

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 21, 2010

**Prelude
Welcome**

***Call to Worship** #670 HWB

***Hymns:** “Come, ye thankful people come” #94 HWB
“Let all creation bless the Lord” #61 HWB

Prayer from Ghana: “My joys mount as do the birds”
-from *An African Prayer Book* by Desmond Tutu

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

Children’s time: “Yolanta’s Potato”

Hymn: “For the beauty of the earth” #89 HWB

Reading: Psalm 65:1, 9-13

Hymn: “Rain down” #49 STJ

Reading: Psalm 136:1-9, 22-25 (insert)

Testimonies of thanksgiving

Response: “Praise, praise, praise the Lord! #11 STJ

Reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Leader: We pray (give thanks) to the Holy One,

People: Hear our prayer.

Prayer of grateful praise

Response: “Laudate dominum” (insert)

Offering and Offertory “Coventry Carol” ~ Menno’Faith
Neil Okerlund, director

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** “Now thank we all our God” #86 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time, 10:45-11:10**

- **Christian Education** – K-5th grade children dismissed at 10:30 for snack and stretch break before Christmas program music practice from 10:45-11:15 in chapel

11:15 Adults elective classes:

-Learning the five love languages – Fellowship Hall

-Uncovering the book of Revelation – Chapel

- **Pie Social, noon** – Fellowship Hall

TODAY: Service of Thanksgiving

Worship Leader: Cleta Roth-Gingerich

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

Organ: James Kuebelbeck

Readers: Aine McCarthy & Jacob Schlabach

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Gerald Schlabach & Matthew Thomas

NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 1: Wake from sleep!

Worship Leader: Chris Jones

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Mike & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: 2 volunteers needed

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

Note: There will be no Christian Education next Sunday. Classes will resume December 5.

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.

Nov. 14: Attendance: 100

Offering: \$4183.00

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: November 22-26

Pastor: Mon noon-5; Wed 9-4, 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: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

Join a Mixed Voice Advent Choir. Mark your calendar now for rehearsals to begin next Sunday. 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 23 – Lectionary discussion (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-13; Mat 3:1-12)
8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Cleveland and Marshall, SP
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent (no Christian education)
December 1 – Missions & Service Commission, 6 p.m., chapel
December 5 – Immigration Faith Action, 2:30 p.m. Ramsey County
Detention Center, St. Paul
December 6 – Marriage Guidelines Taskforce, 7 p.m., library
December 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel
January 19 – Annual Reports due to church office
February 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting

Psalm 136:1-9, 22-25

Leader: Alleluia! We give thanks to you O God for you are good.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: We give thanks to you, God of Gods.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: You alone do great wonders.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: Your wisdom made the heavens.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: You spread out the earth on the waters.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: You made the great lights.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: The sun to rule the day; moon and stars to rule the night.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: You remembered us when we were down.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: And freed us from our oppressors.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: You provide for all living creatures.

People: Your steadfast love forever!

L: Give thanks to the God of Heaven,

People: Your steadfast love forever!

Psalm 65:1, 8-13

Our hymn of praise belongs to you, O God, in Zion.

To you must vows be fulfilled, you who answer our prayers.

Those who live at the ends of the earth are in awe at your marvels;
you make east and west resound with joy.

You have cared for the land and watered it; greatly you have enriched it.

God's streams are filled; you have provided the grain.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,

breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

You have crowned the year with your bounty and with abundant harvest.

The fallow meadows overflow, and gladness clothes the hills.

The fields are arrayed with flocks, and the valleys blanketed with grain.

They should and sing for joy.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines;

though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food;

though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls,

yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation.

God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
and makes me tread upon the heights.

Announcements

For anyone who wishes to receive a subscription, FMC provides **one** Mennonite publication for members or regular attenders. We are renewing our group subscriptions to ***The Mennonite***, a monthly publication. Anyone who doesn't already have another subscription and would like to receive this 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.

The Thanksgiving Day Free Store at St. Stephen's Church (in South Minneapolis close to the Art Institute) **on Thanksgiving Day needs more volunteers** for that day. Please call Jo Senander. A few hours would really help and she will work with your schedule. *-Patricia Mack*

FMC is hosting a kids' gift drive for The Aliveness Project, a Minneapolis-based organization that provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS in the metro and out-state MN. Check out the organization at <http://www.aliveness.org>. This is a great opportunity for kids to be involved in caring for others and learning about sharing what we have with others. We will be collecting unwrapped gifts during children's time **between now and Dec 5th**. *Greatest need is for teen gifts* (like hooded sweatshirts, sports equipment, fancy lotions, gift cards such as Best Buy or Target, etc.). The organization would be happy to receive gifts for younger kids too, including toys (clothes, mittens & hats are okay too).

Please note **sign-up sheets** for weekend **Snow Shoveling** and **Fellowship time**. Two volunteers are needed each Sunday for beverage preparation, snack and cleanup. Questions about duties may be directed to the Fellowship Commission – Minke Sundseth, Arlene Geissinger, and Clea Roth Gingerich.

Our **refugee family** will be arriving soon. Our greatest need at this point is for the **furniture items** (Six dining room chairs; Couch; End tables; Nightstands; Lamps for nightstands). **Other household items still needed:** Medium-size saucepan, Sharp knives, Waste baskets, Garbage bin.

Clothing: We still don't know which family we will be getting, but if you have adult or kids' clothing you can donate, please let us know, and let us know which sizes you have. Then, when our family arrives, we'll let you know whether or not your clothing might work for them. If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Cynthia Miller and Jenny Wandersee.