

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 8, 2009

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

L: We praise you, O God, giver of gifts without number.

**P: We praise you for the breath of life,
for the beauty of the world,
and for all that sustains us with bodily strength.**

L: We praise you for a valuable heritage
that come to us across many generations of ancestors.

P: We praise you for work to do and for energy to work.

**All: O God, may we never forget to praise you for your greatness and
your goodness. Amen.**

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***Hymns:** “God whose giving” #383 HWB

“Lord of all good” #60 STJ

Old Testament reading: Psalm 24:1-10

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

Children’s time

Hymn: “Let us talents and tongue employ” (*insert*)

New Testament reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon: “Integrating Faith and Holistic Stewardship”

Hymn: “Heart and mind, possessions, Lord” #392 HWB

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:** “Lord thou dost love” #387 HWB (*vv. 1 & 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:

• Teaching Stewardship to Children (Chapel)

• Making Your Wishes Known (Fellowship Hall)

- **Menno’Faith rehearsal, noon (30 min)**

TODAY: Whole life stewardship

Sermon: Rhoda Miller Blough

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Readers: Thaine & Hannah Dirks

Drums: Matthew Thomas

Nursery volunteers: Heather Wengerd & **one volunteer needed**

Fellowship: Donna Minter & Bruce Brunner

We welcome MMA representatives Rhoda Miller Blough and Dan Haggerty. Rhoda is the Church Relations Manager for MMA West and resides in Denver, Co. Dan is an MMA counselor for South Dakota and Minnesota. A Canadian citizen, he grew up in Nepal and India and graduated from Goshen College. He lives in Freeman, SD with his wife and two children. Dan will lead the “Making Your Wishes Known” education session.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Worship Leader: Annette Semanchin Jones **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Donna Stucky

Piano: Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Wolf Bartel & Kami Blackwell Kinney

Fellowship: Volunteers 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.

November 1: Attendance: 94

Offering: \$3,136.50

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Cleta Roth Gingerich
Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Nov 9-13

Pastor: Monday 1-5; Wed 9-5; Fri 9-1; Thursday Joetta will be an observer for MC USA (with Hermann Weinlick) at the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, meeting in Minneapolis.

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

*Email all bulletin items before **Thursday evening** to:*

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

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 Nov. 15**. You may also contact the office at faithmc@faithmennonite.org letting us know if you would like to host or be a guest.

Organizers of the Thanksgiving Powwow and free meal at the American Indian Center invite donations of prepared turkeys or hams as well as volunteers to help serve. If you would like to donate a turkey or ham or help serve the meal, please contact Trentt Cramer, trentt@northernsun.com, or 612-876-0495. The prepared meat should be delivered to the American Indian Center, 1530 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls., between 10 and 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Trentt can provide more information about volunteer times. ~*Missions & Service Commission*

Church Meetings and Events

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

November 10 – Lectionary Discussion Group (Daniel 12:1-3; Heb. 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8) Trotter's, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

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

December 1 – Missions & Service, 4 p.m., FMC

December 13 – Christmas Program, evening

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. 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

- **MCC Relief Sale - Local Connection** 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**
- **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 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!
- Almost all of the water and pop sold at the MCC Cafe at the MCC Relief Sale is donated. **Please bring any donated bottled water and pop** to Faith Mennonite. Or certainly you could bring the donated water or pop directly to the sale. Thanks for your contribution.

Psalm 24:1-10

The world and all that is in it belong to God,
the earth and all who live on it. God built it on the deep waters,
laid its foundations upon the rivers.
Who has the right to climb the mountain of God?
Or stand in God's holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls
to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.
They will receive blessing from God, and vindication from the God of
their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek the Holy One, who seek the face
of the God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the Holy One will come in.
Who is the Holy One?
Our God, strong and mighty, Our God, victorious in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the Holy One may come in.
Who is the Holy One?
God of hosts, God the glorious.

Matthew 6:25-34

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

Care packages for college students — This Sunday and next, we will be assembling 13 care packages for FMC college students. Please sign cards located at the back of the sanctuary. Also, bring items to include in each care package, such as: homemade cookies, rolls of quarters, laundry detergent, tea bags or hot cocoa packets, pretzels, corn chips, gum, mints, Ramen noodles, microwave popcorn, instant oatmeal packets, leftover Halloween candy, soap, shampoo, pens, Post-It notes, phone cards, blank CDs, devotional books, magazines, etc. Let's show them how much we care about them and help them survive finals week!

Candle Light Vigil to support a Public Option in Healthcare, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., office of Senator Amy Klobuchar, 1200 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis. ISAIAH 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.

The Mennonite Central Committee meat canner will be in Minnesota **Nov. 12 and 13**. All who wish to help are welcome. We will be canning turkey at the Elmendorf Hutterian Brethren community near Mountain Lake all day on the 12th and much of the 13th. Local volunteers may not be as available as usual because farmers are still harvesting. For more information about Mountain Lake canning, contact Brian Nickel at b.nickel@frontiernet.net. For more information about MCC meat canning in general, go to mcc.org/canning. ~Maryann Harder 507-427-2232

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 interpersonal 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.