

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 19, 2008

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

L: Generous God, you gave us life; now we give our lives back to you. We present ourselves:

1: our work and play,

2: our joys and sorrows,

1: our thoughts and deeds,

2: our gifts and resources,

All: to be used by you for the sake of all people everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

***Hymns:** “God is here among us” #16 HWB

“Jesus, joy of our desiring” #604 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1-9

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

Children’s Time: “Fun things to do for free” ~ Minke Sundseth

Hymn: “I owe the Lord a morning song” #112 STJ

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: “Pledging allegiance ... to whom?”

Responses: Melissa Hochstetler, war tax resister
Marcia Siggelkow, conscientious objector

Hymn: “I want to walk as a child of the light” #95 STJ

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Offering and Offertory

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** “We have received Christ Jesus” *(insert)*

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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
Today’s topic, “Food in The Gospel of Luke”
- Politics & Spirituality – Front of sanctuary
The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict

TODAY: Giving to Caesar and to God

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

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

Childcare: Susan Weinlick and Dan Leisen

NEXT SUNDAY: Loving our Global Neighbors as Ourselves

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach

Ten Thousand Villages Report: Mindy Ahler Olmstead

Song Leader: Donna Stucky **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Childcare: Volunteers Needed

Fellowship time: Dick and Sandra Westby

October 12: Attendance: 68 Offering: \$1,633

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 20-24

Pastor: Mon 1-5 p.m.; Wed & Thurs 10-4, 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

Applesauce, October 23, Thursday, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. will be applesauce making for the church nursery. Anyone is welcome to drop-in at the church kitchen to help make applesauce. Organic apples are from the Women's Environmental Institute. Anyone willing to loan a Foley food mill, please contact Carol Harder 651-457-8436

Addresses for new attenders:

DeeDee and Scott Neal, 4117 Oakland Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407

E: scotthowardneal@yahoo.com ; deedeestevensneal@yahoo.com
507-581-6677 (D) 952-240-1261 (S)

Tessa Schneider, 2015 26th Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55406

E: schn0592@umn.edu

Postponed – The October 19 FMC Neighborhood Gatherings have been postponed due to MEA weekend. **NEW DATE: Sunday January 11.**

Church Meetings and Events

October 21 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 4:30 p.m., FMC

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

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

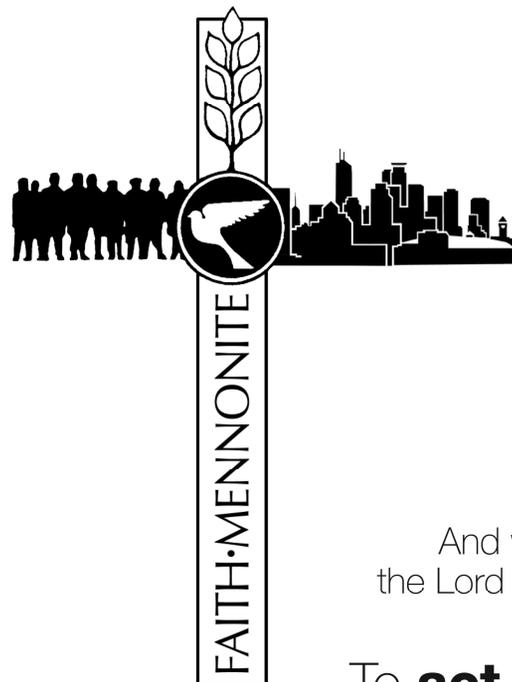
November 2 – All Saints Day / Gifts Discernment Forms due

November 8 – MCC- Festival & Sale for World Relief

November 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

November 11 – Missions & Service Commission, 1 p.m., FMC

November 19 – Deacon Commission, 2:30 p.m., Richardson's



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 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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.**



Global Youth Summit Fundraiser, Sunday, October 26,

Come to a fundraising meal on October 26 after Sunday School in the fellowship hall. We are raising funds to help young adults from the Global South to attend the **Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Paraguay** in the summer of 2009. Christians from different countries must meet in order to make the strong connections necessary to tackle 21st-century issues. Many emerging leaders in the global Anabaptist church are simply a visa and a plane ticket away from this event. The Mennonite World Conference young adult committee - AMIGOS - is trying to raise \$30,000 to reach North America's "fair share" for international delegates to attend GYS 2009. Are you willing to help us? We want every committed young leader appointed by his or her national conference in the Global South to come, uninhibited by the cost.

