and remodel the current site, please come. –Andy Martinson & Lori Gingerich-Boberg

**Lyme Disease Benefit Tag Sale this Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 13-15**, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., FMC Fellowship Hall, to support the medical bills for a community member, Britt. See poster in foyer.

**Volunteers needed** to work with ISIAAH to do phone banking, door knocking, and/or sign holding **to defeat the Photo-ID/Voter Registration Amendment** that will be on the ballot this November. If interested, contact Laura Johnson, 612-360-1498, ljohnson@isaiahmn.org. –Rich Deming

I am **looking for housing** in the Seward area. My preference is to rent a room in a house or a small apartment. I am a professional in refugee and girls education and will be teaching at St. Thomas and St Cloud State this fall.  
–Andrew Jilani

**Temporary housing needed** for a husband and wife, Fuller Theological Seminary grads, who are moving here from Los Angeles. Contact Kristi Zabriskie.