

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 21, 2008

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love—

C: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—

C: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

L: People of God, look about you and see all the images of God assembled here.

C: In me, in you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see.

L: People of God, come.

All: Let us worship together.

***Hymns:** "God of grace and God of glory" #366 HWB

"Come, thou fount" #521 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's Time: "The last shall be first and the first last"

Hymn: "You've got a place" #4 STJ

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: ""

Hymn: "How can we be silent" #61 STJ

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

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

**Please stand if you are able*

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** "The Lord lift you up" #73 STJ

***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

Today's adult session: Getting to know Missio Dei (sanctuary)

TODAY:

Sermon: Mark VanSteenwyk

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Reader: Chris Jones

Childcare: Annette Semanchin-Jones & One Volunteer

Fellowship time: Tom Johnson

We welcome Mark VanSteenwyk to preach this morning. In January Mark was licensed for ministry as pastor of Missio Dei, an intentional community that became a member church of Central Plains Mennonite Conference in June. He will share about the Missio Dei community during the adult education hour.

NEXT SUNDAY: There will be **no worship or education classes due to our all-church fall retreat.** If you are not attending retreat, you are welcome to join us for the closing worship (10:15 a.m.) at Associated Retreat Center, 2372 30th Ave., Osceola, WI (driving directions on FMC website). Or you may wish to visit a neighboring congregation: **Bethany Lutheran**, 2511 East Franklin Avenue, Mpls, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. **Community of St. Martin**, FMC fellowship hall, 6:30 p.m. **Emmanuel Mennonite Church**, 1501 Hendon St, St Paul, (Luther Seminary) 9:30 a.m.

September 14: Attendance: 90 Offering: Not Recorded

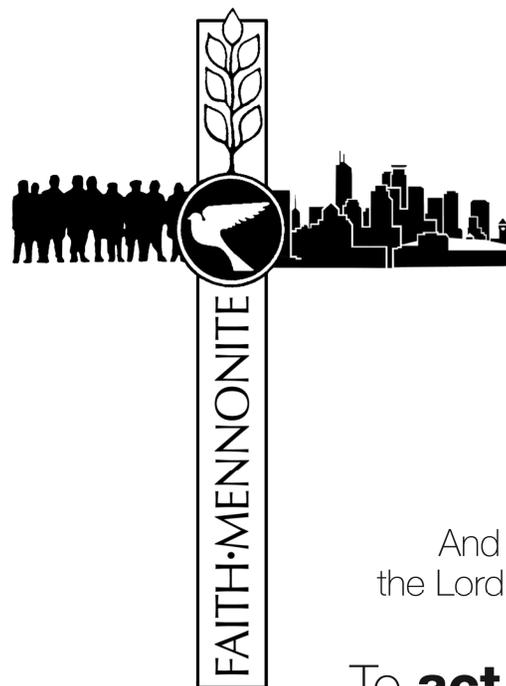
A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

Faith Mennonite Church

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

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: September 22-26

Pastor's Hours: 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.

TODAY at 5:30 p.m. come to the **Joint FMC-Community of St. Martin Ice Cream Social** for a time to meet the members of CSM, who share 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.

Church Meetings and Events

- September 24 – Families Moving Forward
- September 26-28 – Fall All-Church Retreat, Osceola, Wisc.
- October 1 – Missions & Service, 6:30 p.m.
- October 2 – Deacons, 3 p.m. Richardson's
- October 11 – Potluck for young families, 4-6 p.m., Sundseth
- October 12 – CROP Walk for World Hunger
- October 13 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC
- October 18 – Seward Neighborhood History Walk, 1-4 p.m.
- October 19 – FMC Neighborhood Gatherings, 5-7 p.m.
- October 22 – Worship Commission, Advent Planning, 4:30 FMC
- October 26 – Fund-raising noon meal for Global Youth Summit
- November 8 – 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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Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them,

"Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Richard Westby delivered 80 lbs. of groceries to Community Emergency Service last week. Remember to bring in food items and leave them on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

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

Seeking volunteers for tutoring program — Kristin Green coordinates 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 Green at: 612-872-8266 (w) 612-721-8786 (h).

BMC (Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests) is desperately seeking housing for a new volunteer, Carrie Fry-Miller, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. She will need a room and access to a kitchen. BMC can offer a monthly stipend to the home owner, and Carrie receives a monthly stipend for food. If you can help, please contact Carol Wise at (612) 343-2060.

October 12 CROP Walk —Joan Kreider is the FMC coordinator. Walkers and sponsors are needed so see Joan, sign up and get your sponsors!

Brochures for the MCC Festival & Sale for World Relief are available at the back of church. Use them to get invite your friends to this fun event for the whole family, **Saturday, Nov. 8th**. Help us get the word out!

Coat Drive for Refugees — 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.