

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: November 3-7

Pastor: Wed & Thursday 9-4; Friday 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 Monday, November 3. Tuesday is a study day.

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

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

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

Thank you to all who made contributions to the Global Youth Summit travel fund at last Sunday's fund-raising meal. \$1052 were contributed! And thank you to Katie Hochstedler and all who assisted with cooking, set-up and clean-up, and to the Menno'Faith for entertaining music.

Church Membership – We are planning to have a Church Membership Sunday on November 23. Persons who are interested in exploring church membership may speak with the pastor or a deacon.

Directory correction:

Melissa Falb work email: falb.melissa@macphail.org

Church Meetings and Events

November 2 – All Saints Day / Gifts Discernment Forms due

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

November 6 - Trustees, 5:30 p.m., FMC

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

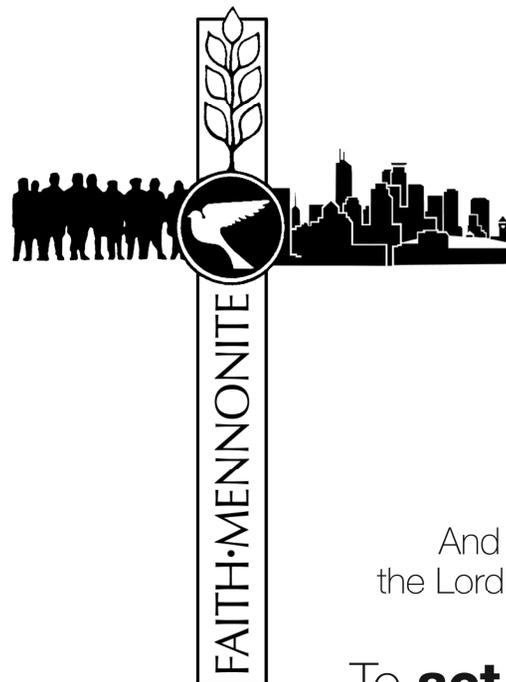
November 8 – MCC- Festival & Sale for World Relief

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.**

November 2, 2008

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 will host two **small group discussions, Monday, November 3, 4:00 - 5:30 pm** and **Friday, November 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am**. He is listening for 1) the 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 sessions, or contact him at 612-521-1889 or michael@clarityfacilitation.com to arrange another time to talk.

Help support the Thanksgiving Day Free Store— Please bring new/used men's belts, new white athletic socks, toiletries, children's books and coloring books or new/used tote bags and backpacks to **The Festival and Sale for World Relief**, the 8th annual Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale November 8th, 8-5 at Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park. The Relief Sale is collecting items that will be delivered to the **St. Stephen's Shelter All Day Drop-in Center** for their Thanksgiving Free Store event.

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 may sign up on the form located on the table by the mailboxes or email the office at faithmc@faithmennonite.org. **Shared copies of publications** are located on the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary. Anyone may borrow copies as wanted.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Ten Thousand Villages needs volunteers to help at the cash register and in the stock room as the holiday season approaches. Call 651-225-1043.

Minneapolis Thanksgiving Celebration Pow-Wow November 27-29. Needs volunteers willing to work a 3-hr shift (3-6 or 6-9 p.m. on Friday or Saturday) assisting elders or helping clear tables. For more information, call the FMC office, 612-375-9483.

Families Moving Forward is reducing staff to deal with their financial situation and could use volunteer help from: carpenters, public health nurses, parent educators, community education specialists. They need help in their day center on Monday, Thursday, and Friday to answer phones and complete office tasks. Please call Leslie Frost, Executive Director, 612-529-2185

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. Snowshoe Lodge (we went there in 2006 or so) is available but we need to reserve soon. 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