

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 20, 2014

***Gathering Songs**

“I owe my Lord a morning song” #112 HWB

“This joyful Eastertide” #276 HWB

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us rejoice, for the tomb was found empty.

People: Christ is risen from the grave!

Let glad songs of victory rise up this Easter day.

Christ is risen from the grave!

Let praises fill the house of the Lord.

Christ is not dead. He lives forevermore!

Let us stand in awe at what God has done.

Share the good news: Christ is risen!

Let us rejoice in glad song!

***Hymn:** “Christ the Lord is risen today” #280 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2; 14, 17, 21-24

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

Children’s Time

Song: “Christ is alive” ~ Choral ensemble and primary children – verses
Congregation joins on refrain (insert)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 28:1-10; Colossians 3:1-4

Sermon: “After the quake: Do not be afraid!”

Response: “Haiti resurrection” – Darrell Martin & Cynthia Miller

Hymn: “O sons and daughters, let us sing” #274 HWB

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother 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

“Ave Maria” – John Mayou, violin

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** “Lift your glad voices” #276 HWB

Choral Benediction: “Cantique de Jean Racine” by Gabriel Fauré

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

There are no education classes today. Blessed Easter!

TODAY: Easter

Worship leader: John Hershey

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Nursery: Dan Leisen, Kristi Zabriskie

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Ushers: Rhonda Martin, Glenn Geissinger

Organ: David Mayou

NEXT SUNDAY: Earth Day / Car Sabbath

Worship leaders: Middle-school youth

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe, Glenn Geissinger

Fellowship: *volunteer needed*

Nursery: Pat Eliason, Beth Richardson

April 13:

Attendance: 79

Local Budget: \$1,041

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Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
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FMC office hours: April 21-25

Pastor: Mon, Tues, Wed, 10-5. Joetta and Gerald will be in Schuyler, NE next weekend to attend the annual Central Plains Conference Leadership Retreat.

Ministry Staff: Mon, Wed 10-5, Fri 10-7

Email bulletin items by Wed. evening. Bulletin printed Fri. afternoon.

Prayer Request from Central Plains Conference: Pray that our leaders will experience rest and renewal at the Annual Leaders Retreat for pastors, chaplains and their spouses taking place next weekend at St. Benedict Center in Nebraska with April Yamasaki.

Come on over to our 3rd annual **Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, this Saturday afternoon, April 26**, noon-4:30, in the fellowship hall. **Danika Zabertini** will be present to coordinate **activities for kids**. **Things to bring:** household electronics, computer equipment, cell phones, or household appliances to donate or recycle, bikes to tune up or donate, used clothing and toy exchange, extra seed packets to swap. Snacks provided by Sisters' Camelot. Event flyers are available for distributing in the neighborhood. To volunteer or add a new interest center to the fair, **contact Phil Stoltzfus**, minstaff@faithmennonite.org, 507-321-1355.

Canadian Mennonite University Choir Concert is coming up at FMC on **Tuesday, April 29**, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the women's chamber choir and the men's octet. An offering will be taken for CMU. Please help advertise the event! **Posters on the back table.**

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)

