

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 2, 2011

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship: #663 HWB

*Hymns: "The Lord is my light" #97 STJ
"In Thee is gladness" #114 HWB

Confession & Words of Assurance: #690

Scripture reading: Philippians 1:1-14

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

Children's time: "Gifts that bring joy"

Hymn: "Beloved, God's chosen" #38 STJ

Scripture reading: Philippians 1:18b-30

Sermon: "Imprisoned joy"

Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

Communion Hymn: "Rain down" #49 STJ

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer & 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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

*Sending hymn: "How can we be silent" #61 STJ

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation hour with classes for all ages

TODAY: Paul's Joyful Letter (Philippians 1)

Worship leader: Gregg Richardson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Organ/Piano:** Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Barb Beers & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Kristi Zabriskie & Beth Richardson

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Humility (Philippians 2)

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Anna Gambucci **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke

Nursery: Donna Minter & Leslie Minkler

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

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.

Sept 25: Attendance: 162 **Offering:** \$3797.00

Sanctuary Painting Project Update:

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

Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.

Congratulations to the Derrickson family as they welcomed **Caleb Lawrence** on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Persons who would like to provide a meal for the family should contact Adam Nafziger, meal coordinator,

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Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks
Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 3-7

Pastor: Wed: 9-3; Thurs: 8:30-11 & 1-3; Fri 9-3. Joetta will attend the Celebration of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary on Monday. Tuesday is a study day.

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.

October Soup Group schedule. All are welcome to partake and enjoy the company of others at this weekly meal, hosted by an FMC participant. All you need to do is RSVP and show up. Feel free to invite a friend. Simple soup and bread are provided.

Monday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m. – Joan Kreider residence,

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m. – Kuenning/Leisen residence

Thursday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. – Gerber residence

Friday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m. – Katie Hochstedler residence

October Birthday Brunch – Saturday, the 10th, 9:30 -11:30 a.m. If you or a family member has a birthday in October, pastor Joetta invites you to her home, for brunch. This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please sign up or RSVP

Church Meetings and Events

October 4 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, St. Paul

October 9 – Extended deadline for feedback on Church marriage guideline documents

October 10 – Deacon's Meeting, 9 a.m., Richardson home

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

October 15 – October Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

October 27 - Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

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Philippians 1:1-14; 18b-30

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Announcements

Free Event Today, 1:00 rain or shine, Young Dance, a youth modern dance company, ages 7-18, from invites you to Young Bridge, **a new dance for the 35W bridge** held at the Southern Piers of the 35W bridge. Accessible from W. River Pky, just east of 13th Ave. S. Free parking at 1301-1309 W. River Parkway (SW corner of 13th Ave. & W. River Rd.) New music by MacPhail School of Music composition students. www.youngdance.org -*Kristen Green & John Ratigan* (Proud parents of dancer Tona.)

Monday, Oct. 3, 6:45 – 9:15 p.m. First session of the St. Paul Interfaith Network's Fall Dialogue Series, "Eyes Wide Open: A Conversation about Racism, Discrimination, Prejudice and Meeting the Other." A Panel of five persons will discuss "Becoming Personal: Sharing Our Pain." **Martin Luther King Center**, 270 N. Kent St., St. Paul, MN 55102 just a block east of Dale at Iglehart and just south of I-94. www.spinterfaith.org.

Candace Lutt is interested in knowing of **anyone driving to Goshen, IN, in the next month or so** who would have room for a passenger. She would like to visit her cousin Heidi Siemens-Rhodes (see Prayer Requests). Contact Candace

Wilderness Wind needs volunteers to help close up camp from **October 7-9th**. If you are open to doing laundry, putting gear and kitchen items in storage, moving canoes, or simply covering all the windows, your help would be most welcome for all or part of that time. Please contact Kathy if you are able to come 316-217-1129 or kathy@wildernesswind.org

Persons who are interested in a **peace-based daily devotional guide** can order the fall edition (Oct, Nov, Dec) of *Seasoned with Peace*, at <http://seasonedwithpeace.blogspot.com/p/bookstore.html>. This book contains meditations, action ideas, and recipes to encourage us to follow Jesus' way of peace in all areas of our lives. Winter and Spring editions are also available, which make great Christmas gifts. Proceeds go to support the Peace and Justice Network of the Mennonite Church.

A call for Artisans, Craftmakers, and Performance Artists: FMC hurch will be a hosting location for this year's **Seward Art Crawl on Friday & Saturday, Dec. 2 & 3**. We will open up our sanctuary to showcase artisans from our community, especially from our church. Mike Okerstrom's paintings, Dan Leisen's landscape photography and art by other artists will be for sale. We also hope to be selling some products from TTTV and tell their fair trade story. With the holidays approaching, this is an alternative holiday shopping event. For more information or to be included among our artists, contact Mike Okerstrom or Dan Leisen

Twin Cities Festival and Sale for World Relief, Saturday, Oct. 29

Following are a number of ways that individuals and families can contribute and participate in the upcoming annual sale to support the international relief, development, and peacemaking work of Mennonite Central Committee (www.mcc.org).

