

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 23, 2011

## Prelude

## Welcome

**\*Call to Worship:** Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**People: But their delight is in the God's law; they meditate on  
God's ways day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their  
fruit in its season.

**P: Their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.**

*All: For God watches over the way of the righteous.*

**\*Hymns:** "Praise with joy the world's Creator" #16 STJ  
"Halle, halle, hallelujah!" #17 STJ

**Confession & Words of Assurance:** #690 HWB

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

## Children's time

**Song:** Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! (2x)  
Rejoice! Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! (2x)

**Scripture reading:** Philippians 4

**Sermon:** "Church Life 101"

**Hymn:** "God, whose giving" #383 HWB

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer & Lord's 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 & Offertory

*If you have brought your completed Gifts Discernment form(s), please bring them  
forward during the offering and place them in the box on the front table.*

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

## Introduction of guests

**\*Sending hymn:** "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song" #14 STJ

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

## Community Time

**10:40 a.m.** Fellowship time

**11:00 a.m.** Faith Formation hour with classes for all ages. Visitors are  
welcome to join any of the adult classes:

- In the beginning...creativity – Education wing chapel
- Trauma healing – Basement fellowship hall
- Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith & Practice – Pastor's study

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**TODAY:** Rejoicing in all things

**Worship Leader:** Bob Mack

**Sermon:** Gerald Schlabach

**Reader:** Matthew Blackwell-Kinney

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Barb Beers & Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke

**Nursery:** Kristin Green & Matthew Thomas

**Fellowship:** Clea Roth Gingerich

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Philippians Reprise

**Worship Leader:** Bob Mack

**Recitation:** Matthew Blackwell-Kinney

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Clea Roth & Jacob Schlabach

**Fellowship:** Potluck

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*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.*

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**Oct 16: Attendance:** 72

**Offering:** \$536.00

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update:**

**Received to date:** \$28,917    **Amount remaining:** \$2,083

*Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.*

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book    STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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***FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 24-28***

**Pastor:** Mon: 11-5; Wed & Thurs: 9-4; Fri: 9-1. Tuesday is a study day.

**Office Assistant,** Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:**

[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**Next Sunday - Potluck** Please bring dishes to share according to your last name initials. Bread will be provided. A-J: main dish, K-P: dessert R-Z: salad or fruit.

**Church Meetings and Events**

**Ongoing Tuesdays** – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, SP

**October 27** – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

**October 29** – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

**November 2** – Gifts Discernment, 12:30 p.m., Hendricks home

**November 3** – Edha/Mwenye Closing Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., FMC

Fellowship Hall

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

**November 15** – Christian Education commission, 4:30 p.m., FMC

**November 30** – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m. Richardson home

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## Philippians 4 (NIV)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

<sup>2</sup> I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. <sup>22</sup> All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Leader: 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

**Festival and Sale for World Relief, October 29** Note numerous ways to participate in this quickly approaching effort! An abbreviated electronic auction booklet was sent this week with terrific bid items. Contact for full copy. Requested are small lunch-size coolers to transport coins— please label coolers and place on church foyer stairs. Baked goods, pop & bottled water, pennies for penny power and many volunteer opportunities

**The 50th Anniversary Committee is looking for any and all photos or videos taken during the big weekend celebration in September.** If you have photos but have not yet shared them on FaceBook or sent via email to a committee member, please contact Sandra Westby We hope to make a display soon. -*Sandra, Joan, & Adam.*

**The 50th Anniversary Committee resumes work collecting family biographies.** We received a number of submissions, but many households are unaccounted for. We're looking for a one-page biography including a photo, that can be embedded or sent as separate file. These will be compiled through the end of the year and used in a commemorative book to be distributed at the annual meeting, 2012. - *Adam*

The **Derrickson family would like some meal assistance. Sign up at** [www.foodtidings.com](http://www.foodtidings.com). , search for "Derrickson" Questions or problems Adam Nafziger

**Missing Hymnals and Sing the Journey Books.** If you wish to keep a songbook that may have followed you home, please consider an \$11 donation for each (can be put in the offering during the service with memo note: hymnal purchase). If you would like to order for home enjoyment, please see sign up.

**October Soup Group** All welcome at this weekly meal, hosted by an FMC participant. Just RSVP & show up. Simple soup and bread are provided.  
**Friday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m.** – Katie Hochstedler residence, RSVP

**A gathering of anyone who enjoys craft, heritage arts or artisan creative activity is scheduled** for a first meeting in the church library on October 26<sup>th</sup> , from 7 -9p.m. Bring anything you are currently working on, or ready to begin. All ages and guests welcome. Light refreshments available. A 2nd gathering will be set for mid-November, after which, we will assess whether to continue. The purpose is to work on our individual projects, in community.

**Call for Artisans, Craftmakers, and Performance Artists:** FMC is hosting **Seward Art Crawl Dec. 2 & 3**, showcasing artisans from church and community. Mike Okerstrom's paintings, Dan Leisen's landscape photography and other will be for sale, as well as fair trade products from Ten Thousand Villages. For info or to be included as artist, contact