

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 5, 2008

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship: #671 HWB

*Hymns: “God, who stretched” #414 HWB
“What does the Lord require” #409 HWB

Psalm Reading: Psalm 80:7-15

Response: Yahweh, bring us back.
Smile on us and we will be secure.

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time: “Why we walk” ~ Joan Kreider

Hymn: “We will walk with God” #78 STJ

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:7-11

Sermon: “Sour Grapes: Three Responses”

Prayer of Confession

Communion *We will gather 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. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ in life are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

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)*

Introduction of Guests

*Sending hymn: “All will be well” #98 STJ (v. 1, 3, 5)

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

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

Adult classes:

- Reading the Bible from a feminist perspective-library
- Politics & Faith – front of sanctuary

TODAY:

Worship Leader: Adam Nafziger **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Childcare: Gerald Schlabach and Kristin Green

Fellowship time: Joan Kreider and Annette Semanchin Jones

NEXT SUNDAY:

Worship Leader: Adam Nafziger **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Gregg Richardson and One Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Cleta Roth Gingerich and Leslie Minkler

September 28: Attendance: Retreat 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.

Retreat Evaluations—If you attended the Fall Retreat and did not complete an evaluation, please take a few moments to do so this morning. Copies are on the mailbox table. Return to the Church Office mail box. Thank you!

October 12 CROP Walk—Sign up today to sponsor FMC walkers! Walkers will have a catered lunch at FMC at 12:30 and then walk to Augsburg College for the 2 p.m. official Walk. See Joan Kreider if you wish to walk and need a sponsor form.

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: October 6-10

Pastor's Hours: Wed & Thurs 10-4; Friday 9-1. Joetta will travel to Freeman, SD on Monday and Tuesday for a meeting of the Congregational Ministries Committee of Central Plains Conference.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Small Group Sign Ups— After gathering information on which kind of groups our adults would be most interested in, we have selected the seven areas where there is the most interest. **Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.** All are welcome to sign up even if you didn't complete an earlier survey.

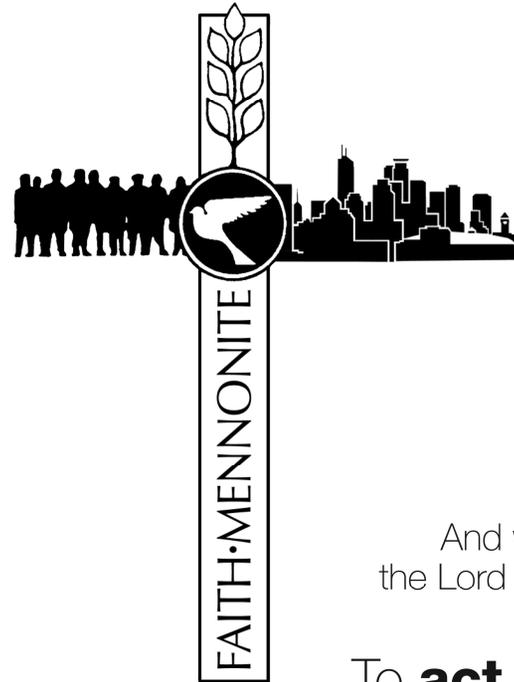
Simply in Season Apple Harvest, Saturday, Oct. 11 – At Women's Environmental Institute at Amador Hill near North Branch. Farm tours, a meal and apple harvest are being planned. We can bring a limited number of people to this event, so contact Carol Harder 651 457-8436 or Candace Lault 507 663-1859 if you are interested.

Neighborhood groups – October 19—This event is a great time to get better acquainted. There is an information sheet in your mailbox listing who is in which group and where & when it will be meeting.

Cards to our students— There are post cards and mailing labels at the back table, send a note to our students to let them know we're thinking about them.

Church Meetings and Events

- October 11 – Potluck for young families, 4-6 p.m., Sundseths
- 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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Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be
overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

Philippians 3:7-11

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

We are pleased to announce that **Michael Bischoff** will fill the **Ministry Staff Position**. Michael is a Quaker who received an M.A. in Conflict Transformation at Eastern Mennonite University in 2002. He has worked with Friends for a Non-Violent World and for the Council on Crime and Justice in Minneapolis. In August he left his job to take a one-year sabbatical in order to give deeper thought and to write a book on the spirituality of social change and the healing of institutions. He views this position as complimentary to these activities. Michael has worked with victims of crime in the Somali community, volunteered in summer children's programs at Seward Towers, and has connections with the Seward neighborhood Group, Seward Montessori School, Bethany Lutheran church, and Community of St. Martin. He facilitated a process within the Quaker meeting he is part of as they went through a similar process to our own—to discern what more they could do as a church in the neighborhood, given their particular resources, gifts, etc. We are anxious for Michael to begin working and getting to know the FMC community.

Sam Semanchin Jones' school is fundraising with Peace Coffee. For roughly the same price you would get the coffee at the store you can also help out the elementary school. Sam can take your order after church services or contact Chris Jones shlomojone@yahoo.com.

Open Doors Open Hearts — Welcoming Spiritual Communities After Prison or Recovery, Saturday, Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This kick-off event is the beginning of a movement to explore how welcoming and inclusive spiritual communities can benefit those returning from prison or recovery centers as well as themselves. This event is free and registration is limited. To register email oct11conference@aim.com or call 651 644-5851. The event will be held at The Recovery Church, West Campus, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 101 E. Grant Street, Mpls.

Time to Believe: Faith In Democracy – Oct 12, 3:00-5:30 p.m. This annual assembly of **ISAIAH** will bring thousands of people of faith, public officials and others from across the state of Minnesota to celebrate, to be in relationship with one another and to invite others to build a new thing! St. Paul River Center, 175 Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul.

Meeting with Norm Colman — Joetta was the Mennonite representative in a group from the Minnesota Council of Churches that visited with staff members in Sen. Norm Coleman's Minnesota office on Thursday. The delegation expressed a desire for the senator to support efforts to give the International Committee of the Red Cross access to all prisons in which the US holds detainees to ensure that torture is not taking place.