

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Nov 23-27

Pastor: Monday 1-5; Wed 9-5. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday.

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

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

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 15: Attendance: 86 Offering: \$1,764

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 bi-weekly 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.

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

Church Meetings and Events

November 24 – Lectionary Discussion Group (Mal 3:1-4; 3:1-6) Trotter's,
corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

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., FMC

December 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols, 6:30 p.m.

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Matthew 5:1-14

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

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

The FMC Church Council is opening the search for someone to fill the Ministry Staff Position in early 2010. The position has been increased from eight to twelve hours per week. FMC members and friends are welcome to apply and to help publicize the position to possible candidates. The pastor, moderator, and a representative of Missions & Service commission will review the applications, conduct interviews, and make a hiring recommendation to the Church Council. A copy of the position description is on the foyer bulletin board.

FMC is hosting a kids gift drive for The Aliveness Project! The Aliveness Project is a Minneapolis based organization that provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS in the metro and outstate MN. This is a great opportunity for kids to be involved in caring for others and learning about sharing what we have with others. Check out the organization at <http://www.aliveness.org>. If appropriate, let your kids choose gifts for other kids! We will be collecting unwrapped toys, clothes, hats, gloves, teen gifts like hooded sweatshirts and Best Buy or Target gift cards during children's time. **Please bring your gift donations to church on Dec. 6 and 13th.** Questions? Call or email Kristin Green at 612-721-8786 or ratigangreen@yahoo.com.

Check out the "Faces of Faith" bulletin board that's taking shape outside the fellowship hall (across from the bathrooms). It features photos and names of those who attend FMC and is a great way to put names with faces without the embarrassment of asking for the 5th time, "What's your name again?" However, right now it's only about half full. If you don't see your name and photo up there, that means we don't have a recent one of you. I will be walking around with a camera and a list of names during the next few Sundays to snap photos of the missing, so make sure you comb your hair and brush your teeth! Alternatively, you may email a high resolution photo to blackwell.kinney@juno.com. --Kami Blackwell Kinney

FMC Mennonite Disaster Service Trip set for March 28-April 2. Serving for a week with MDS is a great opportunity to meet new people, do good work, and get out of the end-of-winter Minnesota cold. FMC will send 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. If you are interested or 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.**

During **Advent**, our worship theme will be "Bursting In and Breaking Out." A **family devotional** has been created that follows this same theme. Beginning Nov. 29 and ending Jan. 9, it includes step-by-step outlines for family worship and activity suggestions suitable for all ages. Download it for free at the Central Plains web site: www.centralplainsmc.org.

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. **Also needed, volunteers** to serve dinner on Friday at 5 p.m. and for the Powwow Thurs & Fri at 1 p.m. Trentt can provide more information about volunteer times. ~ *Missions & Service Commission*

Second Annual Walk to End Hunger, Thanksgiving Day, 7:00 am – 11:00 am, Mall of America, Bloomington — As the demand for food shelf assistance grows in our community, Keystone Community Services and thirteen hunger relief agencies are sponsoring the Walk to End Hunger. Funds raised will support Keystone's three food shelves. This all ages-event will take place at the Mall of America on Thanksgiving Day morning. Visit the Walk to End Hunger website at www.walktoendhunger.org

Families Moving Forward Home for the Holidays Concert, December 4, 7 p.m. Treat your family to a delightful, free evening of holiday music with the Lake Wobegon® Brass Band. This free-will offering event benefits Families Moving Forward's emergency shelter program for homeless children and their families. The Lake Wobegon® Brass Band will perform a myriad of holiday classics during this two-hour musical delight. Colonial Church of Edina, located at 6200 Colonial Way in Edina (off Hwy 100 at Tracy). Please visit www.familiesmovingforward.org for details. Interested in singing with the choir? Contact Tracey at 612-529-2185.

Strollers needed for Project Homeless Connect, December 7 Jo Senander of Union UCC Church of St. Louis Park (our partner congregation with Families Moving Forward), is coordinating collection of strollers for the next Project Homeless connect at the Convention Center. If you have a stroller that you would like to donate for this, contact Hermann Weinlick sweinlick@aol.com.