

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 11, 2011

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** based on Isaiah 66:12-14

Leader: Thus says our God: I will extend prosperity to my people like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

People: and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

L: As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in my holy place.

P: You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

L: It shall be known that the hand of God is with God's servants.

***Hymns:** "Holy Spirit, come with power" #26 HWB
"If the war goes on" #66 STJ

New Testament reading: Revelation 22:1-5

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

Children's time "Things that heal"

Song: "The tree song" - Chris Jones

I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
And the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sundown,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be—
A strong young tree.

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon: "Becoming perfect in love"

Pray/anointing for healing / Hymn: "Healer of our every ill" #277 HWB

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer with Response: "O healing river" #372 HWB

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. *(continued next page)*

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 worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "Let there be light, Lord God" #371 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:40 Fellowship time. We will share beverages together and then snacks will be served in the adult and children's classes

-11:00 Education for all ages (see announcements for room assignments)

TODAY: 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

NEXT SUNDAY: The water of life (Isaiah 41:17-20; John 7:37-38)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach **Sermon:** Gerald Schlabach

Song leader: Karen Wiebe **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Ushers: Barb Beers & Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke

Nursery: Joan Wing & Pat Eliason

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

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.

Sept 4: Attendance: 71 **Offering:** not recorded

Sanctuary Painting Project Update:

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

Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 12-16

Pastor: Joetta will attend the STAR workshop this week and thus will not hold office hours. She will check voicemail and return phone calls as she is able.

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. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

Fall Schedule & Christian Education begins!

Children's classes are as follows:

- Pre-K & K: Andi Kuenning & Thaine Dirks - team teachers (Nursery)
- Younger Primary (gr 1): Mike & Paula Okerstrom – partnering (Rooms 204/206-across from nursery)
- Older Primary (gr 2-3): Kristi Zabriskie & Chris Jones - team teachers (Library)
- Middler (gr 4-6): Kami Blackwell Kinney (108 – below church office)

For now, there will not be music time except for at major holidays; please enjoy fellowship time with your child(ren) and bring him/her directly to class at just before 11 AM. 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 & Pastor-Congregation Evaluation

Sept 25: Panel discussion among former and current FMC pastors

12-12:40 p.m. Chapel -- Menno'Faith Rehearsals All men who enjoy singing are invited to rehearse with the men's ensemble for two songs in the FMC 50th Anniversary Concert Sept. 24. Join us, even if you can't make every rehearsal!

Church Meetings and Events

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 50th 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

Revelation 22:1-5

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 any more. 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 for ever and ever.

Matthew 5:43-48

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

Ministry Staff Person **Kathleen Remund** completed her service with our congregation this past Friday. She begins a new half-time position at St. Paul's UCC on Monday and will continue in her church relations position at United Theological Seminary. We will acknowledge Kathleen's work and bless her in her new endeavor during worship next Sunday, Sept. 18.

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).

Announcements

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY (!) NEEDED for next Saturday Work Day, Sept 17, anytime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Several critical jobs are in progress. Other smaller final preparation jobs need to be completed before our 50th anniversary celebration weekend. 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! Please, please **let Glenn Geissinger know by Friday noon this week if you are able to contribute a couple hours**

Soup Group: Due to a variety of events this September, we will only have one Soup Group: Friday, September 30, 6 p.m. at the home of Erin Geiser. Simple soup and bread provided. All are welcome to partake and enjoy the company of others. Soup Group is typically held 1st Monday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Thursday and 4th Friday of each month throughout the year at volunteer host's homes.

FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration: All are encouraged to participate in this momentous milestone celebration. Grateful thanks to our Anniversary Committee & many others for activities & projects in our tradition of service.

- We are still looking for a few people to help **host Saturday lunchtime at area restaurants, or picnic in Matt hews Park.** Contact Mike & Paul
- **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
- **September 24th:** Sign up for 1-2 kid friendly **service projects** during our Anniversary Weekend. The first is to participate in **graffiti removal** around the Seward neighborhood or, **pick up trash** around the neighborhood. Also are a **bike ride** and a **history walking tour**.
- **September 25: Potluck.** With a busy and full weekend, Sunday's lunch is minimal preparation and clean-up. We will depart from our usual potluck fare and have finger foods. Volunteers needed to provide plates of vegetables/dip, fruit, and desserts (cookies and bars for ease of serving); to supplement meat, cheese, spreads, & bread that will be purchased. If you are willing to provide one of the above, please sign-up. Alisa Bardo-Martinson
- **2 Projects to support Missio Dei:** Please sign up for **gardening, bike repair, fence repair, or spending time with Missio Dei's guests.** Please **contribute to a "supplies drive" and** bring donations on one of the next two Sundays in September (a list of items was placed in your mailbox).