

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 31, 2010

Living as Joyful Stewards

Prelude / Fanfare: “Canzona per Sonare” by Giovanni Gabrieli
Welcome

***Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 24:1-2

Response: Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating!

***Hymns:** “This is our Maker’s world” #154 HWB

“We are people of Gods peace #407 HWB

FMC Moment in History

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

Children’s time: “Living and sharing peace”

Song: “Now go in peace” #74 STJ

New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; 8:1-15

Sermon: “Stewardship and our missional call”

Hymn: “When the poor ones” #69 STJ

Congregational Sharing

~Hermann Weinlick, deacon

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

***Sung benediction:** “Come thou fount” #521 HWB

***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

-**Noon potluck** in fellowship hall, followed by a discussion with the Central Plains Conference Ministry Staff: David Boshart, Shana Peachey Boshart, and Tim Detweiler.

TODAY: Stewardship and Mission

Worship Leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: David Boshart

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Brass Quartet: Matthew Blackwell Kinney, Neil Okerlund, Gregg Richardson, Matthew Thomas

Drums: Matthew Thomas

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Cleta Roth & Kristi Zabriskie

We extend a warm welcome to David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. David has been a pastor in CPMC for over 20 years, serving two southeastern Iowa congregations. Dave and his wife Shana Peachy Boshart have 3 sons and are enjoying their new role as grandparents.

NEXT SUNDAY: Stewardship and Worship (Gen. 28:10-22; Mk 14:3-9)

Worship Leader: Cleta Roth Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Piano: Karen Zeug

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Mark Kaufman & Becky Brandon

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 24: Attendance: 80

Offering: not recorded

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: November 1-5

Pastor: Friday 9-4. Joetta is away on vacation until Thursday. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs or in case of an emergency during her absence.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before **Wednesday evening** to: faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.*

Please return Gifts Discernment Forms TODAY! You may place them in the gift-wrapped box just inside the entrance doors to the sanctuary.

Saturday November 6, 5 p.m., Seward Deacon Group Progressive Potluck Dinner - Join us for a movable feast hosted by three Seward families. We'll have appetizers at Okerstroms, dinner at the Westbys, and dessert at the Hendricks. **Please RSVP to Matthew** so that we can get a count for planning purposes.

Church Meetings and Events

November 2 – No Sunday text discussion this week
November 4 – Marriage Guidelines Taskforce, 7 p.m., chapel
November 5 – Longfellow Deacon Group Gathering and Meal, 5:30 p.m., FMC Fellowship Hall
November 6 – Seward Deacon Group Progressive Dinner
November 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel
November 12 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Cleveland and Marshall, SP
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, noon, fellowship hall
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
December 1 – Missions & Service Commission, 6 p.m., chapel

2 Corinthians 5:16-21; 8:1-15

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

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 Fact: The theme of this year's Relief Sale on November 13 is water. Please contemplate the importance of the Earth's most valuable resource. "Unsafe water makes children sick. The World Health Organization estimates that *6,000 children die each day from water-related illnesses* that most parents in the U.S. have scarcely heard of. These include cholera, dysentery, typhoid, guinea worm, and hepatitis. Any one of these diseases can devastate a community's young population. If you brush your teeth twice a day and turn off the water while you are brushing, you will use one gallon of water a day for tooth brushing." –*Patricia Mack*

TCMCC Relief Sale Announcements:

-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. \$1 MCC Bucks can be purchased from Thaine Dirks. 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!

-Lunch Boxes Needed: At the Festival and Sale for World Relief, thousands of coins are collected at the Penny Power coin counter. We need small lunch boxes, with handles, to carry the coins to the bank. If you can spare a lunch box for a week, please bring them to church for Darrell Martin or Thaine Dirks. Thanks! – *Thaine Dirks*

Saturday, November 6, 1 p.m. Seward Neighborhood History Committee Presentation at FMC, *Going the Greyhound Way: The Romance of the Road.* Meet the Author, Robert Gabrick and hear him present the interesting and formative history of transportation when individual automotive transportation was limited. How did transportation development shape our physical and cultural landscape today? Did you know the Greyhound Bus Company began in Minnesota? Mr. Gabrick has written extensively about car and truck transportation. An opportunity to purchase Mr. Gabrick's book after the presentation and have it signed personally by the author will be available. He is a former Seward resident and South High alum. For more information call Dick Westby.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:30, Joint FMC-Missio Dei potluck at FMC. This is an opportunity for getting better acquainted with the Missio Dei community and to learn about their ministry of hospitality to people who are homeless.