

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
November 23, 2008 ~ Christ the King

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

\***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 95)

**Response: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.**

\***Hymns:** "All hail the power of Jesus' name" (v. 1, 3 & 4) #285 HWB  
"We plow the fields and scatter" #96 HWB

**Old Testament Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

**Prayer of Confession:** #132 STJ

**Children's Gathering Hymn:** "Come and See" #20 HWB

**Children's Time:** "Welcoming members to our family"

**Hymn:** "Will you let me be your servant" (v. 1, 3, 4 & 5) #307 HWB

**Gospel Reading:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Sharing by new members**

**Congregational Commitment:** #793 HWB

**Hymn:** "I sought the Lord" #506 HWB

**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:** "Christ be with me" #442 HWB

\***Benediction**

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

\**Please stand if you are able*

**Community Time**

- **Fellowship time - 10:45-11:00 a.m.** (We will have an abbreviated fellowship time today due to the noon pie social.)

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

- **Education for all ages - 11:00-11:45**

**Adult class**

We will meet as one group this morning in the basement Fellowship Hall for a time facilitated by Michael Bischoff, ministry staff person. Michael will report what he's been hearing from within and without our walls regarding ministry and peacemaking opportunities. Everyone will have the opportunity to provide feedback. Visitors welcome.

- **Pie Social - noon** - Basement Fellowship Hall

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**TODAY:** Church Membership Sunday

**Worship Leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**New Member Sharing:** Matthew & Kami Blackwell Kinney

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

**Childcare:** Paula Okerstrom & Shelly Bartel

**Pie social volunteers:** Beth & Gregg Richardson, Mike & Paula Okerstrom, Dan & Terry Gerber, Teresa Wasick

*As we welcome Kami and Matthew into membership today, we remember Scott and Deedee Stevens Neal as they join with Deedee's family in Iowa in remembrance of her brother who died on November 8.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Advent 1: The hidden face of God

**Worship Leader:** Ry Siggelkow

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus **Organ:** David Mayou

**Childcare:** Minke Sundseth and Glenn Geissinger

**Fellowship time:** Volunteers Needed

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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.*

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## 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 24-28

**Pastor:** Mon. 1-5; Wed. 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:** No office hours this week

**Office Assistant:** Dan is out of the office until 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)

**Thanksgiving Dinner Sign-up.** If you do not 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 or speak with Joetta today.

**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 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.

### Church Meetings and Events

November 25 – Lectionary Discussion (Isa 40:1-11; Mark 1:8)

8:30 a.m., Trotter's (corner of Cleveland & Marshall, St. Paul)

December 2 - Lectionary Discussion

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

December 7 – Christmas Caroling at nursing homes & Joan Krieder's, time TBA

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

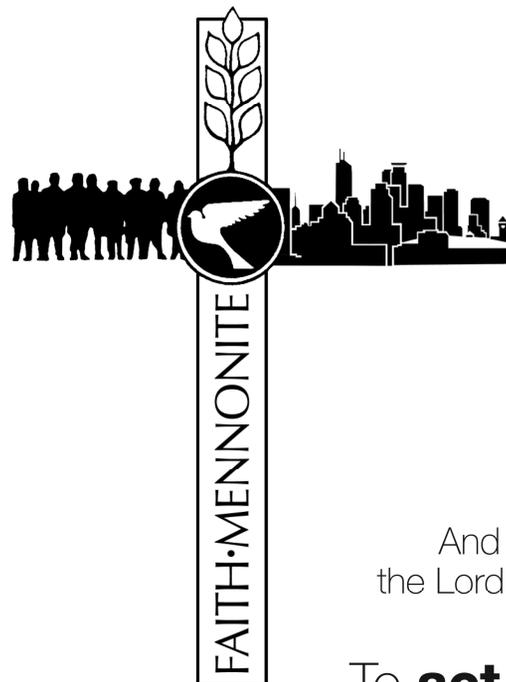
December 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

December 14 – Christmas Program and Cookie Social, 4:45 p.m. FMC

January 11 – FMC Neighborhood gatherings

February 8 – Annual Meeting

February 14 – 16 – Men's Retreat



And what does  
the Lord require of you?

To **act justly** and  
to **love mercy**  
and to **walk humbly**  
with your God.

Micah 6:8

**Come,  
walk with us.**

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### **Ezekiel 34: 11-16**

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.**

### **Announcements**

**Thank you to Dick Westby** for delivering 55 lbs. of groceries to Community Emergency Service. Please bring your contribution of nonperishable food items, used printer cartridges, and cell phones in support of those in our community who live in poverty.

#### **Christmas Events at FMC:**

- Christmas caroling at a nursing home, followed by the annual carol sing at Joan Kreider's house on **Dec. 7**. Details to follow.
- Christmas Program and Cookie Social, **December 14 at 4:45 p.m.**

**Advent Choir:** Neil Okerlund is assembling a mixed ensemble to sing on Dec. 14 & 21. The first of two practices will be Dec. 7 at noon. Please let Neil know if you'd like to sing.

**Directory Update:** New email address for Leslie Minkler:  
lrminkler@yahoo.com

**Jerry Janzen sings with Chorus Polaris** America's Virtuoso Chamber Choir gives two concerts in the Twin Cities the first weekend in December. You'll hear motets by Rachmaninoff, Whitacre, and Lauridsen, as well as merry music by David Willcocks and John Gardner. Your whole family will enjoy John Rutter's adaptation of *The Wind in the Willows*.

**Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:30 pm**, Macalester-Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave, Saint Paul; and **Sunday, Dec. 7, 7:30 pm**. Church of the Annunciation - 509 West 54th Street, Minneapolis.

**Tickets** - \$15 adults / \$10 seniors / Under 21 – free. *Tickets available from Jerry Janzen.*

**One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus**, concert to commemorate the 20th anniversary of World AIDS. **December 5 & 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm** Visit [www.ovmc.org](http://www.ovmc.org) or call 651-298-1954 for more information.

**Prayer request from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary**, Elkhart, Indiana. Please remember the AMBS board of directors as it starts the search for an interim president and subsequent president for AMBS. A search committee is forming to begin this work.

**Mennonite Media's new "Hymns of Nature" CD** makes an inspiring Christmas gift. Order online at [store.mennomedia.org](http://store.mennomedia.org) and click on "Music," or call 800-999-3534.

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