

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 12, 2008

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 25)

L: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

C: For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

L: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

All: It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Children's Time: "The party when nobody came"

Hymn: "Jesus Christ is waiting" #30 STJ

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon: "Feasting and Faithfulness"

Offering & Hymns: "Let the hungry come to me" #464 HWB
"If all you want, Lord" #512 HWB

This morning we will bring our offerings to the feast table. Each person is also invited to write on a piece of paper one thing they would like to give up and leave at the table, and also write one commitment toward greater faithfulness they wish to carry with them.

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

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

Introduction of Guests

*Sending hymn: "Sent forth by God's blessing" #478 HWB

*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

-CROP Walk lunch and walk – 12:30 – Fellowship Hall / Augsburg College

TODAY: Feasting and Faithfulness

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Giving to Caesar and to God (Matthew 22:15-22)

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

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** David Mayou

Childcare: Susan Weinlick and Dan Leisen

Fellowship time: *Volunteers Needed*

October 5: Attendance: not recorded Offering: \$1,939

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

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

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

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: October 13-17

Pastor: Mon 1-5 p.m.; Wed 11-3; Thurs & Fri 9-1. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Mon and Wed from 7-8:30 p.m.

Michael Bischoff: Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m..

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

CROP Walk TODAY—Sign up today to sponsor FMC walkers! Walkers will have a catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 and then walk to Augsburg College for the 2 p.m. official Walk.

Postponed – The October 19 FMC Neighborhood Gatherings have been postponed due to MEA weekend. To be rescheduled.

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.

Contact Updates :

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Meagan O'Brien: 507-382-4414

Sigglekow: roflyer@gmail.com (Ry); maflyer@gmail.com (Marcia)
612-588-7999

Church Meetings and Events

October 13 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

October 16—Deacons, 2-4:30 p.m., Richardson's

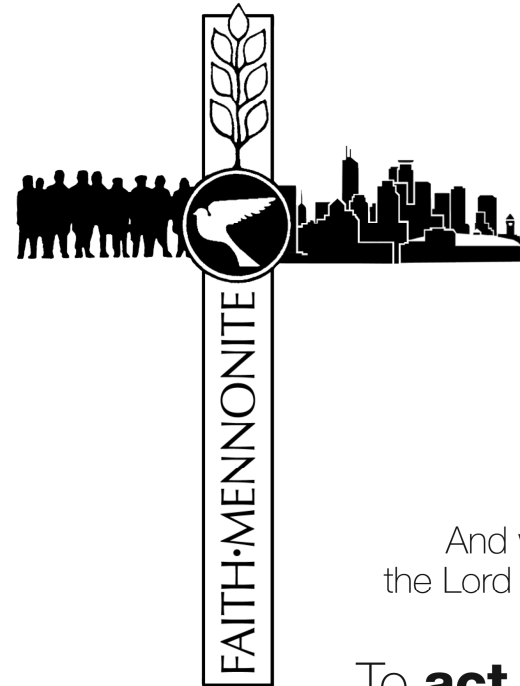
October 18 – Seward Neighborhood History Walk, 1-4 p.m.

October 22 – Worship Commission, Advent Planning, 4:30 FMC

October 26 – Fund-raising noon meal for Global Youth Summit

November 2 – All Saints Day / Gifts Discernment Forms due

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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Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Michael Bischoff will hold regular office hours in the church office on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. If you would like to contact him at another time, please send him an email to: michael@clarityfacilitation.com. As Michael begins his work, he will be looking for various opportunities to speak with FMC participants about 1) dreams we have for ways our church can become more connected with the community and can share our peacemaking commitments, and 2) our personal passions, gifts, ways we feel God working in our own lives. Please introduce yourselves to Michael and arrange a time to talk with him!

Church Membership – We are planning to have a Church Membership Sunday this fall. Persons who are interested in exploring church membership may speak with the pastor or a deacon.

Small Group Sign-Up Everyone who is interested in being part of a small group (whether you completed an earlier survey or not) is invited to sign up **by this Sunday**, using the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship area. Groups to choose from: Supper Club / Friendship and Fellowship / Bible Study / Practical Fellowship Group / Simple Living-Urban Agriculture / Catechism/Church Membership / 20s-30s Somethings

Karen Peterson is looking for a personal care attendant (PCA) for her father, John Linn, who is a home hospice patient in Columbia Heights. Hours: 7-9:30 a.m., M-F. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please call Karen at 612-250-2327.

FTCMC Relief Sale Needs—November 8, 2008:

— **Baked Good for Bake Sale** Good selling items have included breads, rolls, zwieback, cookies, cakes, New Year's cookies (porzilke), pies of all kinds, perischke, peppernuts and bars. Cookies, bars, rolls, zwieback, etc. should be packaged in quantities of 1/2 or one dozen in a zip lock kind of bag. If you are not able to attend the sale but would like to contribute baked goods, please call or e-mail Arlene Geissinger to make arrangements for pick up: 952-470-1847; arlene.glenn.geissinger@gmail.com

— **Bottled Water and pop** are needed for sale in the cafeteria. Please bring your donated water or pop and leave it at the back of the sanctuary.

The Face of AIDS Today October 27, 7:00 – 9:00 pm — Hosted by T. Mychael Rambo. Join **One Voice Mixed Choir** for a community forum featuring performances by artists living with HIV-AIDS, panel discussion and Q&A session. In partnership with AIDS organizations serving the GLBT, African American, and African immigrant communities. Unity Church–Unitarian • 732 Holly Ave • St. Paul. For more information: www.ovmc.org 651-298-1954