

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 15, 2009

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship from Psalm 16

L: Protect me, God, because I come to you for safety. I say, "You are my God; all the good things I have come from you."

P: How wonderful are your faithful people! My greatest pleasure is to be with them.

L: Those who rush to other gods bring many troubles on themselves. I will not take part in their sacrifices; I will not worship their gods.

P: You, Yahweh, are all I have, and you give me all I need: my life is in your hands.

L: I am always aware of your presence; you are near, and nothing can shake me.

All: You show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy, and your help brings pleasure forever.

*Hymns: "Praise with joy the world's creator" #16 STJ
"Like the murmur of the dove's song" #29 HWB

New Testament reading: Mark 13:1-8

Prayer of Confession (from MCC Canada)

Children's gathering hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's time "Penny Power" ~ Thaine Dirks

Hymn: "Magic Penny"

Old Testament reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Sermon: "Shining like Stars: Stories from Mennonite Central Committee"

MCC Report ~ Elizabeth Janssen, MCC Central States-Northern Tier

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

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 "When Peace Shall Come" ~ ensemble
Announcements (*please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader*)
Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** "Let justice flow like streams" #65 STJ

***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:

- **Money and Faith** (Chapel)
- **The Politics of Jesus** (Library)

TODAY: Celebrating the Work of Mennonite Central Committee

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

Song leader: Donna Stucky

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ensemble: Wendy Brunner, Stacy Griffin, Arlene Holdeman, Deedee

Stevens Neal, Joetta Schlabach, Donna Stucky, Sandra Westby

Nursery volunteers: Wolf Bartel & Kami Blackwell Kinney

NEXT SUNDAY: Remembering and Giving Thanks

Worship Leader: Annette Semanchin Jones

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Piano: Karen Zeug

Nursery volunteers: Dan Leisen & Jason Derrickson

Fellowship: Noon Pie Social. **Please bring a pie to share.**

*Next Sunday we will express our appreciation for the work of **Michael***

***Bischoff** as our Ministry Staff Person from October 2008 to October 2009.*

Please sign your name by your favorite hymn in the Hymnal we will give him as a parting gift.

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 8: Attendance: 80 Offering: \$1,895

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 16-20

Pastor: Monday 1-5; Wed noon-5; Thurs 9-5. Tuesday is a study day.
On Friday and Saturday Joetta will travel with Arlene Geissinger to South Dakota for the Central Plains Conference Council of Committees meeting. Joetta is on the Congregational Ministries Committee and Arlene is on the Discernment Committee.

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

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

FMC Thanksgiving 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 today.**

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*

Deadline for the December Newsletter materials is noon, Nov. 24th.

Church Meetings and Events

November 17 – Lectionary Discussion Group (Jer 33:14-16;

Luke 21:25-36) Trotter's, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

November 17 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 7 p.m., church office

November 18 – Deacon's Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

November 22 – Pie Social, noon

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

December 6 – Christmas Carol Sing, 7 p.m., Joan Kreider's

December 13 – Christmas Program & Cookie Social, 4:45 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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

For anyone who wishes to receive a subscription, FMC provides one denominational publication (*The Mennonite* or *Mennonite Weekly Review*) for members or regular attenders. It is time to renew our group subscriptions to *The Mennonite*. Anyone who doesn't already have another subscription and would like to receive this bi-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.

Care packages for college students — We are assembling 13 care packages for FMC college students. Please sign cards located at the back of the sanctuary. We welcome contributions to help with shipping.

MCC Relief Sale — **Thank you to all the volunteers** who helped yesterday at the Festival and Sale for World Relief. Throughout the year there also have been dedicated individuals who created products to sell, planned the events, worked at different fund-raising opportunities and managed the dozens of details for the sale. Your help is vitally important; it assists MCC to carry out its mission and is much appreciated.— Thaine Dirks, TC MCC Sale Chair

MCC Relief Sale Debriefing Meeting, Saturday, November 21 9:45 AM. It will be at the Gramercy Park Co-op Meeting Room, 1669 Yankee Doodle Road in Eagan. A continental breakfast will be provided. The meeting is open to everyone interested and involved with the sale. The events of the sale will be reviewed, with a look forward to making the day better in the future. Bring your ideas and opinions. RSVP to Thaine Dirks at 612-850-8419 or lapha002@umn.edu.

FMC Mennonite Disaster Service Trip set for March 28-April 2.

Serving for a week with MDS is a great opportunity to meet new and interesting people, do some good pwork, and get out of the end-of-winter Minnesota cold. FMC will be sending a group the week of March 28-April 2, probably to New Orleans but possibly to some other location where workers are needed (Gulf Coast, Kentucky, Georgia are also possibilities). MDS covers food and lodging while at the site. Participants cover travel costs but FMC can help with some of these costs. Carpooling is a great option for getting to the site. If you are interested or even tentatively interested, or if you have questions, contact Katie Hochstedler at katie.hochstedler@gmail.com or 612-816-0687. **We will have 10-12 spots available, please be in touch by Dec. 20 to reserve your spot as we will be opening up the invitation after that.**

Brethren Mennonite Council for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender interests (BMC) will be releasing a resource package / workshop for Youth Advisers by the end of the year. The purpose of the educational resource is to aid youth leaders in becoming a supportive presence in the lives of lgbt and questioning youth. We will be conducting a "dry run" workshop on **Saturday Nov 21st at 3:30pm**. If you are interested in attending and providing feedback, email bmc@bmc1gbt.org for details.

Today, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.- Free Workshop to Help Cut Home Energy Costs Many weatherization and other energy conservation projects are simple to do on your own. Others may require the expertise of a contractor. Come learn where to get good advice and directions on do-it-yourself vs. working with a contractor. Presenter: Mike Kulczyk, Center for Energy and Environment. All who attend the workshop will be eligible to enter drawings for valuable energy conservation prizes. Seward Co-op Classroom, Franklin & 28th Street.