

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 1, 2009

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship #672 HWB

*Hymns: “Come, we that love the Lord” #14 HWB vv. 1, 2, 4
“We praise thee, O God” #99 HWB vv. 1, 2, 4

Old Testament reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Naming and Remembering

Children’s gathering hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s time: “Things that help us remember”

Hymn: “Thy holy wings” # 118 STJ

New Testament reading: John 11:32-44

Sermon: “Stumbling towards unity at the table”

Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

Communion Hymn “If you but trust in God” ~ Ensemble

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

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

Introduction of Guests

*Sending Hymn: “For all the saints” #636 HWB vv. 1, 4, 3

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

- Fellowship time –10:45-11:10 a.m.

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

- Christian Education – 11:15-noon

Adult sessions:

- Money and Faith (Chapel)
- The Politics of Jesus (Library)

- Menno’ Faith rehearsal, 11:15 – sanctuary (50 min)

TODAY: All Saints Day / Communion

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Gene Stoltzfus

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Reader: Candace Lutt

Ensemble: Wendy Brunner, Arlene Holdeman, Phil Stoltzfus

Nursery volunteers: Joan Wing & Minke Sundseth

We welcome Gene Stoltzfus, former director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. Gene began his peacemaking work in 1963 as a civilian volunteer and conscience objector who served five years in Viet Nam. Later he was director of CPT for 16 years. In retirement he continues to travel to promote peacemaking. This afternoon Gene will be the keynote speaker at the MN Fellowship of Reconciliation Annual Meeting “Peacemaking in an Age of Terrorism.” The meeting is from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at Macalester-Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY: Whole Life Stewardship

Sermon: Rhoda Blough and Dan Haggerty

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Jenny Wandersee & Heather Wengerd

Fellowship: Volunteers needed

Next Sunday Rhoda Blough and Dan Haggerty, Mennonite Mutual Aid representatives, will speak in worship and will lead two adult education classes (see flyer in mailboxes).

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: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Clea Roth Gingerich

Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Nov 2-6

Pastor: Tues 9-10:30 & 2:30-5; Wed 9-11 & 3:30-5; Thurs 9-4; Joetta will be in Manson, IA on Friday and Saturday for a meeting of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference Unity Task Group.

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before **Thursday evening** to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org*

October 25: Attendance: 90 Offering: \$623

Phone numbers for Matthew & Shelly Hendricks. The new abbreviated directory has the wrong number. They can be reached on their cell phones at 612-501-3382 (S) 612-501-8966 (M).

Menno' Faith Choral Rehearsal Schedule for Nov 14 performance

Nov. 8 noon (30 minutes.)

Nov. 14 9:15am (before the 10 am concert)

Church Meetings and Events

November 1 – Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, noon, church office

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

November 14 – MCC Fall Festival & Sale, Hennepin Technical College

November 17 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 7 p.m., church office

November 18 – Deacon's Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

November 22 – Pie Potluck, Noon

Twin Cities MCC relief sale Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday, Nov. 14, 7am – 4:30pm

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

- **We're looking for MCC Sale Bakers again.** Your favorite items will doubtless sell. We have had good response to the bake sale every year. Breads, rolls, nut breads, zweiback, cookies, cakes, pies, peppernuts or whatever you would like to contribute are welcome. Please package your items in quantities of 1/2 or one dozen in sealed plastic bags. We have a supply of boxes for cakes and pies. Bring your goods to the sale any time the day of the sale. They do not need to be there at the beginning of the day. Sometime in the morning, however, is best since that's when we have our heaviest traffic. You don't need to tell me in advance what you plan to bring, but if you have questions please call or email me. Arlene Geissinger — 952-470-1847 or angeissinger@gmail.com. Thank you for your contributions and support
- **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!

Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep.
So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

Cindy Bjork would like to invite you to a celebration of her good health! – Sunday, Nov. 8, 1-4 p.m. She is having a pizza party in the community room in her apartment building, 2625 Park Ave, Mpls. Please RSVP to Cindy at cbjork2003@yahoo.com or call 612-338-2547.

Do you have anywhere to go for a great meal on Thanksgiving? Do you have extra space at your Thanksgiving table? We would like to bring together the folks at Faith who would like an invitation to a Thanksgiving meal with those who would like to extend an invitation to others to join them in their homes. You will find a sign-up sheet at the back of the church; **please sign up by November 15.** You may also contact the office at faithmc@faithmennonite.org letting us know if you would like to host or be a guest. – *Marian Heinrichs, Fellowship Commission*

Musical Instruments! The Mennonite Seminary in Asuncion, Paraguay has a huge music program for poor children at about 70 locations, including the garbage dump. They need donated instruments, even those which need repair as they are also starting a repair program. Instruments will be collected at Bethel (KS) College and taken by travelers to Paraguay. Arlo Kasper, retired from Bethel, came up with this project. For more info call Patricia Mack at 612-341-3421, who will collect instruments at the Nov. 14 Relief Sale.

Mennonite Mission Network November Prayer Request

Pray for Neal Blough who will be traveling from the Paris Mennonite Center to the Theological Seminary Bienenberg in Switzerland to teach courses Thursday through Saturday of the coming week. Pray also for the French and Swiss pastors who are deepening their knowledge through this continuing education program.

Candle Light Vigil to support a Public Option in Healthcare, Tuesday, November 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., office of Senator Amy Klobuchar, 1200 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis. ISIAIAH is coordinating this evening gathering that will include prayer, phone calls to Senator Klobuchar's office (bring your cell phone!) and photos of everyone standing in front of her office that we will email to her the following day. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to long@isaiah-mn.org. — Ruth Wiechman, ISIAIAH

National Council of Churches General Assembly Closing Worship and Installation Service, Thurs., Nov. 12. Worship 7:30 pm, Reception 9 pm, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis. The Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) invites the public to the closing event of the National Council of Churches General Assembly at which the Rev. Peg Chamberlin will be installed as the NCC's 25th president. The celebrative closing worship will include a sermon by Rev. Dr. James Forbes Jr., president of the Healing of the Nations Foundation and Senior Minister Emeritus at Riverside Church in New York; Philip Brunelle directing a 70 voice choir with singers from seven downtown Minneapolis churches. Canon Musician Raymond Johnston will be the organist and Jearlyn Steele a featured soloist.

Creating a Culture of Peace: Nonviolence Training for Personal and Social Change. Weekend nonviolence retreat, Friday, Nov. 13 - Sunday, Nov. 15, in Northfield, MN. Explore and develop your understanding and practice of transformative nonviolent power. First developed by Fellowship of Reconciliation, the three-day retreat features an interactive, popular education training model; a spiritually grounded, interfaith approach; practice in inter-personal nonviolent communication; tools for socio-political analysis and engagement; and a retreat site with four walking labyrinths. \$200/person. Facilitators: Phil Stoltzfus and Candace Lutt. For more information and registration, call 507-663-1859 or email stoltzfusp@gmail.com. See: www.creatingacultureofpeace.org

From Chris Semanchin Jones – I contributed a track of music to a new kids CD that is being released next month. It's a great CD with some fun, funky stuff and some great original lullabies. I get to pretend to be in a Cajun band! The CDs are \$10. You can send me a check or cash. (Full disclosure, I only make money on the copies I sell myself. It's a small record label.) Here's the link www.houseofmercyrecordings.com/albums/youngsterparade.html Just email me at shlomojone@yahoo.com if you would like to request a copy.

See Announcements for
MCC Festival & Sale for World Relief
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