

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 17, 2010

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Hymns: "There are many gifts" #304 HWB

"Gracious Spirit, dwell with me" #507 HWB

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

People: Have mercy on us.

L: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

P: Have mercy on us.

L: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

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All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess our brokenness:

*To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others,
and the life of the world.*

L: May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to
grow in love.

All: Amen.

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

Children's time: "The gift Zacchaeus received" (Luke 19:1-8)

Song: "Make me a channel of your peace" #56 STJ

Scripture reading

Stories of discovery and sharing of gifts

Introduction of the Gifts Discernment Process

Time for reflection

Offering/Offertory

Congregational Sharing

Leader: We pray (give thanks) to the Holy One,

People: Hear our prayer.

Congregational 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 and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "God whose giving" #383 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time, 10:45-11:10**

- **Christian Education – 11:00-School age music, Chapel**

11:15 Adults elective classes:

-Learning the five love languages – Fellowship Hall

-Uncovering the book of Revelation – Chapel

-**Menno'Faith rehearsal, noon, sanctuary**

-**Refugee Resettlement Presentation, noon, Fellowship Hall**

TODAY: Celebration of Gifts/Gifts Discernment

Worship Leader: Joan Kreider

Song Leader: Anna Gambucci

Piano: Melissa Falb

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Readers: Gregg Richardson, Hermann Weinlick, Karen Zeug, Kathleen Remund

Sharing: Neil Okerlund, Nikki Nafziger, Ry Siggelkow

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Heather Wengerd & Wolf Bartel

Fellowship: Marybeth Luing

NEXT SUNDAY: Running the race (2 Timothy 4:6-18)

Worship Leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Barbara Beers

Nursery: Matthew Hendricks, Annette Semanchin Jones & *1 volunteer*

needed (Meagan will be gone)

Fellowship: *volunteer 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.

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund
Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Kami Blackwell Kinney
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 18-22

Pastor: Mon 11-3; Wed 9-3; Thurs 10-4. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 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.

Today, noon, fellowship hall: Pre-arrival planning meeting with Kristin Zoellner of Refugee Services. If you're interested in refugee resettlement, please join us if you. Thank you for opening your hearts and making this commitment together! - *Kathleen Remund*

Nokomis Deacon Group Get Together, today, 5 p.m. at the Nafziger home, 5221 27th Avenue S., Minneapolis. Food, live music & an urban chicken raising presentation. Family fun! -*Neil Okerlund, deacon*

South Minneapolis Potlucks finished for season. Now that the days have shortened and weather has turned colder, the FMC South Minneapolis Potlucks in the park have come to an end for this year. Please continue to schedule your own informal get-togethers in the comfort of your homes.
~*Dan Leisen*

Church Meetings and Events

October 18 – Deacons Commission, 9-11 a.m., Richardson home

October 19 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

October 19 – Christian Education Commission, 5:30 p.m., church office

October 19 – Biblical Encounter, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

October 20 – Worship Commission, 7:15 p.m., FMC Chapel

October 21 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC Library

October 25 – Marriage Guidelines Task Force, 7 p.m., Chapel

October 27 – November newsletter deadline, noon

October 31 – CPMC Conference Ministers visit

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

Announcements

CPMC Conference Ministers visit FMC October 31. As the new Executive Conference Minister, David Boshart, begins his responsibilities this fall he is eager to learn to know the congregations of Central Plains Conference. He will visit FMC on October 31 and preach in our worship service. Following our education hour, we will have a potluck meal for any who would like to join in a conversation with David and fellow conference staff members Shana Peachy Boshart and Tim Detweiler. They would like to learn: 1) what we want them to know about our congregation, 2) what challenges we need to be prepared to meet in the next five years, and 3) what we want conference to care most about. **Please sign up on the sheet on the fellowship-area table if you are able to take part in the conversation.** This is an important opportunity!

TCMCC Relief Sale Water Fact: The theme of this year's TCMCC Relief Sale is *water*! This week's water fact: "Fresh water is a very small part of the total water on Earth. Oceans store most of the earth's water, 97%. Of all the surface water, only 2.59% is fresh and of this another 2% is trapped in ice caps and glaciers. Less than 1% of the water supply on earth can be used as drinking water." Since we have such plentiful water resources here in Minnesota, it is hard to understand think of water as a precious, limited resource as people do in other countries. There are two big actions we can take: 1. Support charities that work to provide training and equipment for better wells, rainwater capture, and water distribution benefit women and children especially, because they are often the ones whose work it is to fetch water. 2. Stop buying bottled water (to reduce plastic waste and save money). Maybe the money saved could go to MCC water projects? – *Patricia Mack*

Gale Woods Farm is giving away their two-year-old laying hens. These older chickens will be looking for new homes in November. They give around 3-4 eggs per week. If you've been thinking about trying backyard chickens, this is your golden opportunity! Please talk to *Melissa Hochstetler* if you're interested. hochstmj@hotmail.com

Join your Longfellow neighbors in helping Longfellow kids! The **FUNDamentals tutoring program** has openings for new tutors, as well as students from elementary school to high school, for weekly sessions to help students catch up and keep up with school work. Tutors and students are matched one-to-one to enjoy learning and have fun together. **FUNDamentals** meets on Tuesday evenings, from 7–8:30 pm, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 E. 31st St.). To get started, contact Barb at Longfellow United for Youth and Families at 651-592-2201 or longfellowunited@yahoo.com.