

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 7, 2010

Prelude Welcome

***Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 96

*Response: O sing to God a new song;
sing to the Holy One, all the earth.*

***Hymns:** “Awake, arise, and sing a new song” #56 HWB
“Tú has venido a la orilla” #229 HWB

Old Testament reading: Genesis 28:13-22

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

Children’s time: Bibles for 2nd Graders

Song: “Take my life and let it be” (vv. 1-3; 6)

New Testament reading: Mark 14:1-9

Sermon: “Worship: the first act of stewardship”

Sharing at the Table in Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread /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.

Congregational Sharing

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 “My soul is filled with joy” by David Haas
~ Menno’Faith Ensemble, Neil Okerlund, director

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** “Give thanks for life” #108 STJ

***Benediction**

***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

TODAY: Stewardship and Worship

Worship Leader: Cleta Roth Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Piano: Karen Zeug

Reader: Noah Skogerboe

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Mark Kaufman & Becky Brandon

NEXT SUNDAY: Stewardship and Faithful Living

Worship Leader: Cleta Roth Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Anna Gambucci

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Leslie Minkler & Beth Richardson

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 31: Attendance: 99

Offering: \$ 2513.00

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: November 8-12

Pastor: Mon 1-5, Wed 9-3, Thurs 10-4. 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.

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.

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.

Join a Mixed Voice Advent Choir. Mark your calendar now for rehearsals to begin in late November. Here is the schedule:

Nov. 28 Right after worship (No Christian education classes)
Dec. 5 During Education hour (11:15-noon)
Dec. 12 Short warm-up rehearsal at 9:00am; Sing for church service
Dec.19 Short warm-up rehearsal at 9:00am; Sing for church service
You are invited to sing at one or both performances. We will sing one piece for each service. Both pieces will be worked on at each rehearsal. This is an opportunity to sing in a totally non-intimidating group. – *Neil Okerlund*

Church Meetings and Events

November 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel
November 9 – 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., Richardson's
November 20 – November Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabachs
November 21 – Pie Social, noon, fellowship hall
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
December 1 – Missions & Service Commission, 6 p.m., chapel

Genesis 28:13-22

And the Lord stood beside Jacob and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.'

Mark 14:1-9

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'

While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

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

Help FMC Welcome Our Newest Neighbors! It's time to start collecting supplies and preparing to welcome a Somali refugee family to our neighborhood! We need to be ready no later than mid-November to set up an apartment for a family of 5-8 people. If you have kitchen items, linens, furniture, or general household supplies to contribute, contact Cynthia Miller at 612-861-0292 or millmart5@comcast.net; or Jenny Wandersee at 612-728-9489 or jwander1@fairview.org. If you have winter clothing for children or adults, contact Beth Richardson. If you can help move furniture or set up the apartment, contact Dan Leisen. If you have a largish car or van, and can help drive people to appointments, contact Sandy Westby.
—Kathleen Remund

Women's Wellness Small Group is being started by Donna Minter and Beth Richardson. The initial focus will be on our relationship with food and weight. To provide some structure, the book: *It's Not About Food* by Carol Normandi MFT and Laurelee Roark, CCHT, which presents a holistic approach to these issues, will be read and discussed for practical application. Another resource is *Fit from Within* by Victoria Moran. Both books can be purchased "used" at www.amazon.com for less than \$1 + shipping. If you can't afford the book(s), but want to join, come anyway and we will figure it out. The group may include some guided imagery. The time, dates, and location of our gathering will depend on what works for most people.

Monday, November 15, 7 p.m. free Woodwind Quintet Recital at Saint Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Enjoy music by Duke Ellington and others. The quintet musicians are Katherine Eklund on flute, Lorelei Giddings on oboe, Bruce Bissonett on clarinet, Heather Clark on bassoon and Neil Okerlund on French horn. Please let us know if you'd like to carpool, specific directions or more information. Church is located at 2323 Como Avenue West, Saint Paul. Hope to see you there! —Debbie Okerlund

November Birthday Brunch, Nov. 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. If you or a family member has a birthday in November, pastor Joetta invites you to her home, 248 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, for brunch on November 20. (This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person.) Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email.

Water Facts (continued)

WATER IN OUR OWN LIVES:

- Regular washing machines use about 40 gallons of water during one wash cycle. Water efficient ones use less than 28 gallons of water. That's a savings of at least 13 gallons of water for one load of laundry. You can also save water by waiting until you have a full load and choose the best load size selection.
- Washing dishes in a dishwasher typically uses less water than washing by hand. If you do wash by hand, you can save water by not running the water while you are washing. Also, if you use a dishwasher, make sure to wash only full loads and scrape dishes rather than rinsing them with water before putting them in the dishwasher.
- If you use a broom instead of a hose to clean the driveway and sidewalks you will save 6 gallons per minute.
- Common daily use without low flow faucets is about 7.5 gallons of water each day. Low flow faucets could save around 3 gallons per person each day!
- The amount of oil used to manufacture disposable water bottles for the U.S. market would fuel more than 100,000 cars for a year. If you drink only bottled water, on average you'll spend more than \$1,000 per year to get your recommended daily amount of H₂O, as opposed to just 49 cents for a year's supply of just as healthy tap water. (from Jeff Yeager, author of *The Cheapskate Next Door*.)
- About 15% of total home heating costs is attributable to heating water for domestic use, and that expense can easily be cut in half through better conservation and a few simple energy-saving devices. (Yeager)

