

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 2, 2014

*Gathering Song

“Jesus calls us here to meet him” #3 STJ

Prelude

Silence

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our worship this day:

All: that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you,
and our meditations glorify you, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Hymn: “Built on the Rock” #309 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

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

Children’s Time

Hymn: “In the morning when I rise” #45 STJ

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: “God’s house?”

*Hymn: “Will you let me be your servant” #307 HWB

Communion

—Hermann Weinlick

We will gather in groups of 10-12 at tables in front and back. Gluten free bread will be available. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

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

The deacons are encouraging designated offerings to the Cedar-Riverside fire victims. Missions & Service will match donations up to \$250 total. If you wish to donate, please write “CR fire relief” on the memo of your check with the amount to be donated (if different from the total).

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

*Please stand if you are able

STJ: Sing the Journey

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** “We have received Christ Jesus” (insert)

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace**

***Postlude**

Community Time

There will be an all-church potluck brunch immediately following morning worship in the fellowship hall; everyone is welcome. Our annual congregational meeting will be held after the meal in the fellowship hall. Danika Zabertini will be providing child care during the meeting.

TODAY:

Worship leader: Donna Stucky

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe, Darrell Martin

Nursery: Aine McCarthy, Kristi Zabriskie

Sermon: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Jim Kuebelbeck

Snow: Melissa Hochstetler

NEXT SUNDAY: Psalm 112; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:13-16

Worship leader: Donna Stuckey

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger, Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Adam Nafziger, Karen Wiebe

Sermon: Mark Van Steenwyk

Piano: Sandra Westby

Fellowship: Kuenning/Leisen

Snow: *volunteer needed*

January 19:

Attendance: 73

Local Budget: \$691

January 26:

Attendance: 69

Local Budget: \$1,868

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.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach (on sabbatical)

Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus

Pastoral care: Arlene & Glenn Geissinger

Deacons: Thaine Dirks, Shelly Hendricks,

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FMC office hours: February 3-7

Office: Wed 9:30-5, Thurs 12-4

Pastoral care: Glenn (952-297-4081), Arlene (952-470-1847)

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

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network: Every three months, MMN's Radical Journey team in Paraguay must leave the country to renew their visas. Pray for their safe travel and understanding officials.

New adult Christian Ed. classes to begin Feb. 16. There are four options: 1) parenting class, 2) book study of *Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal* by April Yamasaki, 3) book study of *Making Sense of Scripture: Big Questions About the Book of Faith* by David Lose, and 4) new member class (meeting March 9–April 13). Please sign up *this Sunday* at the back to order one of the books. —*Candace Lutt*

Vitamin contributions are welcome for Cynthia Miller, Darrell Martin, and David Ries to take on their trip to Haiti on March 14 to take part in mobile medical clinics. The need is for bottles of 300 tablets or less of children's chewable (but not the gummy variety) vitamins *with iron*. There will be a vitamin collection box in the fellowship area during February.

Two boxes needing transport: 1) In preparation for the next Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale, MCC is sending a box of products to sell that **needs to be picked up in Iowa City** at the Crowded Closet, 1213 Gilbert Ct., 319-337-5924. If you can help, contact Marlys Wiens, marlyswiens@yahoo.com or 952-835-6915. **2)** FMC has received a box of relief supplies designated for Syria. If you can help transport the box **to the MCC warehouse in N. Newton, KS or Goshen, IN**, please contact the church office.

Pick up your **FMC February newsletters** in your mail slots this morning.

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

February 4 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's

February 12 – Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

February 19 – Deacon Commission, 10:30 a.m., chapel

February 24 – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

February 26 – Community Meal (6 p.m.) and P&J Film (7 p.m.),

“American Holocaust: When it's all over, I'll still be Indian”

March 5 – Ash Wednesday service, 7 p.m., sanctuary

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young, at your altars,

O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Matthew 5:1-12

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.

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

Women's Retreat: Five more commitments are needed for us to reserve space for a retreat the weekend of March 7-9. If interested, please contact Kristin Green.

You are invited to an **Acoustic Rock and Roll House Concert, Sunday Feb. 9**, 4-7ish. Featuring the Forrest Rangers, specializing in tunes you love from Then to Now! Enjoy great music, food, drinks, laughter, and warm friendly rock and roll smiles. **Hosted by Donna Minter**, Louise Delagran, & the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute board, to benefit MPLI's Economic Diversity Scholarship Fund **for STAR trainings**. Suggested donation \$15/person at the event. Please respond at www.concertmnpeace.eventbrite.com.

Music Series at Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave. S., Mpls., **TODAY**, 4:30 p.m. Cantata 161 by J. S. Bach, *O süsßer, o freundlicher* by Heinrich Schütz. The Christ Church Choir with friends from the Elm Ensemble, Paul Boehnke guest conductor, Nicole Warner alto, Craig Lemming tenor, professional baroque chamber orchestra. No admission charge. Freewill offering **to benefit Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership**: www.christchurchluth.org/musicseries.

Another SLRJP fundraiser: The Fourth Annual Sweethearts and Spirits: Beer, Liquor and Wine Tasting event, **Saturday, Feb. 15**, 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the Minneapolis Eagles Club, 2507 E. 25th St. Tickets: \$15, can be purchased from me or at Zipp's Liquors. Enjoy samples of beer, wine and liquor. Eat delightful foods and treats from local businesses and partake in Zipp's now famous silent auction. *—Andi Kuenning*

The 3rd annual **Neighborhood Sustainability Fair** is coming soon! If you are interested in helping a small group plan/organize the fair, or have new ideas for booths/activities, see Phil Stoltzfus: minstaff@faithmennonite.org.

In response to Pope Francis's first apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," **Saint Paul Interfaith Network** (SPIN) will hold its first **midweek forum** for 2014 on the exhortation on **Thursday, Feb. 6**, noon to 2:00 p.m., at the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, 1671 Summit Ave., SP. A panel of respondents from four religious traditions will comment on the exhortation from the perspective of their tradition.