

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
September 23, 2012 ~ Living Into Community

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** based on Psalm 86

Leader: Listen to me, O God, and answer me, because I am poor and afflicted.

People: Make your servant glad, because I lift my soul to you.

L: Teach me your way, O God, that I may walk in your truth;

P: Give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

L: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart.

All: I will proclaim your greatness forever.

Great is your faithful love for me!

***Hymns:** “Great is thy faithfulness” #327 HWB

“Here, O Lord, your servants gather” #7 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 59: 1-4, 8, 14-16, 20

Children’s gathering song: “Come and see” #20 HWB

Children’s time

Hymn: “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life” #587 HWB

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: Luke 12:1b-3; Ephesians 4:1-3, 14-16

Sermon: “Truth that frees, truth that binds”

Response: Tyler Zabriskie

Hymn: “As tranquil streams” #51 STJ

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung benediction:** “Lord of light, your name outshining” #410 HWB
(vv. 1, 3)

***Passing the Peace**

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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 (2nd floor-above sanctuary)

Older primary (2nd, 3rd, 4th) – Gregg Richardson (Library)

Younger primary (Kg, 1st & 2nd) – 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.

TODAY: Living truthfully

Worship leader: Chris Jones

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Melissa Falb

Usher: Shawn Helmeke

Fellowship: *volunteer needed*

Nursery: Heather Wengerd & Jacob Schlabach

NEXT SUNDAY: Hospitality

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Usher: Darrell Martin

Nursery: Kristi Zabriskie & Mark Kaufman

September 16:

Attendance: 63

Offering: \$2,245

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

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
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
Deacons: Shelly Hendricks, Cleta Roth Gingerich,
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FMC office hours: Sept. 24-28

Pastor: Mon 9-3; Wed & Thurs 9-5. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon 10-12, 2-5, Wed 10-5, Thurs 12-5

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

Prayer request from Central Plains Conference Ecuador Partnership:

Today is the International Day of Prayer for Peace. This day will be an opportunity for us to unite and pray that the process of dialogue that has been started between the Colombian government and FARC would be strengthened. In spite of the deficiencies of this process, it is one way that generates hope for reconciliation and life.

Next Sunday, Sept. 30: A **potluck** will be held immediately after the Christian Education hour. Please bring a dish to share, according to last names: A-F: Dessert; G-P: Main dish; Q-Z: Salad. During the potluck we will also celebrate the recent marriage of Casey and Shawn Englund Helmeke. **Cake will be provided.** Please sign the card (or add your own to the basket). In addition, **we're looking for one more volunteer to help** with clean-up. Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

Volunteers needed for church work day, Saturday, Sept. 29, 9-11 a.m.

Isaiah is moving out of the education wing and we need help painting the lower level rooms and hallway. Please contact Bruce Brunner to let him know if you can help. We need 8-10 workers.

Fall Soup groups will begin again in October. For each evening 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. **Sign-up sheet in the back.**

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

September 25 – Sunday Text Discussion, Trotter's Café, SP

September 26 – October newsletter deadline, noon to Gregg Richardson

September 27 – Weekly Prayer for CPMC listening sessions, 7 p.m., chapel

October 1 – Soup Group, 6 p.m., Joan Kreider's home,

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

Isaiah 59: 1-4, 8, 14-16, 20

See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. Rather, your iniquities have been barriers between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness. No one brings suit justly, no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, conceiving mischief and begetting iniquity. The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths. Their roads they have made crooked; no one who walks in them knows peace. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands at a distance; for truth stumbles in the public square, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and whoever turns from evil is despoiled. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm brought him victory, and his righteousness upheld him. And he will come to Zion as Redeemer, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the Lord.

Luke 12:1b-3

Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

Ephesians 4:1-3, 14-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

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

The **Oromo Seventh-Day Adventist group** has decided their new worship space is not working for them. So we welcome them back to our chapel on Saturday mornings for their weekly worship services!

Dr. Allan Boesak to speak on "Radical Reconciliation" at various locations in the Twin Cities. **Today at 7:15 p.m.**, 4301 Benjamin Street NE, Columbia Heights; **Tomorrow at 10:15 a.m.**, 3900 Bethel Drive, Arden Hills. South African anti-apartheid activist and theologian Dr. Boesak is an icon of the anti-apartheid freedom struggle who, along with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, led the United Democratic Front in South Africa. Free. All are welcome. Book signing afterwards for his recent book.

Archbishop **Elias Chacour**, Nazareth, Galilee, "**What are the Things that Make for Peace? Building Peace in the Midst of the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict,**" Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St, Mpls., **Tomorrow, 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.** Open dialogue lunch. \$5 and freewill offering. Call to reserve a place, Joan Deming, 608-241-9281.

Congressman Keith Ellison invites you to an **Interfaith Event on Voting Rights** with special guest **Barbara Arnwine**, President and Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law., **3:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24**, New Salem Missionary Baptist Church 2507 Bryant Ave N, Mpls. Free and open to the public. RSVP to (612) 522-1212.

From the U. of St. Thomas Justice and Peace Studies Program: Fr. Michael Lapsley, "**Courageous Citizenship: Redeeming the Past and Rebuilding the Future,**" **Tuesday, Oct. 9**, 7:00 p.m., O'Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium, U. of St. Thomas, SP. Nearly assassinated in 1990 for his role in **dismantling apartheid in South Africa**, Fr. Michael Lapsley is the founder of the Institute for the Healing of Memories and is a well-known international advocate for reconciliation, forgiveness, and restorative justice. Posters and postcards are available in the back.

Please consider joining the Community of St. Martin on our **annual trip to the School of the Americas vigil, Nov. 16-19**. We will be leaving Minneapolis the morning of Friday, November 16, and returning the afternoon of Monday Nov. 19. The weekend is an incredible opportunity to learn more about and engage in nonviolent resistance. Please let me know as soon as possible if are interested. *—Nils Dybvig*

Missing something? **Lost and found items** from over the summer are located down in the fellowship hall.