TCMCC Relief Sale Final Announcements

from Thaine Dirks and Glenn Geissinger

MCC Relief Sale - Local Connection The Festival and Sale for World Relief, the 10th annual Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale, is coming up November 13th, 9-4 at Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park. There is a local charitable connection again this year, the Thanksgiving Day Free Store, that serves over 400 homeless people with clothing and other goods. The Relief Sale is collecting items that will be delivered to the St. Stephen's Shelter All Day Drop-in Center for this Thanksgiving event. 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 help support the Thanksgiving Day Free Store

MCC Health Kits: Children will be making MCC Health Kits in their activity area at the Festival and Sale for World Relief, November 13th. They are invited to bring some new items for the kits that day. Here are the contents of an MCC Health Kit: *1 toothbrush (adult size; leave in wrapper) * 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 130ml / 6oz; leave in box) * 1 large bar of bath soap * 1 fingernail clipper *1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)

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!

Penny Power Collections: This year's sale features an anonymous grant that will match your contributions penny for penny to \$4,000. The total Penny Power collection will be split between an MCC water project in a third world country and a Ukrainian orphanage.

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TCMCC Relief Sale Final Announcements (continued)

Baked Goods Needed: Margaret Janzen and Arlene Geissinger are looking for bakers to help supply baked goods for the sale. All contributions to the bake sale tables will be greatly appreciated. In past years, all contributions have sold out which means this is a great fundraising corner during sale day. Good selling items have included breads, rolls, zwieback, cookies, cakes, New Year's cookies (porzilke), pies of all kinds, perischke, peppernuts and bars. If you have your own favorite baked item, we'd love to sell it! Cookies, rolls, zwieback and bars should be packaged in either half dozen OR dozen per Ziplock bag. Peppernuts should be packaged at 1 and ½ cups per Ziplock bag. If you are not able to attend the sale but would like to contribute baked goods, please call or e-mail Margaret or Arlene to make arrangements.

Margaret Janzen: 612-827-7201 (evenings)
margaretjanzen@yahoo.com

Arlene Geissinger: 952-470-1847 (evenings)
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Pop & Bottled Water Needed: To help cover food costs, the sale Board appreciates large quantities (cases) of pop and bottled water to be sold in the cafeteria. Over the next 2 weeks when you see sales of pop or water at your local grocery or big box retailer, pick up a couple of cases and drop them off at church. Bring to church by 3 pm Friday, Nov. 12 & we'll coordinate delivery to the sale. Thank you for your help with this small but necessary project.

Want to get involved with this exciting event: If you've never been to an MCC auction / sale **OR** if you've only attended, we are looking for any last minute volunteers to help staff our event. If you'd like a peak at how this festival happens, get personally involved by volunteering for a 2 hour slot in one of the many areas staffed entirely by volunteers. Contact Glenn Geissinger, volunteer coordinator by email at glenn.geissinger@gmail.com or by phone at 952.470.1847 no later than Nov. 10. Do you have friends who'd like to volunteer?

TCMCC Relief Sale Water Facts

Compiled by Patricia Mack from MCC and other sources

The theme of this year's Relief Sale is water. Please contemplate the critical importance of the Earth's most valuable resource in our own lives and in the needs around the world.

AROUND THE WORLD:

- important daily activity for women and young girls in developing countries. It is estimated that women in low-income countries spend 40 billion hours annually fetching and carrying water from sources far from home and that may not provide clean water. The time spent collecting water makes it difficult for women to focus on other economic activities and young girls to attend school. The weight of the water they carry also exposes them to a greater risk of malnutrition, back problems, and anemia
- In many places, the available water source, even at a great distance, is contaminated. Many women lack access to enough fuel to boil and treat the water. Additionally, many times new technologies for water treatment are taught to the men in the community and the knowledge remains unshared with the women who manage the water collection and storage for the family. This hard-earned water, if left untreated, has the potential to infect small children and elderly adults with fatal illness.
- Hundreds of millions of school days each year are missed due to water-related illnesses. Unsafe water leads to severe outbreaks of diarrheal diseases, which include some of the deadliest diseases for children in the developing world. Improper waste disposal and lack of water for proper hand washing perpetuates diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and hepatitis. These outbreaks force school closures, making education impossible in some rural areas.
- The average person in the developing world uses 10 liters of water per day, the average Canadian or U.S. uses more than 300 liters per day. A child born in Europe or the United States is 520 times less likely to die from diarrheal disease than an infant in sub-Saharan Africa, where only 36 percent of the population has access to hygienic sanitation.

More water facts on next page....