

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 18, 2011

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** based on Isaiah 12:2-3

Leader: Surely God is our salvation;

**People: we will trust, and not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is our strength and our might;
God has become our salvation.**

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**P: And we will say on that day: Give thanks to the LORD,
call on God's name; make known God's deeds
among the nations; proclaim God's exalted name.**

L: Surely God is our salvation;

P: we will trust, and not be afraid.

***Hymns:** "I heard the voice" #493 HWB

"We worship God the Rock" #28 STJ

Old Testament reading: Genesis 2:4b-6, 10; Isaiah 41:17-20

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

Children's time

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: John 7:37-38; 40a, 44

Sermon: "Does our river live?"

Hymn: "Blest are those who trust" (hymnal insert)

Acknowledgement and Blessing for Kathleen Remund

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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

Offering & Offertory – *Items for Missio Dei supplies drive can be brought forward during the offering.*

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "Let Justice flow like streams" #65 STJ

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **10:40** Fellowship time

- **11:00** Education for all ages **Adults** will meet in the basement fellowship hall for updates on the Marriage guidelines process and the Pastor-Congregation Evaluation

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!

TODAY: The water of life

Worship leader: Gregg Richardson **Sermon:** Phil Stoltzfus

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

Ushers: Barb Beers & Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke

Nursery: Joan Wing & Pat Eliason

NEXT SUNDAY: 50th Anniversary Celebration (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach **Sermon:** Myron Schrag

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Melissa Falb **Organ:** Eleanor Kaufman

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Cori Skogerboe & Heather Wengerd

Next Sunday former pastor Myron Schrag (1976-1992) will be our guest preacher. Eleanor Kaufman, wife of former pastor Don Kaufman (1971-1974), will be guest organist

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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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 19-23

Pastor: Wed noon-5; Thurs 9:30-4:30; Fri 9-noon

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.

Sept 11: Attendance: 95 Offering: \$2,063

Sanctuary Painting Project Update:

Received to date: \$28,917 Amount remaining: \$2,083

Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.

Church Meetings and Events

September 20 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, SP

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

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Genesis 2: 4b-6, 10

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground... A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches.

Isaiah 41:17-20

When the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
I will open rivers on the bare heights,
and fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water.
I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive;
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane and the pine together,
so that all may see and know,
all may consider and understand,
that the hand of the LORD has done this,
the Holy One of Israel has created it.

John 7:37-38, 40a, 44

On the last day of the festival [of booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’ When they heard these words, ... some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

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

Fall Christian Education

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 18: Update on Marriage Guidelines Process & Pastor-Congregation Evaluation
- Sept 25: Panel discussion among former and current FMC pastors

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 are 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.

- **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 25: Luncheon.** With a busy and full weekend, Sunday’s lunch is planned for minimal preparation and clean-up. We will depart from our usual potluck fare and have finger foods. Volunteers are needed to provide plates of vegetables/dip, fruit, and desserts (cookies and bars for ease of serving). These will 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