

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
September 13, 2009 ~ "Breathe and Be Filled"

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 104*)

L: Lord, send down your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

P: Praise be to God! Mighty are God's works.

L: The Lord gives life to the earth. The Lord cares for all creation.

All: We are all filled with your abundance.

L: May the glory of the Lord shine forever.

P: God looks on the earth and it trembles.

L: The Lord touches the mountains and they smoke.

P: Let us sing to the Lord while we live.

All: Lord, send down your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

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***Hymns:** "Holy Spirit, come with power" #26 HWB
"O Breath of life" #35 STJ

Prayer of Confession: #690 HWB

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

Children's time: ""

Hymn: "If you believe & I believe" #32 STJ

New Testament readings: John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-11

Sermon: "What does this mean?"

Hymn: "Spirit, working in creation" #10 STJ (vv. 1, 2, 4)
(v. 4: substitute "our Maker" for "the Father")

Congregational Sharing

Congregational 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 and Offertory

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** "Fire of God, undying Flame" #129 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

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

- Children's Music- 11a.m., Room 201, education wing

- Christian Education - 11:15-Noon

Adult sessions in September:

- Sept. 13: Practices for being a welcoming and safe church community
- Sept. 20: Reports/Discussion on Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting and the Mennonite Assembly in Columbus
- Sept. 27: Introduction to the Gifts Discernment Process for the coming year

- Noon: Potluck meal in basement fellowship hall

- Noon: Menno' Faith rehearsal for Sept. 19 performance (30 minutes)

TODAY: Gathered in God's Spirit

Worship leader: Erin Geiser

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Donna Stucky

Piano: Gregg Richardson

Nursery volunteers: Cindy Bjork & Chris Jones

Today we begin a 4-week series, "Breathe and be filled," which was the theme of the Columbus 2009 gathering of Mennonite Church USA this summer.

NEXT SUNDAY: Centered in the Spirit (Matt 9:35-38; 1 Cor 3:6-9)

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Seth McCoy

Song leader: Donna Stucky

Piano: Gregg Richardson

Nursery volunteers: Pat Eliason & Karen Wiebe

Fellowship: Volunteer Needed

Next Sunday Seth McCoy, newly licensed Mennonite pastor of the Third Way, a recently formed Anabaptist community in the St. Paul Midway area, will preach and members of their community will join us for worship.

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.

September 6: Attendance: 71 Offering: \$1,373



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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 14-18

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Thursday 9-4; Friday 9-1. Tuesday is a study day. This Wednesday Joetta and the deacons will meet for a retreat day to reflect on their role in providing spiritual growth and care in the congregation. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Michael Bischoff: Thurs 9-noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Church Meetings and Events

September 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

September 15 – Lectionary Discussion (Eph 4:11-16) Trotter's, corner of Marshal and Cleveland, SP, 8:30 a.m.

September 16 – Deacon's Commission Retreat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

September 19 – House of Heinrich Concert, 7 p.m., Emmanuel Mennonite Church

September 23 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

September 27 – Children's education open house, 11:45 a.m.

October 25 – "Who Are the Mennonites" community open house event, 2-5 pm, FMC

October 25 – FMC Movie ,Game, & Pizza night, 6:30-??

Breathe and be filled

Announcements

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear . . . , Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

L: 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.**

Thank you to Dick Westby for working with Michelle Hutchins in getting our fellowship hall floors cleaned and waxed.

Menno' Faith men's chorus has two performances scheduled for this fall: the **September 19 House of Heinrich** fundraising concert at Emmanuel Mennonite Church and the **November 14 MCC Fall Festival and Sale**. **Rehearsals for the Sept. 19 performance are as follows:** **Today**, noon (30 minutes) **September 19th** at Emmanuel, 6 pm (just before the 7 p.m. concert) -Neil Okerlund, director

House of Heinrich Concert, Saturday, September 19, 7 p.m., Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 725 E 25th St., Minneapolis — A women's quintet, directed by Charles Harder, and accompanied by Jan Klassen and an instrumental group. There will be a free-will offering to support the Fall MCC Festival & Sale. The **Menno' Faith Men's Chorus** will provide opening music for this concert. Refreshments will be served.

Families Moving Forward—**There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary for our Friday/Saturday, Oct. 2-3 hosting.** We need volunteers for evening meal, childcare and overnight host. Cindy Bjork is also asking if there are people at Faith who would be willing to be on call to **assist families with their moves** to new housing. For more information contact Cindy at 612-338-2547.

Following up on our "Immigration& Food Justice" forum last March: As the Jewish community prepares for the holiest days of the year, Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur (Sept. 19 &28) – a time for reflection, renewal and fresh starts – **Jewish Community Action** invites us to join them in expressing our hopes for improved conditions and better practices under the new owners' leadership at **Agri Star in Postville IA** . **Happy New Year Cards** are on the back table. More info at: www.jewishcommunityaction.org/organize/PostvilleRaid.htm

Celebrate Fall in the North woods. Wilderness Wind's Lakeside cabins are available September 30th to October 11th for personal and family retreats. Also, if you are interested in quilting, scrap booking or other hand crafts, join a special retreat Oct 1-4. If you don't have a project, come quilt the top to be donated at the next MCC sale. To reserve a cabin or for more information, see www.wildernesswind.org or call 316-217-1129.

Mark your calendar for a Movie, Game & Pizza night at FMC. Friday Oct. 30, 6:30-?? p.m. If you enjoyed (or missed) the Labor Day picnic, here's another opportunity for fellowship with FMC folk. More details to follow.