

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
September 16, 2012 ~ Living Into Community

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** based on Psalm 136  
*Response: God's love is everlasting!*

**\*Hymns:** "Jesus calls us here to meet him" #3 STJ (vv. 1-3)  
"We worship God the Rock" #28 STJ

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 7:7-9; Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

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

**Children's time**

**Hymn:** "Blest are those who trust" #2 Hesla (vv. 1, 2, 5)

**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:** Matthew 21:23, 28-31a; 5:33-37

**Sermon:** "A Community of Promise"

**Hymn:** "I bind my heart this tide" #411 HWB

**Offering & Offertory**

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

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sung benediction:** "Now thank we all our God" #86 HWB (vv. 1, 2)

**\*Passing the Peace**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Hesla: River of Gladness

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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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Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time – Basement fellowship hall

11:00 Education classes for all ages

**Christian Education Program.** Children's classes and teachers are:

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 (Kg, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) – Minke Sundseth (Rm 204-206)

Preschool – Shelly/Matthew Hendricks and Andi Kuenning (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.

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**TODAY:** Making and Keeping Promises

**Worship Leader:** Rich Deming

**Sermon:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Organ:** David Mayou

**Usher:** Cori Skogerboe

**Fellowship:** Adam & Nikki Fitch Nafziger

**Nursery:** Noah Skogerboe & Matthew Hendricks

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Living truthfully (Isaiah 59; Ephesians 4; Luke 12:1-3)

**Worship leader:** Chris Jones

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Nursery:** Heather Wengerd & Jacob Schlabach

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**September 9:**

**Attendance:** 90

**Offering:** \$2,336

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

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**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. 17-21**

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5; Wed 9-5; Thurs 2-6. Tuesday is a study day. On Thursday Joetta will meet with area Mennonite pastors in Cannon Falls.

**Ministry Staff:** Wed 10-7, Thurs 12-6

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

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**Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network:** Members of the London Mennonite Trust, a MMN partner, are refurbishing new properties in Birmingham, England. Pray for discernment as they collaborate with United Kingdom Anabaptist Network to develop a new vision for ministry.

**Fall Retreat Registrations due TODAY!** 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. Payment, according to your ability to pay, can be made in the Sunday morning offering. **Return registration forms to Adam Nafziger's mailbox.**

**A new fellowship time sign-up sheet** for the fall is in the back. Volunteers are needed to prepare coffee, hot water, and snacks for after the worship service each Sunday.

**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.**, to pray for our FMC participants in the regional listening sessions scheduled this fall in response to the FMC marriage guidelines. 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. A sign-up sheet is in the back for anyone who would like to host one or more weeks.

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

**September 18** – Sunday Text Discussion, Trotter's Café, SP

**September 19** – FMC Artisans & Crafters, 7 p.m., library

**September 20** – Weekly Prayer for CPMC listening sessions, 7 p.m., chapel

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

**October 13** – One Voice Mixed Chorus Concert, 7:30 p.m., at FMC

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

**Deuteronomy 7:7-9**

It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

**Ecclesiastes 5:4-5**

When you make a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not fulfill it.

**Matthew 21:23, 28-31a**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching... Jesus said to them... “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

**Matthew 5:33-37**

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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 or Shelly Hendricks. Orientation will be provided.

Group coming together interested in exploring a **fall bible study** on the Gospel of John **and a mutual support group** for singles. Possible meeting time Thursday mornings. Contact Jim Kuebelbeck if interested.

**Fall Soup groups** will begin again in October. This is an opportunity for our church community to come together to share a meal on a regular basis.

**Sign-up sheet is in the back.** Times are the first Monday, second Tuesday, third Wednesday, and fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 6 p.m. For each of those evenings, we are looking for a volunteer to sign up to host at your home or at the church, and/or prepare a simple soup and bread meal.

**Two opportunities to help defeat ballot initiatives that would limit participation:**

- **Volunteers needed** to work with ISAIAH 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](mailto:ljohnson@isaiahmn.org). *–Rich Deming*
- **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*

**Fare for All Express, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 5-7:00 p.m.,** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St., Mpls. Save up to 40% on groceries, open to anyone who wants to stretch their food dollar. See: [www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org).

Minnesota Secretary of State **Mark Ritchie** will be speaking at Augsburg College on **Thursday, Sept. 20,** in Sateren Auditorium from 1:30-3 p.m. He will speak about **Minnesota’s voting history and our rights** and responsibilities as voters. *–Orv Gingerich*

**Twin Cities area meet-up with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) guests,** for conversation and information, **Thursday, Sept. 20, 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*

Thank you very much to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls following my surgery. I sincerely appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. *–Donna Stucky*