

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 13, 2011

## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Let all who are thirsty come;

**People: Let them drink of the water that has no price.**

L: Let all who are hungry come;

**P: Let them eat of the bread that has no cost.**

L: All without money, come, buy, and eat!

*All: Drink what is good, and delight in the Lord!*

\*Hymns: "Praise with joy the world's Creator" #16 STJ  
"Come and give thanks to the Giver" #57 HWB

**Old Testament reading:** Micah 6:6-8

**Children's gathering song:** "Come and see" #20 HWB

**Children's time:** "Friday feasts for the hungry"

**Song:** "You are the salt for the earth" #226 HWB

**Gospel reading:** Matthew 15:32-38

**Sermon:** "God's Great Giveaway"

**Dedication of Grocery Bags**

\*Hymn: "O let all who thirst" #495 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer & Lord's 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 & Offertory

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

### Introduction of guests

\*Sending hymn: "The church of Christ, in every age" #403 HWB (vv. 1-3)

### \*Benediction

### \*Passing the Peace / Postlude

## Community Time

**10:40 a.m.** Fellowship time

**11:00 a.m.** Faith Formation hour with classes for all ages. Visitors are welcome to join any of the adult classes:

- In the beginning...creativity – Education wing chapel
- Trauma healing – Basement fellowship hall
- Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith & Practice – Pastor's study

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**TODAY:** The Feast of Justice

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Sermon:** Lynn Peterson

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Kami-Blackwell-Kinney & Jason Derrickson

**Fellowship:** Shelly Hendricks & Laurie Kaufman

*We welcome Pastor Lynn Peterson, who serves at Community Emergency Service, to preach and lead our children's time this morning. Pastor Lynn has served Lutheran congregations in Seattle and Bellingham, WA and Golden Valley, MN, for 21 years, with focus on community ministry and global mission.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** A Service of Thanksgiving

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe and Rhonda Martin

**Nursery:** Mark Kaufman and Matthew Hendricks

Immediately following the education hour next Sunday we will have our annual pie social. **Please bring a pie to share!**

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*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.*

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**Nov 6: Attendance:** 80 **Offering:** \$2487.00 **Designated:** \$50.00  
(Remaining budgeted needs in 2011: approx. \$32,000-40,000)

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

\*Please stand if you are able

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**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks**  
**Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson**

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS: Nov 14-18**

**Pastor:** Tues: 9:30-1:30; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri: 9-3.

**Office Assistant:** Tues, Weds & Thurs 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

*faithmc@faithmennonite.org*. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**Soup Group Schedule**

“Soup Group” is an opportunity for our church community to share meals together on a regular basis. The usual schedule is 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, with occasional exceptions due to holidays, etc., which we will experience in November. A simple meal of soup and bread is shared. Following is the schedule for November:

- **Thursday, Nov. 17** – home of Dan & Terry Gerber. hosted by Teresa Wasick and Rebecca Johnson. Please RSVP to Teresa by Wednesday noon.
- **Friday, Dec. 2**— home of Joan Kreider. Phil & Candace will give an update on the CPT Peacemaker Congress that they attended in Chicago on Oct. 13-16.

If you would like to host a future Soup Group, please contact Aryn Baxter.

**A memorial service for Mike Iverson** will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 7045 Lyndale Avenue S, Richfield.

**Church Meetings and Events**

**Ongoing Tuesdays** – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, SP

**November 14** – Every Church a Peace Church potluck meeting, 6/7 p.m., fellowship hall

**November 15** – Christian Education Commission, 4:30 p.m., FMC

**November 20** – Thanksgiving service and Pie Social

**November 21** – December Newsletter deadline, 1 p.m. to Gregg Richardson

**November 27** – First Sunday of Advent (no education hour)

**November 29** – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., library

**November 30** – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m. Richardson home

**Micah 6:6-8**

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?’

