

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 26, 2008

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

\***Call to Worship:** #126 STJ

\***Hymns:** “Jesus calls us here to meet him” #3 STJ (v. 1-3)  
“O Prince of Peace” #15 HWB

**Old Testament Reading:** Leviticus 19:9-10; 13-15

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

**Children’s Time:** “Have you ever made a toy?”

**Hymn:** “In your sickness” #585 HWB

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:34-40

**Sermon:** “Caring for Neighbors Around the World”

**Hymn:** “Praise, I will praise” #76 HWB

## **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

## **Offering and Offertory**

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

## **Introduction of Guests**

\***Sending hymn:** “For the fruit of all creation” #90 HWB

\***Benediction**

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book      STJ: Sing the Journey

\***Please stand if you are able**

## Community Time

- **Fellowship time - 10:45-11:00 a.m.**

- **Children’s music – 11 a.m.,** Room 201, education wing

- **Education for all ages – 11:00-11:45**

### **Adult classes:**

- Reading the Bible from a feminist perspective—Library  
Today’s topic: “Women in Leadership”
- Politics & Spirituality – Chapel, education wing

- **Men’s choir rehearsal – 11:45-12:15 – sanctuary**

- **Noon: Fund-Raising Meal in the Fellowship Hall**

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**TODAY:** Loving our Global Neighbors as Ourselves

**Worship Leader:** Joetta Schlabach    **Reader:** Dan Leisen

**Ten Thousand Villages Report:** Mindy Ahler Olmstead

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

**Childcare:** Cleta Roth Gingerich & Leslie Minkler

**Fellowship time:** Dick and Sandra Westby

**NEXT SUNDAY:** All Saints Day / Communion

**Worship Leader:** Cleta Roth Gingerich

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach    **Reader:** Erin Geiser

**Piano:** Karen Zeug    **Song Leader:**

**Childcare:** Volunteers Needed

**Fellowship time:** Gregg & Beth Richardson

**Gifts Discernment Forms** – Please remember that we will collect the Gifts Discernment forms during the worship service **next Sunday**. Forms were placed in mailboxes in September and additional copies are on the mailbox table. If you will not be here next Sunday, 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)*

**Photos and icons** – You are also invited to bring a photo of a loved one or of a person of faith/saint who has inspired you, to include in our All Saints Day remembrance.

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**October 19:**    Attendance: 78    Offering: \$2,349

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*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 27-31

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5 p.m.; Tues 10-4; Wed 9-noon. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Mon and Wed from 7-8:30 p.m. Joetta will be on vacation on October 30, 31 and November 3.

**Michael Bischoff:** Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon

**Office Assistant:** Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before Thurs. evening to:*  
[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**Men's Retreat**— Anyone interested in men's retreat, please let Andy Martinson know. A tentative date of President's Day weekend (Feb 13 to 16) works well for a few people so far. Snowshoe Lodge (we went there in 2006 or so) is available right now but it may disappear quickly. Wilderness Wind is not staffed in the winter and may not be dependable, but it is an option. If anyone has suggestions or an offering for other lodging, please let Andy know. Snowshoe Lodge will run \$30/person/night. [andrew\\_martinson@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew_martinson@hotmail.com)

**For anyone who wishes to receive a subscription**, FMC provides one Mennonite publication for members or regular attenders. We are renewing our group subscriptions to *The Mennonite*, a bi-weekly publication. Anyone who doesn't already have another subscription and would like to receive this monthly magazine and can sign up on the form located on the table by the mailboxes. **Shared copies of publications** are located on the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary. Anyone may borrow copies as wanted.

### Church Meetings and Events

November 3 – Small group discussion with Michael Bischoff,  
4-5:30 p.m., FMC

November 5 –Advent Planning Group, 6:45 p.m., FMC

November 7—Small group discussion with Michael Bischoff,  
10-11:30 a.m., FMC

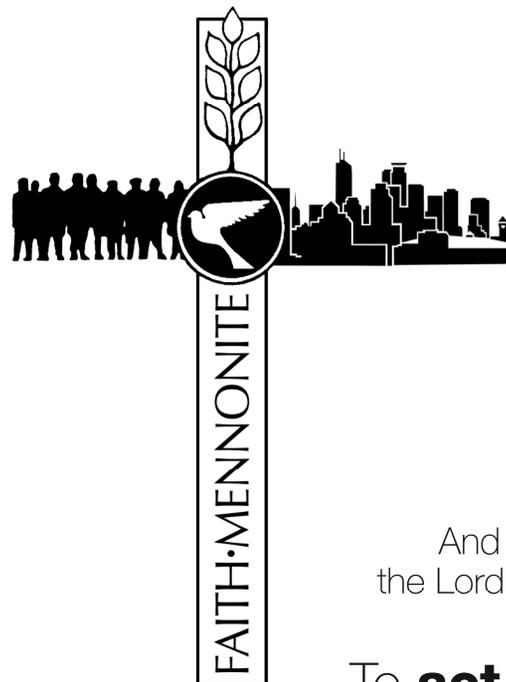
November 8 – MCC- Festival & Sale for World Relief

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

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

November 11 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 4:30 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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## Leviticus 19:9-10; 13-15

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

## Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

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.**

## Announcements

**Michael Bischoff, ministry staff person**, holds 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 him at 612-521-1889 or [michael@clarityfacilitation.com](mailto:michael@clarityfacilitation.com) to arrange another time to talk.

## Announcements continued

**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.

**Emmanuel Mennonite Church** will be moving to a new worship site beginning December 14. They will rent space from Messiah Lutheran Church in the Phillips neighborhood (2504 Columbus Ave.). The **Hmong Mennonite Church** is looking for a new worship venue since the church they currently meet in on St. Paul's east side has changed ownership.

**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 Seward Concert Band**, under the direction of Denny Malmberg, is presenting its fall concert on **Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m.** at the South High Auditorium. Among other pieces, the band will be performing “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” with a real live fiddler! Tickets can be purchased at the door: adults \$6, seniors \$5, students/children \$4.

## TC MCC Relief Sale Needs—November 8, 2008:

— **MCC Bucks**—The best way to bring new people to the MCC Relief Sale is through word of mouth. So to spread the word, we would like you to consider giving friends, coworkers and acquaintances a coupon for use at the sale, along with a short written note of invitation. Here is how it works: Buy MCC bucks for either \$1 or \$5 that your friends can redeem at the sale, November 8th. See Thaine Dirks to buy the MCC bucks.

— **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](mailto: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.

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