

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 25, 2009 "Finding Hope in Unsettling Times"

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Hymns: "My hope is built on nothing less" #343 HWB
"Keep me safe, O God" #50 STJ

Old Testament reading: Psalm 46

Children's gathering hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's time: Bibles presentations to second graders

Hymn: "Be still" #75 STJ

New Testament reading: Luke 22:54-62 & John 21:15-17

Sermon: "Finding Hope in Nature, Narrative, and Forgiveness"

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:** "The Lord lift you up" #73 STJ

***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)

- **2:00-5:00 "Who are the Mennonites?"** Open House and Expo

Come join the fun, bring your friends, and help welcome visitors who attend.

TODAY: Sources of Hope

Worship Leader: Orv & Cleta Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Readers: Mike & Paula Okerstrom

Drum: Matthew Thomas

Nursery volunteers: Cindy Bjork & Annette Semanchin-Jones

Fellowship: Joan Kreider

NEXT SUNDAY: All Saints Day

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Gene Stoltzfus

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery volunteers: Joan Wing & Minke Sundseth

Fellowship: Volunteers needed

Next Sunday Gene Stoltzfus, former director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will preach. Gene will also be the keynote speaker on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2:00-4:30. at the MN Fellowship of Reconciliation Annual Meeting "Peacemaking in an Age of Terrorism," special guest Kathy Kelly, and Peacemaker of the Year Award to be given to Steve Clemens. Macalester-Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul. Join us in building the nonviolence community in Minnesota!

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 18: Attendance: 91

Offering: \$1,919

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Cleta Roth Gingerich

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 26-30

Pastor: Mon 2:30-5; Wed 10-4; Thurs 1-5; Friday 9-1. 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

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.” Bring a favorite table game and veggies or fruit to go with the pizza. Pizza and drinks will be provided and a donation basket will be available. Please **RSVP to Rhonda Martin (763-516-4765) for a count of attendees for pizza.**

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

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

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

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

Church Meetings and Events

October 27 – *No lectionary discussion this week.*

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

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

‘Be still, and know that I am God!’

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Luke 22:54-62

Then they seized [Jesus] and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

John 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’

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

Mennonite Mission Network October Prayer Request

Approximately one-fourth of Mennonite Mission Network overseas personnel serve in countries where they cannot openly share the good news of Jesus. Pray that they may find ways to express God’s love, forgiveness and acceptance through their lives.

Thank you to all who walked in the CROP walk or supported walkers with a donation. So far, \$11,436 has been raised, although there may still be some pledges coming in. 7 bags of groceries were also collected, and 98 people walked. This money will be used for both local and worldwide hunger relief. If you would like to participate next year, mark you calendars now for October 10, 2010.

As you shop each week...remember that FMC gathers non-perishable food items, toiletries and disposable diapers for Community Emergency Services. You can bring items with you to church, leave them on the back table next to the mailboxes and they will be delivered. Thanks for remembering those who don’t have resources to support their families.

Wendy Brunner is an epidemiologist with the MN Department of Health. **She is glad to field questions you may have about the H1N1 virus** and/or about flu vaccines. You can contact her at addo@alum.rpi.edu.

Twin Cities MCC relief sale Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday, Nov. 14, 7am – 4:30pm

Never been to a Mennonite Central Committee relief sale & auction?

Have you experienced the excitement of a live auction? Have you eaten verenike and moos? Have you been collecting your pocket change for the PennyPower counting machine? Are you awestruck by 60+ high quality quilts on display in one large room? Would you like to check out this fun event and help out by volunteering for a shift?

From Glenn Geissinger, Volunteer Coordinator — I have volunteer opportunities available at various times during the day; most shifts are 1.5 to 2 hours in length and I will try to accommodate your interests and/or skills. Talk to me today during fellowship to get connected to this fundraising event. It won't cost you any money (parking is free & you don't have to buy anything!) Arrive early & leave late or vice versa. If we miss each other during fellowship, **call me any evening this week between 7:00-9:00pm at 952-470-1847.**

More ways to support the MCC, Festival & Sale for World Relief

- **November 1: Deadline for pre-ordering sausage.** Many people come to the Festival and Sale for World Relief with the hopes of tasting and taking home some extra Russian Mennonite food. This year we are offering a way to pre-order sausage so you won't be disappointed if supplies run out. The price is \$6/pound for frozen sausage. Contact Thaine Dirks at lapha002@umn.edu or 612-724-6450 **before November 1st** to order sausage. Orders will only be available for pickup at the sale on Nov. 14.
- **MCC Relief Sale Benefit Night —The Ten Thousand Villages store at 867 Grand Avenue, St. Paul,** will have a Benefit Night for the Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale. On **Thursday, November 5th, between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm,** 20% of the sales will be donated to the TC MCC Relief Sale. This will be a great time to do some of your holiday shopping. Your purchases will have the added bonus of helping support the MCC. Come and bring your friends!
- **MCC Bucks** — Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to attend the Festival and Sale for World Relief, by giving out MCC Bucks along with a brochure. MCC Bucks can be purchased in \$1.00 and \$5.00 amounts from Thaine. The MCC Bucks can be used to make purchases in the MCC Cafe, Artisan Market, Quilter's Corner and the Bake Sale. Give others a real incentive to come!