

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

November 14, 2010

**Prelude  
Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Creating God, we bring you our praise.

**People: We give thanks for the bounty of earth, sea, and sky.**

L: We hold before you our joy and entrust to you our sorrow.

**P: We are yours and made in your image.**

L: Open us to the movement of your Spirit in and among us.

**P: Comfort us. Disturb us.**

*All: Continue your creating ways in us and through us, that your glory may be comprehended and your love made visible.*

*In the name of your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.*

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**\*Hymns:** “God whose giving” #383 HWB  
“Come and give thanks” #57 HWB (vv. 1, 3, 4)

**Old Testament reading:** Deuteronomy 8:6-18

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

**Children’s time:** Sharing through the Aliveness Project – Kristin Green

**Song:** “Beyond ourselves” (insert)

**New Testament reading:** Matthew 21:33-43; Matthew 6:19-21

**Sermon:** “Caretakers for God”

**Hymn:** “We give thee but thine own” #384 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

**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**

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

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sung benediction:** “The Lord lift you up” #73 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

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**TODAY:** Stewardship and Faithful Living

**Worship Leader:** Cleta Roth Gingerich

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Flute:** Jennifer Wandersee

**Reader:** Matthew Blackwell Kinney

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Paula Okerstrom

**Nursery:** Leslie Minkler & Beth Richardson

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Service of Thanksgiving

**Worship Leader:** Cleta Roth-Gingerich

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

**Ushers:** Rachel Hoskins & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Gerald Schlabach & Matthew Thomas

**Next Sunday noon**, following the education hour, we will have our annual **Pie Social**. Everyone is invited to bring a pie (or 2) to share. Everyone is welcome to participate, even if you are unable to bring a pie. The set-up/clean-up group is: Darrell Martin, Cynthia Miller, Erin Geiser, Laurie Kaufman, Ratigan-Green

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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. 7:**

Attendance: 107

Offering: \$ 4546.00

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Faith Mennonite Church  
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach  
Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund  
Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Kami Blackwell Kinney  
Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** November 15-19

**Pastor:** Mon 10:30-3; Wed 11:30-5:30, 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**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 15 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 10:30 a.m., church office  
November 16 – Lectionary discussion (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44), 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Cleveland and Marshall, SP  
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  
December 6 – Marriage Guidelines Taskforce, 7 p.m., library

#### **Deuteronomy 8:6-18**

Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is God who gives you power to get wealth, to confirm the covenant that God swore to your ancestors, as God is doing today.

#### **Matthew 21:33-43; Matthew 6:19-21**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

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!** Do you happen to have any household items that you'd like to donate to a refugee family? As you may know, FMC will soon be helping a refugee family get settled into an apartment in Minneapolis. We are in the process of collecting items that the family will need, such as dishes, bedding, furniture and clothing. Please let us know if you have anything you'd like to donate. If we already have enough of the item you want to donate, we can use it for the next family we help settle. Except for large furniture items, you can bring your donations to FMC this Sunday and place them on the shelves in the back corner of the kitchen. Please email Cynthia Miller and Jenny Wandersee to let us know what you are donating, including furniture items, or with any questions you have. Dan Leisen is coordinating the transport of furniture items, and we will pass on to him any information re: furniture donations.

Does anyone have a very large box that could be used for a holiday gift drive? A large appliance box would be perfect. If so, please bring it to church one of the next two Sundays, or contact Kristin Green.

**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](http://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. If you are interested in participating, feel free to email Donna.

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 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.