April 21 – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., Nafziger home

April 22 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

April 23 – May newsletter deadline, noon, to Gregg Richardson

April 23 – Peace & Justice Film, “Dark Side of Chocolate,” 7 p.m., chapel

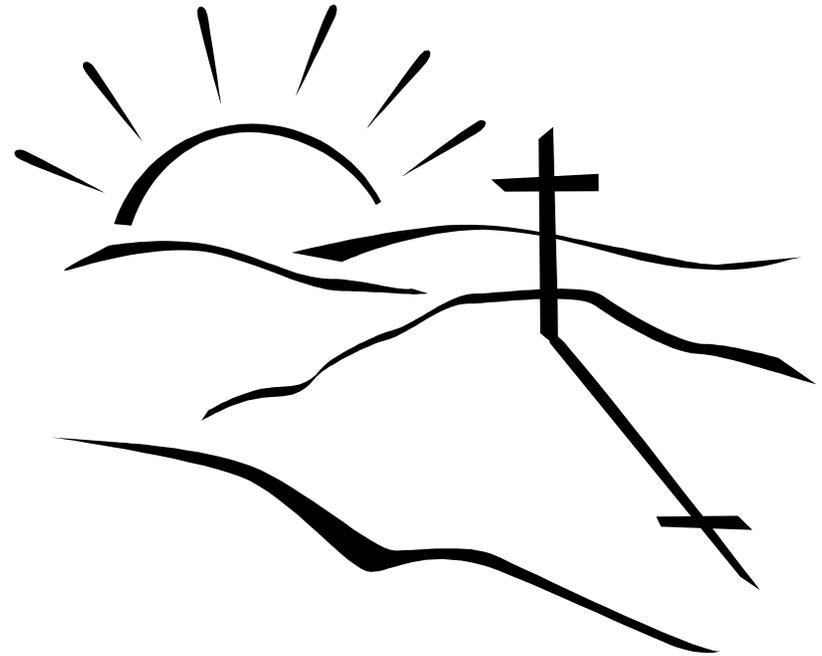
April 25 – Women Who Make Laundry Soap, K. Wiebe's home, 6 p.m.

April 26 – Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, noon-4:30, fellowship hall

April 27 – FMC Car Sabbath & Youth-led worship

April 29 – Canadian Mennonite U. choir concert, 7:30 p.m., sanctuary

May 7 – Community Meal (6 p.m.) & Taizé Service (7 p.m.), FMC



“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised..” – Matthew 28: 5-6

Easter 2014

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Car Sabbath – April 27



FMC Missions & Service Commission invites
those who are able to observe
a Car Sabbath!

Please **walk, bike, bus, carpool** or **find
alternative methods of transportation** to
minimize driving throughout the day
on Sunday, April 27.

Car Sabbath is but one small collective action
we can do on behalf of this wonderful earth
we inhabit.

Thank you!

Psalm 118: 1-2; 14, 17, 21-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, **“God’s steadfast love endures forever.”**

The LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Leader: 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

This month's film for the Peace & Justice Film Series, on **Wednesday, April 23** in the chapel, will be "**The Dark Side of Chocolate.**" Is the chocolate we eat produced with the use of child labor and trafficked children? The award-winning Danish journalist Miki Mistrati decides to investigate the rumors so we can know the truth. There will be **no community meal** beforehand this month.

Women Who Make Laundry Soap: FMC women are invited to a soap making and potluck at Karen Wiebe and Anna Dennis' house on **Friday, April 25** at 6 p.m. Please bring: 1 gallon or larger containers with lids (1 for yourself and as many extras as possible for the Sustainability Fair); a potluck item to share; plus we need 2 large soup pots to make the soap in (does not damage the pot). Contact Kristin Green with questions.

I am **accepting donations of houseplants**, indoor herbs, ceramic pots, garden plants, and outside flowers for residents of Minneapolis Public Housing. I will pot or re-pot plants and pass along plants for residents interested in growing houseplants. Thank you, *Heather Wengerd*

Copies of **the latest issue of *Scattered Seeds***, from Central Plains Conference, are on the back literature shelf.

From Andrew Jilani: I wish the church community a happy Easter. I am grateful that I am adjusting well even though my learning curve is steep and much work needs to be done to improve teaching and learning in Cambodian public schools. I have also found a nice apartment which has a balcony and plants, flowers and trees. The birds sing every morning and I am learning to identify them. What an Easter gift! Happy Easter!

Just in time for **Earth Day**, the climate change video that I participated in, Health and Climate, will be shown this **Sunday, April 20** at 7 p.m. on Twin Cities Public TV's MN Channel (tpt 2-2). It will also air on Sunday, April 27 at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on tpt MN and again at 12 p.m. on tpt LIFE.
–*Wendy Brunner*

American Refugee Committee **Pakistan Country Director Dr. Tariq Cheema will give a briefing on ARC's work in Pakistan, Tuesday, April 22**, 8-9:00 a.m., 615 1st Ave. NE, Suite 500, Mpls. Tariq will update us on future plans for promoting girls education and literacy in Pakistan. **RSVP** to RSVP@ARChq.org.

Community Sing in the new Walker Church, 3104 16th Ave. S, Mpls. on **Saturday, April 26**, 7 p.m. Songleading by Bret Hesla and Mary Preus. Suggested donation \$5-10. Usual mix of songs, with a nod to Pete Seeger.