**Matthew 15:32-38**

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ‘I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?’ Jesus asked them, ‘How many loaves have you?’ They said, ‘Seven, and a few small fish.’ Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: 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

We are pleased to announce that **Phil Stoltzfus** has accepted the **Office & Ministry Support position** and began working this week. You can contact Phil for office-related business at the [faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org) account and for Outreach Ministry-related matters at [minstaff@faithmennonite.org](mailto:minstaff@faithmennonite.org). We are grateful for the work of Julie Cross during the past year and a half and wish her well in future pursuits. Julie served with dedication, helped put in place a number of new office procedures, and she has graciously agreed to provide office coverage through the end of November since Phil had a previously scheduled trip Nov. 18-30. Phil's regular hours will begin on December 1.

Last Thursday night at the **Closing Celebration for the Edha/Mwenye family**, we shared some additional household goods with them that had been in storage at the church. We also sent a half dozen or so winter coats that had been donated, but not needed by the family, back to the Refugee Services office with the representative who was present for the celebration. **We received the following note of thanks:** *Pastor Schlabach, Thank you so much for your gift of coats from Faith Mennonite! You and your congregation are abundantly supporting refugees this winter as they deal with the cold on top of the other joys and challenges of adjusting to life in the United States. Thank you! Sincerely, Green Bouzard, MN Council of Churches Refugee Services*

**Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation's Annual Fall Gathering** will be held on **Sunday, November 13, 3:00-5:30 p.m.** at Mayflower United Church of Christ, 106 E. Diamond Lake Road, Minneapolis. Long-time Twin Cities peace activist and Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) co-founder Polly Mann will be honored as Peacemaker of the Year. For more info contact Phil Stoltzfus.

**Every Church a Peace Church** bi-monthly potluck supper meeting will meet in the FMC Fellowship Hall, **Monday, Nov. 14**. Everyone welcome to bring a dish to share for the 6:30 meal, or to come for the 7 p.m. presentation 'Building a Social Movement, One Resolution at a Time' by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer. Jack, an FMC neighbor and St. Thomas Justice & Peace Studies professor, will speak about using a simple resolution process to build political support to shift federal spending from war to essential needs. Please bring your table service. Beverages are provided. **We could use a volunteer or two to help with set-up/clean-up.** If you're planning to come and can help, please speak with Mike Okerstrom.

**Fare for All Express helps anyone save up to 40% on Groceries!**  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 2730 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Minneapolis.  
**Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. November 16.** Fresh fruit, vegetables and frozen meat. Cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards accepted.

**Longfellow Community Council, "New Conversations about Race and Racism: White Privilege," Wednesday, November 16, 6-8 p.m.,** Minnehaha Academy, 3100 W. River Parkway. Free event; snacks provided. **Reserve a seat** by contacting Joanna Solotaroff, Longfellow Community Council, 612-722-4529 x2, or [Joanna@longfellow.org](mailto:Joanna@longfellow.org)

**Thanksgiving Day Potluck at FMC with Missio Dei.** You are invited to join other participants from FMC and the Missio Dei community for a potluck meal in the basement fellowship hall. The meal will begin at 1 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share and plan to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. *-Fellowship Commission*

### Anticipating Advent, beginning Nov. 27

- For the Sundays in Advent, we would like to use as many amaryllis plants as possible. If anyone is interested in buying a plant and having it used in church, there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church for you to indicate your interest. Information regarding price and color options is on the sheet. Please direct any questions to Arlene Geissinger. Thanks for your consideration.
- We would also like to incorporate some personal stories in Advent worship, following the theme "Awesome deeds we did not expect." The stories will be written up and read by the worship leader. **If you are willing to share a story** with the Advent worship planning committee on any of the following topics, please contact Joetta:
  - Learning to pay attention
  - Changing the landscape
  - Transforming our sorrow
  - Reordering our world
- We are forming a **mixed voice choir for a Sunday worship performance on December 18th**. We will be singing, "People Look East." The arrangement calls for piano, drum and violin. All are invited, even if you don't consider yourself a good music reader. We will have **one rehearsal, during the Sunday School hour on December 11<sup>th</sup>**, plus a brief rehearsal just before church on the 18th. This is a great opportunity for those of you who want to sing in a choir but find yourself holding back. – *Neil Okerlund*