

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 16, 2008

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

- L: Source of Life who is known by many names;  
Over-turner and illuminator of hearts;
- C: we gather with gratitude for the earth and all who journey in it. We give thanks for the interconnectedness of all creation.**
- L: Source of justice who is known by many names;
- C: let us not swerve from the path of righteousness that leads to just and equitable relationships.**
- L: Open our eyes that we may see the immigrant and undocumented;
- C: whose labor enables and sustains our living; the farm worker, the hotel worker, the line cook, the childcare provider, the healthcare worker;**
- L: Give us the will to leave behind the safety of our sanctuaries to become your living sanctuary;
- C: and claim our place in the movement to transform creation; that our voice, heart, and spirit will join the voice heart, and spirit of all who demand to live with respect, justice, and peace.**
- L: May it be so. ~Adapted from *Jews United for Social Action*

**\*Hymns:** “Lord, prepare us, to be a sanctuary” (Insert)  
“In Christ there is no East or West” #306 HWB

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 18:1-15

**Children’s Gathering Hymn:** “Come and See” #20 HWB

**Children’s Time:** “Finding friends in a new country”

**Hymn:** “Lord, you have come to the lakeshore” #229 HWB

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:40-42

**Reading:** “The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus

**Sermon:** “Radical Hospitality”

**Hymn:** “When the poor ones” #69 STJ

**Congregational Sharing & 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**

**Announcements** (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

**Introduction of Guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** “Heart with loving heart united” #420 HWB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

**\*Please stand if you are able**

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Community Time

**- Fellowship time - 10:45-11:15 a.m.**

**- Children’s music – 11 a.m.,** Room 201, education wing

**- Education for all ages – 11:15-noon**

**Adult classes:**

- Reading the Bible from a feminist perspective—Library  
Today’s topic: “Divine Child Abuse?”
  - Politics & Spirituality – Immigration Reform, Sanctuary
  - Discussion with Michael Bischoff about FMC ministry and peacemaking opportunities – Education Wing, Room 201
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**TODAY:** Extravagant Welcome: Humane Immigration Reform

**Worship Leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Sermon:** Loren McGrail

**Song Leader:** Herman Weinlick **Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Children’s time:** Yeshi Lemu & Erin Geiser

**Childcare:** Cindy Bjork and Kami Blackwell Kinney

**Fellowship time:** Beth Richardson and Melissa Hochstetler

*We welcome Rev. Loren McGrail, an ordained UCC minister and Seward neighbor, who works as a chaplain and does educational work around immigration. She is a member of Lyndale United Church of Christ.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Church Membership Sunday

**Worship Leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**New Member Sharing:** Matthew & Kami Blackwell Kinney; Scott and Deedee Stevens Neal

**Song Leader:** Donna Stucky **Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Childcare:** Paula Okerstrom & Shelly Bartel

**Fellowship time:** Pie Social following education hour

*Please remember those who will be joining in membership next Sunday.*

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*A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. 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.*

## Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Cleta Roth Gingerich, Candace Lutt, Mike Okerstrom  
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: November 17-21

**Pastor:** Monday 1-5; Wed. & Thurs. 9-4; Fri. 9-noon. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Mon. and Wed. from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday is a study day.

**Michael Bischoff:** Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon

**Office Assistant:** Dan will be out of the office Nov. 10 – Dec. 2. Thank you to Kami Blackwell Kinney, Susan Weinlick, and Sandra Westby who are volunteering assistance during his absence.

*Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:*  
[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**Thanksgiving Dinner Sign-up.** If you do not currently have plans for Thanksgiving Day, consider gathering with other FMC folks to enjoy the day. Please sign up on the interest sheet on the fellowship area table, and indicate whether you would be willing to host a gathering at your home.

**Pie Social and New Member Welcome--Next Sunday** Bring a pie to share during our annual pie social, following the Christian Education hour, as we welcome new members and celebrate all that we have to be thankful for.

### Church Meetings and Events

November 17 – New Member sharing with deacons, 7:45 p.m.,  
Blackwell Kinneys

November 18 – *There will be NO lectionary discussion this week.*

November 19 – Deacon Commission, 2:30 p.m., Richardson's

November 19 – Retreat Committee, Evaluation mtg., 5 p.m., Schlabach's

November 22 – Women's lunch and gallery outing

December 2 – Christian Education Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

December 8 – Missions & Service Commission, 3 p.m., FMC

December 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

You shall treat the alien who resides with you  
no differently than the natives born among you;  
have the same love for him as yourself;  
for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt.

*Leviticus 19:33-34*

I love my country,  
but I think we should start seeing other people.

*Bumper sticker*

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## Sanctuary

Lord prepare us, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, we'll be a living, sanctuary for you.

Lord, please teach us, to be your servants, kind and gentle,  
humble and true to you,  
with thanksgiving, we'll be a living reflection of you.

### Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mam're, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

L: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

## Announcements

**Plants! Plants! Plants!** Every two weeks our church receives a delivery of flowering plants from Carol Stoltzfus, a friend of Mike Schrock and St. Paul florist who supplies flowering plants to St. Paul businesses. Unable to resell the plants, Carol gives them to us to pass along, enjoy, etc. We share plants with several long term care facilities and Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly. You may help yourself to plants in *unmarked* boxes in the basement today.

**Savings and Investment Services** — Concerned about your savings and investment situation during these extreme financial times? Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA) offers financial expertise and services in tune with your faith values. Call your MMA advisor or (800) 348-7468, or visit [www.MMA-online.org](http://www.MMA-online.org)

**Neil Okerlund's woodwind quintet, *Prevailing Winds***, will perform a recital **Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m.** Free and open to the public. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue West, St. Paul.

**Women's Gallery and Lunch Outing, Saturday, Nov. 22** — FMC women are invited to have lunch and then visit the Catherine G Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine to view the exhibit: *Vanishing, The Wonderland of Aging*. We'll meet at St. Martin's Table for lunch at 11:30 then arrive at the gallery (2400 Randolph Av., St. Paul) around 1 p.m. Lunch is optional. Let Joetta know if you plan to attend.

**Cards to Nicole** Nicole Ratigan Green is now located at Avanti Center for Girls. If you would like to send her a note, her address is: c/o Avanti, 10300 Flanders Street NE, Blaine, MN 55449. We suggest telling her what you're up to in your life and encouraging her in her difficult time.

~ Kristin and John

**Care Packages for College Students** Please bring items by **Nov. 30** so we can send a post-Thanksgiving care package to our students (Sam Bartel, Laura Janzen, Tony Johnson, Greta and Madeline Kreider Carlson, Callie Martin, Emory Richardson, Jacob Schlabach, Haven Schrock, John Tamrat, Ben Zeug). Ideas: cards, snacks, a roll of quarters for laundry, or a cash donation for shipping.

**Update:** new phone number for Terry Peterson: 612-867-4166

**Christmas Program** – Plans are underway for an evening Christmas program on Sunday, **December 14.**

**FMC Annual Meeting Date -- February 8, 2009** More details to follow.  
**Annual Reports will be due January 14, 2009.**