

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
September 20, 2009 ~ "Breathe and Be Filled"

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** #679 HWB

***Hymns:** "Sing to the Lord of harvest" #98 HWB vv. 1, 2, 4
"O Breath of life" #35 STJ

New Testament reading: 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

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

Children's time "How do our gardens grow?"

Hymn: "As rain from the clouds" #40 SJ

Gospel reading: Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon: "God's Garden"

Hymn: "For the fruit of all creation" #90 HWB

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 ~ Third Way Ensemble

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:

- Today: 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

TODAY: Centered in the Spirit

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach **Sermon:** Seth McCoy

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Reader: Dan Leisen

Nursery volunteers: Pat Eliason & Karen Wiebe

Fellowship: Mike & Paula Okerstrom

We welcome Seth McCoy and members of Third Way, a recently formed Anabaptist community in the St. Paul Midway area. In August Seth was approved to be licensed for Ministry in Central Plains Mennonite Conference. He is also on staff of Woodland Hills Church.

NEXT SUNDAY: Empowered by the Spirit (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Worship Leader: Erin Geiser **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Nikki Nafziger, Rhonda Martin, and **one volunteer needed** (Meagan gone)

Fellowship: Dan Leisen & Andi Kuenning

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 13: Attendance: 97 Offering: Not Recorded

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*



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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 21-25

Pastor: Mon 1-4; Wed 9-3; Thurs 9-12:30; Friday 9-1. Tuesday is a study day. 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

Walking invitation from Karen Zeug: I plan to walk in the Memory Walk for Alzheimers Association Sat., Sept. 26 at Hyland Lake Park Reserve in Bloomington. Anyone wanting to join me please see me.

Saturday, Oct. 24 – An Olympic Party is being planned to celebrate Dick Westby’s 75th birthday. This Olympic event will include games, physical activities, and exercise for all ages, especially children and youth. This celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 3-5:30 p.m. at Matthews Center. More details will be forth coming.

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.

Church Meetings and Events

September 22 – Lectionary Discussion (Ezek 37:1-14, Jn 20:19-21)

Trotter’s, corner of Marshal and Cleveland, SP, 8:30 a.m.

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

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

September 30 – Deacon’s Commission, 9:30a.m., Richardson’s

October 2-3 – Families Moving Forward hosting

October 4 – Bread for All, intergenerational event, FMC 11:15 a.m.

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

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

Breathe and be filled

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 9:35-38

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

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.

Announcements

Thank you to Donna Minter for transporting the school kits we collected to Goshen and to **Dick Westby** for weeding our garden – it looks great!

Cedric Singletary is on a job search – Cedric was glad to find a Mennonite church in the Twin Cities and has attended FMC the past two Sundays. He has moved back to Minnesota and is trying to get back on his feet. He is looking for any job to get started, hopefully in food service, where he has a lot of experience, including institutions like hospitals, hotels, and restaurants. Do you have any knowledge of job openings in food service? Any suggestions are helpful. Or do you have any contacts who might be helpful in this process? If so, please let Cedric know. His email address is: casinglemore@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

Sunday School Open House on Sept. 27 — All parents are invited to visits their children's classrooms the last fifteen minutes of the Sunday School hour. Please come and meet your child's teacher, see her/his classroom, and learn what the themes for the year will be. Teachers will talk with parents about classroom expectations. ~ *Kristin Green, Children's Education Coordinator*

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 childcare and overnight hosting. Cindy Bjork, who volunteers in the FMF Day Center, 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.

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2:30-3:00 PM – Prayer service & vigil coordinated by The Interfaith Coalition on Immigration. Held at Ramsey County Adult Detention Center in St. Paul, 425 Grove St., St. Paul. The Interfaith Coalition on Immigration holds public witness events calling for comprehensive humane immigration reform.

The next Discussion Forum on Race is Thursday, September 24, at St. Olaf Church (215 South 8th Street, Minneapolis) in the Gathering Room. Free parking is available in the church lot; enter from 3rd Avenue just south of 8th Street. A light supper and social begins at 6:30PM with discussion from 7-8:30PM. Myron Orfield, Executive Director of UM Law School's MN Institute on Race and Poverty, will lead a discussion about the impact of racism and white privilege in our school and housing systems

Arab Night with Visiting Iraqi Delegation – Thursday, September 24, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis. A festive Arab Night will be jointly hosted by the visiting Iraqi delegation, who are leaders in their communities, and sponsoring groups. Live music, Iraqi food and display of joint projects between Sister Cities Minneapolis and Najaf, Iraq, including water-filter photos, Iraqi art, and an opportunity for local children to write to children in Iraqi, as part of the Letters for Peace project. This evening is open to the public and part of the first official exchange between the two cities. The Iraqi delegates come as peacemakers and guests and will help set a foundation for future years of visits and sharing between Minneapolis and Najaf. Come participate, help our Iraqi guests enjoy their time here and provide them with an opportunity to meet peace-loving Americans, share their culture and build relationships. For more information and other Sister City events open to the public, see <http://reconciliationproject.org/schedule-of-public-events-with-the-najaf-delegation-to-minneapolis/>