

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
August 11, 2013 ~ God's Good Creation

***Gathering songs**

"This little light of mine"

"Over my head" #18 STJ

Prelude

***Call to worship**

Leader: God of all creation,

Organ side: who gives us more than enough food and water, more than enough to sustain our lives,

*ALL: may our worship remind us
of the provision of God, the all-knowing One,
the wisdom of Jesus, our generous teacher,
and the energy of the Spirit, our reconciler,*

Piano side: that we may grow in generous hospitality toward those beyond our borders and the least among us.

*ALL: Through the strength of Jesus and the provision of the Spirit.
Amen.*

***Hymn:** "When all thy mercies" #72 HWB

Welcome

Theme verses: Matthew 6:25-26, 28-29, 31-34 (insert)

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

Recognition & thanks to Meagan O'Brien, nursery coordinator

Scripture reading: Ruth 2:1-12; 4:11-17

Song: "Roots and Shoots" –Raffi

Roots and shoots, roots and shoots,

We are the roots and shoots of a living world.

Roots and shoots, everywhere,

The hopes and dreams of a living world.

During this song the children will depart to the nursery or activity time.

Sermon: "Ruth: A story of migration, loss, harvest and community"

Parent-Child Dedication

Children's response

Hymn: "Thy holy wings" #118 STJ

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

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. [cont.]

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:** "The care the eagle gives her young" #590 HWB

***Passing the Peace**

Postlude

Community Time

11:00 Potluck fellowship meal & baby shower for the Borntrager/Ries and Cuffey families.

TODAY: Sharing the harvest / Parent-Child Dedication

Worship & song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Ushers: Darrel Martin & Rhonda Martin

Piano: Karen Zeug

Children's activity: Maggie Page & Gerald Schlabach

Nursery: Cori Skogerboe

This Sunday we celebrate with Kristin Borntrager and David Ries and Joel and Katie Cuffey as they dedicate themselves to the care and nurture of their children Esme Claire and Lucas Miles, and Josiah Paul.

NEXT SUNDAY: A stone as witness to covenant (Joshua 24:1-28)

Worship & song leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Stan Bontrager

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger, Cori Skogerboe

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery: Wendy Brunner, Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship time: Noah & Cori Skogerboe

Next Sunday Stan Bontrager, the new director of Wilderness Wind, will preach.

August 4:

Attendance: 61

Local Budget: \$2,167

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,657

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FMC office hours: August 12-16

Pastor: Mon, Wed & Thurs 10-5. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon, Wed 10-6, Thurs 12-4

Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening. Bulletin printed Thursday noon.

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service units are beginning a new year. Pray that participants would find supportive communities in hosting congregations and in their units, as well as meaningful ministry opportunities.

Joetta Schlabach and several members of the congregation will meet next Saturday, Aug. 17 with members of the **Central Plains Pastoral Leadership Committee** as part of their review of her credentials. This was prompted by the feedback from the fall 2012 regional conference discussions regarding how churches within the conference live together in the midst of difference—in this case the guidelines we have adopted regarding same-sex marriage. Let us be in prayer for all who will participate in this process.

School kits for the MCC Relief Sale. One of the favorite activities for kids is the assembly of school kits. **We need the following items donated to stuff the kits:** spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets), unsharpened pencils, ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), large pencil eraser. Leave in the back of the church through August. Thanks! —*Teresa Wasick*

Mennonite Disaster Service is beginning some rebuilding projects in **Duluth** still remaining from last year's flood. If you are interested in helping, contact our MDS rep. Glenn Geissinger.

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

August 13 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's Cafe, SP

August 14 – Weekly Community Meal Potluck, 6 p.m., Matthews Park

August 14 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., chapel

August 17 – CPMC Pastoral Leadership Committee visit

September 9 – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., church office

Oct 4-6 – All Church Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

Oct 26 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

Matthew 6:25-26, 28-29, 31-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?’

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ... indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Ruth 2:1-12, 4:11-17

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor.” Naomi said to her, “Go, my daughter.” So she went... and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, the kinsman.

Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He asked his servant who was in charge of the reapers, “To whom does this young woman belong?” The servant answered, “She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, ‘Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.’ And she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.” Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ... If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?” But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!”

[After Boaz bought the land of Naomi's family and proposed to marry Ruth], all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you

produce children . . . and through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Matthew Thomas and his band “Phillips Phonograph” will be playing at the Grounds and Sounds festival at **Groundswell Coffee Shop**, corner of Hamline and Thomas in St. Paul, on **Saturday, Aug. 17** at 4 p.m. The festival includes other bands, including Eustace the Dragon, which features people from Third Way Mennonite community.

MCC Relief Sale Sewing Group. Sunday, Sept. 22, 1 - 4 p.m. all “craftswomen” and “wanna-bes” are invited to gather at Covenant Village of Golden Valley, 5800 St. Croix Ave. N, Golden Valley (just south of Byerly’s). Mary Lou Wiebe has arranged for us to use the main floor activity room to focus on creating more items for the Oct. 19 sale. Please bring your own projects, too, for the market and silent auction. RSVP to Carol Friesen or Marlys Wiens by Friday, Sept. 6.

Wilderness Wind in Ely, MN has **open canoe trips** in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Visit www.wildernesswind.org for more information.

Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) is being offered at Hamline U: Monday-Friday, **Sept. 16-20**. Early registration deadline: Aug. 12 at www.starmpls3.eventbrite.com. –*Donna Minter*

Terry Gerber appreciates the flowers and visits she has received. Please sign up online by searching for faithmc@faithmennonite.org at www.signupgenius.com. After you have chosen a week, contact Terry to arrange a specific day/time that suits. Thank you!