

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 14, 2008

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** #673 HWB

***Hymns:** “Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee” #71 HWB
“The Lord is kind and merciful” ~ Psalm 103

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Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

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

Children’s Time: “Learning to Forgive” (Matthew 18:21-33)

Hymn: “O healing river” #372 HWB
Alt v. 3: “O let forgiveness”

Sermon: “Trusting in Forgiveness”

Anointing

Hymn: “In the stillness of the evening” #551 HWB ~ ensemble
Congregation join on v. 5

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

***Please stand if you are able**

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** “Go my children” #433 HWB (v.1-2)

***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

Today’s adult session: Introduction to the Gifts Discernment Process

TODAY: Stories of Forgiveness

Worship leader: Clela Roth Gingerich **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Reader: Ry Siggelkow

Drama: Matthew Hendricks & Matthew Blackwell Kinney

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

Viola: Karen Wiebe

Childcare: Carol Harder & Nikki Fitch

Fellowship time: Adam Nafziger

NEXT SUNDAY: God’s social & economic policy (Jonah 3:10-4:11;
Matt 20:1-16; Phil 1:21-31)

Sermon: Mark Van Steenwyk, Missio Dei

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Annette Semanchin-Jones & One Volunteer

Fellowship time: Tom Johnson & One Volunteer Needed

September 7: Attendance: 85 Offering: \$1,402

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.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Cleta Roth Gingerich, Candace Lantt, Mike Okerstrom,
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: September 15-19

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

We welcome **Cleta Roth Gingerich** who has agreed to fill an open **deacon** position.

Thank you to **Joan Kreider** who has agreed to be the FMC coordinator for the October 12 CROP Walk. Walkers and sponsors are needed!

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. One volunteer is still needed to scoop ice cream and help wash dishes. (Members of Faith and CSM will share these duties.)~
Leslie Minkler, on behalf of the Fellowship Commission.

Church Meetings and Events

September 21 – Ice Cream Social with Community of St. Martin, FMC, 5:30 p.m.

September 24 – Families Moving Forward

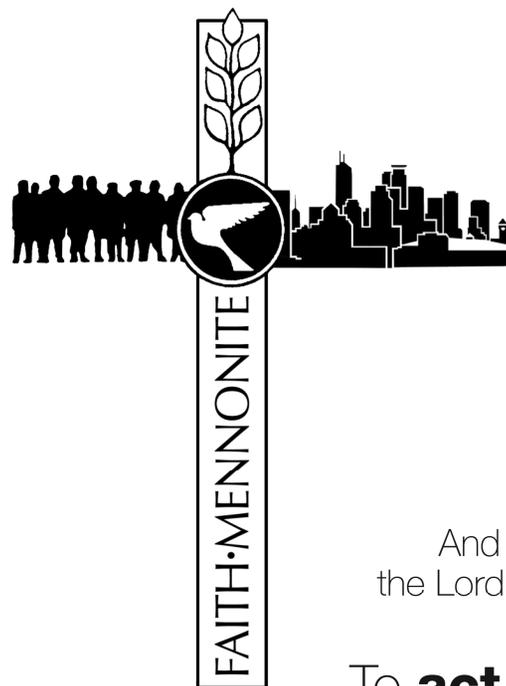
September 26-28 – Fall All-Church Retreat, Osceola, Wisc.

October 12 – CROP Walk for World Hunger

October 11 – Potluck for parents of young children
4-6 p.m., Sundseth residence

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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Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Matthew 18:21-33

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?"

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.

Announcements

The Book Discussion Group will meet this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hermann and Susan Weinlick, 2834 39th Ave. S. The book is *A Voyage Long and Strange: Rediscovering the New World* by Tony Horwitz. New members are welcome. At each monthly meeting the group decides on the book they will read next.

Neil Okerlund is assembling the Menno' Faith Men's chorus for the Nov. 8 Mennonite Relief Sale! The group will sing in the morning. If there are men at church who would like to join them for this event they would love to have you sing with them. This is a fun and easy-going group..

Seeking volunteers for tutoring program — Kristin Green will coordinate a tutoring program for 3rd and 4th grade students from Jefferson Community School in South Minneapolis. She is looking for fall volunteers. See full announcement on bulletin board in church foyer. Call Kristin at: 612-872-8266 work 612-721-8786 home

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.

Coat Drive for Refugees Can you imagine facing your first Minnesota winter without a coat? In a few short months, many newly-arrived refugees will encounter snow for the first time, unequipped with suitable winter clothing. The answer to this dilemma just might be hiding in your closet! Refugee Services is accepting new and gently used coats, hats, and mittens in preparation for our fall coat giveaway, to be held in mid-October. Donations can be brought to the Minnesota Church Center 122 Franklin Avenue West, Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN 55404 anytime during business hours. For more information, please contact Kristin at 612-230-3219.

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September 18, Keeping the Faith: A Faith-Based Agenda for the Next President; John DiIulio, University of Pennsylvania (Professor of Political Science); 3:30 PM; Cowles Auditorium (HHH Center - UMN campus). Free and open to the public.

Aryn Baxter will be writing a newsletter about her experiences in Rwanda. She hopes to share about the beautiful and fascinating country and the work Food for the Hungry (the organization she will be working with) . She also hopes that once in a while you will write back. If you wish to receive her newsletter, email her at baxte085@umn.edu. You can read more at www.habarizaryn.blogspot.com . Her newsletter is posted on the bulletin board on the foyer.