Baked Goods: Margaret Janzen and Arlene Geissinger are looking for bakers to help supply baked goods for the sale. All contributions to the bake sale tables are greatly appreciated. In past years, all contributions have sold out which means this is a great fundraising corner during sale day. Good sellers have included breads, rolls, zwieback, cookies, cakes, New Year's cookies (porzilke), pies of all kinds, perischke, peppernuts and bars. If you have your own favorite baked item, we'd love to sell it!

Cookies, rolls, zwieback and bars should be packaged in either half dozen OR dozen per Ziplock bag. Peppernuts should be packaged at 1 and ½ cups per Ziplock bag. If you are not able to attend the sale but would like to contribute baked goods, please call or e-mail for arrangements:

Margaret Janzen: 612-827-7201 (evenings) margaret.janzen@gmail.com

Arlene Geissinger: 952-470-1847 (evenings) angeissinger@gmail.com

Pop & Bottled Water: To help cover food costs, the sale Board appreciates large quantities (cases) of pop and bottled water to be sold in the cafeteria. Over the next 2 weeks when you see sales of pop or water at your local grocery or big box retailer, pick up a couple of cases and drop them off at church. Bring to church Sunday or by 3 pm Friday, Oct. 28 & we'll coordinate delivery to the sale. Thank you for your help with this small but necessary project.

Penny Power Collections: Bring your pocket change to church and ask a few children each Sunday to pass Penny Power boxes or other designated containers along the pews to collect your loose change. Dig under the sofa cushions, through your purses, deep into your pants pockets & any other spot that gathers coins and collect them at home or bring them to church each Sunday. This year's sale features an anonymous grant that will match your contributions penny for penny to \$4,000. The total Penny Power collection will be split between an MCC water project in a third world country and a Ukrainian orphanage.

Want to get involved with this exciting event: If you've never been to an MCC auction / sale OR if you've only attended, we are looking for any last minute volunteers to help staff our event. If you'd like a peak at how this festival happens, get personally involved by volunteering for a 2 hour slot in one of the many areas staffed entirely by volunteers. Contact Glenn Geissinger, volunteer coordinator by email at glenn.geissinger@gmail.com or by phone at 952.470.1847 no later than Oct 21. Do you have friends who'd like to volunteer? Share your friend's contact information with Glenn.

THANK YOU to everyone who is involved, who supports this event to raise funds that will address needs around the world in the name of Christ.

– Glenn Geissinger

Adult Christian Education Classes for October-December

Beginning today we will have three options for adult discussion and learning during the education hour. Please consider joining one of these classes.

Books will be available in each class. *Listed prices are suggested amounts; pay as you are able.*

Theology and Creativity – Chapel This class will explore selections from the book *In the Beginning...Creativity*, by Mennonite theologian Gordon Kaufman. The emphasis of the book is on rethinking our images of God in light of evolutionary processes and ecological challenges. Phil Stoltzfus will facilitate the discussion. (Price: \$17.00; used copies are available at lower price on Amazon.com if you wish to order on your own.)

The Little Books of Justice and Peacebuilding – Basement Fellowship Hall The Eastern Mennonite University Center for Justice and Peacebuilding has developed a series of little books that present, in a highly accessible form, key concepts and practices from the fields of restorative justice, conflict transformation, and peacebuilding. Written by leaders in these fields, they are designed for practitioners, students, and anyone interested in justice, peace, and conflict resolution. This class will begin with *The Little Book of Trauma Healing: When Violence Strikes and Community* by Carolyn Yoder, which covers principals from Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR). Donna Minter will facilitate. Class members will determine which other books to discuss thereafter. (Book: \$5.00; used copies are available at lower price on Amazon.com if you wish to order on your own.)

Exploring Anabaptist/Mennonite Theology and Church Membership – Pastor's Study This class is intended for persons who are relatively new to the Mennonite Church and/or interested in joining Faith Mennonite Church and want to learn more about Mennonite faith and practice. We will use two primary books: *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* and *Beliefs: Mennonite Faith & Practice* by John D. Roth (\$11.00). Facilitated by Joetta Schlabach

STAR shines in Minneapolis again! September 12-16, 2011. In addition to three international relief and development participants from Japan, we had 18 participants from the TC Metro representing organizations such as TCRise!, Perspectives, YouthLink, Vertin Youth & Family Services, Wilder Foundation, Amicus, FMC, the Brain Injury Association of MN, MN Internship Charter School, Adler Graduate School, & Council on Crime & Justice. The group's ethnic diversity was rich, more than 30% of the group from the African, African American, Vietnamese, Lithuanian & Korean communities representing Buddhist, Christian & Atheist traditions. All reported feeling heard, included, honored, and respected. STAR not only teaches strategies for trauma awareness & resilience but allows a safe space for developing and experiencing civility & community. No small feat in these divisive times! STAR shows us and them how to make peace.

–Donna Minter