

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
October 18, 2009 “Finding hope in unsettling times”

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

***Hymns:** “I to the hills will lift my eyes” #169 HWB
“Longing for light” #54 STJ

Old Testament reading: Psalm 90:1-6, 9-10, 12-14 #819 HWB

Children’s gathering hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s time: “Hidden meaning”

Hymn: “In the bulb there is a flower” #614 HWB

New Testament reading: Romans 4:18-5:5

Sermon: “Layers of Hope”

Hymn: “Hope is a candle” (*insert*)

You are invited to come and light a candle as a prayer for hope during this hymn.

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

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** “Wonderful grace of Jesus” #150 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

- **Christian Education – 11:15-12:15**

- **Adult sessions:**

- **Money and Faith** (Chapel)
- **The Politics of Jesus** (Library)

- **Noon** – Menno’ Faith rehearsal, sanctuary (30 minutes)

- **12:30-2:30** Literature drop for “Who are the Mennonites” (meet in the basement to share sack lunches at noon)

TODAY: Hope’s siblings: Faith, truth and meaning

Worship Leader: Orv & Cleta Gingerich **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Stacy Griffin

Piano: Melissa Falb

Reader: Cori Skogerboe

Nursery volunteers: Donna Minter & Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Cedric Singletary & Leslie Minkler

NEXT SUNDAY: Sources of Hope

Worship Leader: Orv & Cleta Gingerich **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Cindy Bjork & Annette Semanchin-Jones

Fellowship: Joan Kreider

Great Minnesota Walk to Worship Weekend – October 25 We are invited to participate with other communities of faith in a collective action to raise awareness and make a personal commitment to prevent climate change. As you are able, please consider walking, biking, busing and car-pooling. This will be our final Car Sabbath before the (heavy) snow flies! More information at www.Walk2Worship.org

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.

October 11: Attendance: 95 Offering: \$721

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 19-23

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

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

MCC Sale Seeks Bakers again for the Festival & Sale, November 14th.

We have had good response to the bake sale every year. Breads, rolls, nut breads, zweiback, cookies, cakes, pies, peppernuts or whatever you would like to contribute are welcome. Please package your items in quantities of 1/2 or one dozen in sealed plastic bags. We have a supply of boxes for cakes and pies. Bring your goods to the sale any time the day of the sale, preferably in the morning when sales are most brisk. You don't need to tell me in advance what you plan to bring, but let me know if you have questions. Arlene Geissinger, 952-470-1847 or angeissinger@gmail.com
Thank you for your contributions and support.

Church Meetings and Events

October 20 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m.,

Trotters Restaurant, SP

October 21 – Deacon's Retreat, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

October 22 – Safe & Welcoming ad hoc committee, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

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 p.m. FMC

November 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

November 14 – MCC Fall Festival & Sale, Hennepin Technical College

Romans 4:16-5:5

Hoping against hope, [Abraham] believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

Next Saturday, Oct. 24 – Everyone is invited to participate in “Dick’s Olympic Celebration” from 3-5:30 p.m. at Matthews Community Center located at 24th St. & 28th Ave. A parade, flag pole ceremony and other events are planned. **Please wear tennis shoes** as most events will take place in the gym. All ages may join in, especially children and youth.

Menno’ Faith Choral Rehearsal Schedule for Nov 14 performance at MCC Relief Sale:

Oct. 25 After the Sunday School hour (30 mins.)

Nov. 1 During the Sunday School hour (50 mins.)

Nov. 8 After the Sunday School hour (30 mins.)

Nov. 14 Saturday at 9:15am (before our 10 am concert)

Announcements (continued)

You can help victims of Asia disasters through MCC. Working with the local Mennonite church and other trusted partners, Mennonite Central Committee is meeting human needs following the devastation of recent earthquakes in Indonesia and Typhoon Ketsana in the Philippines and Vietnam. MCC has committed an initial \$100,000 to the effort and welcomes your gifts of money to meet immediate emergency needs and support recovery efforts. Contributions may be made at any MCC office; online at mcc.org/donate; or by calling toll free 1-888-563-4676. Please designate gifts for “Asia Disasters.” Keep watching our website, mcc.org, for updated information. We invite your prayers for people affected by the disasters throughout Asia.

Film, Games & Pizza Night, October 30, 6:30 p.m. in the basement fellowship hall. This will be an intergenerational event, with separate films for adults and children. The adult film will be “Through the Desert Goes Our Journey,” which portrays a modern day trek by Mennonite descendents of a group of apocalyptic Russian Mennonites who, in the 1880s, made a trek to Uzbekistan, where they believed Jesus would inaugurate his kingdom. The story includes surprising signs of coexistence with Muslims that are healing and hopeful. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite table game as well plus veggies or fruit to go with the pizza. Pizza and drinks will be provided and a donation basket will be available to help cover the cost. Please **RSVP to Rhonda Martin (763-516-4765) for a count of attendees for pizza.**

Seward Towers, the large apartment buildings a couple blocks from FMC, **are in need of additional volunteers to serve as Study Buddies.** Study Buddies are academic mentors who meet with a 1st-12th grader once a week for an hour and a half to help with homework and build a friendship. Contact Jessica Ponthan for more information: 651-291-1750 or Jessica.ponthan@commonbond.org .

October 30, 31 — Ultimate Compassion: God, Poverty, and Actions that Make a Difference This conference, sponsored by Woodland Hills Church, will help equip you to understand the impact of poverty and decide how to respond. Cost is \$75/person through October 12; after October 13, \$90. Student rates, need-based scholarships and group discounts are available. Register at: www.ultimatecompassion.com.

Oct 31 – Way of Peace: A Conference on Christian Nonviolence 9:00 am - 9:00 pm., United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Featured Speakers: Rita Nakashima Brock, William T. Cavanaugh, Kathy Kelly, **Gerald Schlabach**, Christine M. Smith, and Walter Wink.
Cost: \$10/ticket for all or any part of the day; meals not included but available on-site. Sponsored by Friends for a Nonviolent World.
Register at: www.fnvw.org.