

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 24, 2010

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

***Hymns:** “Lord Jesus Christ, be present now” #22 HWB
“O God, your constant care” #481 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

P: Have mercy on us.

**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.

Old Testament reading: Joel 2:23-29

Children’s gathering song: “Come and see” #20 HWB

Children’s time: “Running a marathon” ~Bob Mack

Song: “Guide my feet” #546 STJ

New Testament reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-18

Sermon: “The run for justice”

Hymn: “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song” #14 STJ (vv. 1-3)

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:** “I’m pressing on the upward way” #96 HWB (v. 1)

***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

TODAY: Running the race

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 & *I volunteer
needed (Meagan is gone)*

Fellowship: Schlabach Family

NEXT SUNDAY: Stewardship and the Missional Call

Worship Leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: David Boshart

Song Leader: Hermann

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Cleta Roth & Kristi Zabriskie

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.

October 17: Attendance: 102

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund
Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Kami Blackwell Kinney
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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 next Sunday and preach in our worship service. Following the 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!

Church Meetings and Events

October 25 – Marriage Guidelines Task Force, 7 p.m., Chapel
October 27 – November newsletter deadline, noon
October 31 – CPMC Conference Ministers visit
November 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel
November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale
November 15 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 10:30 a.m., church office
November 17 – Deacons Commission, 9 a.m., Richardsons
November 21 – Pie Social

Joel 2:23-29

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put
to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

2 Timothy 4:6-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure
has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who
have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has
deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my
ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left
with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the
coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also
must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be
counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through
me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was
rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and
save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

TCMCC Relief Sale Water Facts:

- 90% of all usable water in the Middle East and Northern Africa crosses at least one international boundary. The number of shared water sources and rivers combined with water scarcity has led many government officials to call for “water wars.” Former World Bank vice president, Ismaili Serageldin, stated, “the wars of the next century will be about water.” As peacemakers, Mennonites can help reduce conflict by helping provide safe water. Taking a shower uses less water than taking a bath. You can save even more water if you take a shower in 5 minutes or less since you use about 2.5 gallons each minute while showering. Filling the tub completely with water for a bath takes about 40 gallons of water. A 5 minute shower uses about 25 gallons less than a bath.
- Rural people who lack a stable water supply may migrate to urban areas where services are closer, leading to overcrowding and stress on already limited resources. It is amazing how fast we use water in our everyday life. For example: If you turn off the faucet while washing hands or face you will save about 2 gallons per minute. – *Patricia Mack*

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.

October 17 -31, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host Lutheran World Relief exhibit on Columbia, “Remember Me: Voices of the Silenced.” The exhibit is fee and will be open at the following times: Sundays: 8a.m. – 1 p.m., Mondays: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Mon – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday October 28, noon – 1:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church hosts a dialogue lunch with Father Jesus Alberto Franco. Padre Alberto is a highly respected human rights advocate in Columbia and currently serves as Executive Secretary of the Inter-church Commission for Justice and Peace. He has been a featured speaker for the World Council of Churches in front of the United Nations, as well as at the 2009 School of Americas Watch protest. He is well versed in the effects of U.S. foreign policy and recent developments regarding U.S. military aid. A donation of \$5 is suggested for the lunch. **Please call 612-729-8358 or e-mail office@htlcmpls.org to register for this event.**

October 29-30, Second Annual Conference, Overcoming Racism: Recognizing and Challenging the Legacies that Oppress Us, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul. Featuring nationally-known speakers including Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr, Founder, White Privilege Conference. Early registration: \$75/day or \$120 for both days. Online registration at www.mncn.org/events.htm Scholarships available on need-basis. Organized by Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative. For more info: www.overcomingracism.org.