

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 17, 2014

***Gathering Songs**

“What is this place” #1 HWB

“Holy, holy, holy” #400 HWB

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Creating God, we bring to you our praise.

All: We give thanks for the bounty of earth, sea, and sky.

Leader: We hold before you our joy and entrust to you our sorrow,

All: We are yours and made in your image.

Leader: Open us to the movement of your Spirit in and among us.

All: Comfort us. Disturb us.

Leader: Enlighten us. Ignite us.

All: Continue your creating ways in us and through us, that your glory may be comprehended and your love made visible. In the name of your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

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***Hymn:** “Like the murmur of the dove’s song” #29 HWB

Scripture reading: Acts 4:32, 36-37; 9:26-28

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

Children’s Time – Tyler Zabriskie

Song: “May the God of hope fill you” – Romans 15:13 (*hymnal insert*)

Scripture Readings: Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3; 15:36-40

Sermon: “Barnabas: Generosity, advocacy, collaboration, conflict—and God’s grace”

Response

Hymn: “All praise to our redeeming Lord” #21 HWB, vv. 1-4

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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sung Benediction:** “Guide my feet” #546 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time.

TODAY: Stories of God’s People: Barnabas

Worship leader: Daryn Dockter

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger, Cathy Higgins

Piano: Melissa Falb

Nursery: Hermann Weinlich, Mark Kaufman **Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

NEXT SUNDAY: Stories of God’s People: A Bolivia Sojourn

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Sermon: Elisabeth & Ramont Harder-Schrock

Organ: David Mayou

Ushers: Rhonda Martin, Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship: Weinlicks

Nursery: Shelly Hendricks, Gerald Schlabach

Next Sunday our speakers will be Elisabeth & Ramont Harder-Schrock from Mountain Lake, MN. Several years ago the Harder-Schrocks returned from a service term in Bolivia through Mennonite Central Committee. They will speak about their work there.

August 10:

Attendance: 69

Local Budget: \$2,767

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FMC office hours: August 18-22

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Ministry Staff: Mon, Wed, Thurs 11-6

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Conference: Pray for CPMC's newest member, Iglesia El Balsamo in Muscatine, Iowa, as staff join them in worship today to recognize their membership, license Pastor Alejandro Huesca, and celebrate their 7th anniversary as a congregation.

Garden care around the church building: Arlene Geissinger and John Hershey are volunteering TODAY after church to work on weeding the church gardens. Others are welcome to join them – anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Bring your own gloves and weeding/trimming tools!

Open Streets MPLS is happening on Franklin Ave. today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The avenue will be a safe, car-free area for people to bike, walk, play and visit with local businesses and artists.

From the Mennonite Worker: Coming up on Saturday evening, Sept. 13 will be the opening of the new **Gene Stoltzfus Center for Creative Peacemaking**, at Simone Weil House.

The Twin Cities MCC Sale, scheduled for October 25 at Woodland Hills Church, **seeks donated items to diversify its live and silent auctions.** Contact Grace Hagen or David Klaassen.

Church directory update:

Karen Peterson email address: karenlinnpeterson@gmail.com

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

August 19 – Text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

August 19 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., Bardo-Martinson home

August 20 – Retreat Planning Committee, 7 p.m., chapel

August 27 – Mpls. P&J Film: *Buying the War*, 7 p.m., FH

September 26-28 – FMC Fall Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

October 25 – Twin Cities MCC Sale, Woodland Hills Church, SP

November 15 – Ted & Co., *Peace, Pies and Prophets*, 7 p.m., Calvary Church, Mpls.

Acts 4:32, 36-37; 9:26-28

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ... There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

When [Saul] had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3; 15:36-40

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. (over)

The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord.

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.

Responding

With one or two other people:

1) **Imagine** what caused the difference of opinion between Barnabas and Paul. How might Barnabas, Paul, and Mark each have contributed to the conflict?

2) **Brainstorm** some possible solutions to the conflict. Do not judge or criticize any of the suggestions at this point:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

3) **Discuss and evaluate** the possible solutions. What would you recommend as the best possible solution? What would each person (Barnabas, Paul, and Mark) have to do to make this solution work?