

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
September 27, 2009 ~ “Breathe and Be Filled”

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

L: Come, Holy Spirit, lamplighter, midwife of change,
comforter, disturber, inspirer, and advocate.

**P: Come, fill the church with the gifts earth
can neither produce nor afford.**

L: Come, fill our lives with that rich mixture of peace and restlessness,
calm and enthusiasm, which are hallmarks of holiness.

**All: Come, promised Spirit of God,
find your way and make your home among us. AMEN.**

***Hymns:** “I sing the mighty power of God” #46 HWB
“O Breath of life” #35 STJ

Old Testament reading: Exodus 18:5, 8-9, 13-23

Children’s gathering hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB
Children’s time “The gift of love”

Hymn: “There are many gifts” #304 HWB

New Testament reading: Ephesians 4:7;11-16

Sermon: “Gifted by the Spirit”

Hymn: “Be thou my vision” #545 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)
v. 4: substitute “maker” for “high King”

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

***Please stand if you are able**

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

***Sending Hymn:** “Move in our midst.” #418 HWB

***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

- **Christian Education – 11:15-Noon**

Adult session: Introduction to the Gifts Discernment Process

11:45 – Sunday School Open House — 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.

TODAY: Empowered to use the gifts of the Spirit

Worship Leader: Erin Geiser

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Readers: Bob and Lauren Brown

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Gregg Richarson

Nursery volunteers: Nikki Nafziger, Leslie Minkler,
and **one volunteer needed** (Meagan gone)

Fellowship: Dan Leisen & Andi Kuenning

NEXT SUNDAY: Civility: Hope’s Expression (Luke 4:16-30)

Worship Leaders: Orv & Cleta Gingerich

Sermon: Greg Renstrom

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Tom LoBello, Sandra Westby

Nursery volunteers: Cleta Roth Gingerich & Rhonda Martin

Fellowship: Cleta Roth Gingerich & Orv Gingerich

*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 20: Attendance: 112 Offering: Not Recorded



Faith
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 28-Oct 2

Pastor: Mon 10-4; Wed noon-5; Tuesday is a study day. Joetta will be out of town from Thursday to Sunday. Please contact a deacon for spiritual care needs or in case of an emergency during this time.

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

The CROP Walk is coming up on October 11! This is our chance to raise money for Church World Service and Mennonite Central Committee in their efforts for hunger relief, and to walk together to show our support and solidarity with those who are hungry. There are two routes this year, a 3-mile route and a longer 5-mile route. **Melissa Hochstetler has pledge forms and more information**--please see her if you are interested in walking or donating to a walker.

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 29 – Lectionary Discussion (Bring a favorite scripture on hope)

Trotter's, corner of Marshal and Cleveland, SP, 8:30 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 11 – CROP Walk

October 12 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

October 18 – Gift Discernment Forms due

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

October 27 – Missions & Service Commission, 6 p.m., Schlabach's

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

Breathe and be filled

Exodus 18:5, 8-9, 13-23

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came into the wilderness where Moses was encamped at the mountain of God. Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had beset them on the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in delivering them from the Egyptians.

The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, 'What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?' Moses said to his father-in-law, 'Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God.' Moses' father-in-law said to him, 'What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. You should also look for able [ones] among all the people, who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such [ones] over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Let them sit as judges for the people at all times... If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace.'

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 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 knitted 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.

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

Note of thanks from the family of former FMC pastor Ellis & Delpha Graber Dear Faith Mennonite family: We want to thank you for all the prayers, love, and support you have given our mother and family during these final weeks of her life. She was surrounded with much love, and the cards received graced the wall of her room. Indeed, God's gracious and loving Spirit was, and continues to be, very present. The memorials are appreciated and we look forward to making a positive contribution to better this world in her name. Please know that the years spent in ministry with your congregation were very dear to both mom and dad, and we thank you for being an important part of their lives. – Eric, Connie, Joan and Karen

Mystery of the Missing Drinking Glasses The volunteers for our recent potluck were not able to find the plastic drinking glasses (usually kept in the main kitchen cabinets). Does anyone know their whereabouts?

Friday October 2nd 7:30, The Whistlepigs Stringband presents an evening with Mike Compton and David Grier at the Steppingstone Theater in St. Paul. The Whistlepigs will open. Mike Compton plays with Nashville Bluegrass Band and is now touring with Elvis Costello! David Grier is acknowledged as the finest flatpicking guitarists in the world. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.whistlepigs.com.

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.

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.

Tuesday, October 6, 7 p.m. "Abused, - The Postville Raid" a premiere film showing at St. Paul Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Free and open to the community. Guatemalan filmmakers present clips from their new documentary which examines issues surrounding undocumented workers and the aftermath of the 2008 immigration raid both in Postville and in Guatemala, the home country of many of the workers.