Katie Hochstedler is facilitating this meal and will be cooking much of the food. She is attempting to make it as inclusive as possible for those with food allergies and sensitivities as well as those who eat vegetarian and vegan diets. Much of the food will be sustainable, organic and/or local. The menu currently includes chicken and vegan (will include legumes) stews, rice, bread, green salad with homemade dressings, fresh fruit and cookies. A basket will be available for your donations.

Please plan to join us for this meal. If you are interested in helping or if you have any questions, you can contact Katie at katie.hochstedler@gmail.com or 319-936-0495.

-- Katie Hochstedler

Announcements

Michael Bischoff, ministry staff person, will hold regular office hours in the church office on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Michael will host two **small group discussions, Monday, November 3, 4:00 - 5:30 pm AND Friday, November 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am**. These will be informal times of conversation to get better acquainted and to begin talking 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 join Michael for one of these discussions, or contact Michael at 612-521-1889 or michael@clarityfacilitation.com to arrange another time to talk.

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.

Gifts Discernment Forms – Please remember that we will collect the Gifts Discernment forms during the worship service on **November 2**. Forms were placed in mailboxes in September and additional copies are on the mailbox table. If you will not be here on Nov. 2, please return your form to Erin Geiser's mailbox. Thank you for giving this your prayerful attention. –The Gifts Discernment Committee (Erin Geiser, Cleta Roth Gingerich, Joetta Schlabach)

TC MCC Relief Sale Needs—November 8, 2008:

— **Baked Goods 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, zweiback, etc. should be packaged in quantities of 1/2 or one dozen in a zip-lock 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.

Paula Okerstrom's fifth grade class is selling 2009 Weatherguide Wall Calendars and daily engagement calendars (KARE 11 and Freshwater Society). They have beautiful nature pictures, weather information, and make great gifts! They cost \$15.95 and about half goes back to the classroom. The fundraiser helps to offset bus/gas expense for field trips, a weekly student publication, "Time for Kids," and materials and incentives used in the classroom. Ask Paula or e-mail her at mokerstrom@comcast.net

Anthony Beerswing's school is again selling hot chocolate, tea and coffee. Please talk to Anthony after church or email Barb at beers003@umn.edu.

Announcements continued

St. Martins Table Grand Re-Opening — Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, Special extended hours for these days: Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The remodeled store features new displays and more Fair Trade items. Author Margi Preus will read from *The Peace Bell*, Saturday at 10 a.m. 2001 Riverside Ave. Mpls, 612 339-3920

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

Families Moving Forward is assembling a community chorus to be part of a holiday fundraising concert with the Lake Wobegon® Brass Band on **Friday, December 5, 2008, at 7 pm at Colonial Church of Edina**. If you can read music, like to sing and are available that evening, please sign up and we will send you the music, directions and all the details you need. Send an email to traceyrichardson@familiesmovingforward.org or call 612-529-2185. **Rehearsals** are scheduled for Saturday, **November 8**, 1:30-3:30 pm and Saturday, **November 15**, 1:30-3:30 pm at **Colonial Church**. **Full rehearsal** with the Brass Band will be on Sunday, **November 30**, 6:00-8:00 pm at **Anoka-Ramsey Community College**. Michael Halstenson will conduct all three rehearsals and performance. You will be forgiven if you are not able to make all three rehearsals, but the Nov. 30 dress rehearsal is a must.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Ten Thousand Villages needs volunteers to help at the cash register and in the stock room as the holiday season approaches. No experience necessary. Call 651-225-1043.

Minneapolis Thanksgiving Celebration Pow-Wow November 27-29. Need volunteers willing to work a 3-hr shift (3-6 or 6-9 p.m. on Friday or Saturday) assisting elders or helping clear tables. For more information, call the FMC office, 612-375-9483.

Families Moving Forward is reducing staff to deal with their financial situation and could use volunteer help from: carpenters, public health nurses, parent educators, community education specialists. They also need help in their day center on Monday, Thursday, and Friday to help answer phones and complete office tasks. Please call Leslie Frost, Executive Director, 612-529-2185