

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 9, 2014

*Gathering Songs

“Here in this place” #6 HWB

“For we are strangers no more” #322 HWB

Prelude

Silence

*Call to Worship

-Based on Psalm 112: 1-10

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who delight in his commandments.

**People: They will be blessed for generations;
their righteousness will endure forever.**

L: They will rise as lights in the darkness, they are gracious,
merciful and righteous.

**P: The will be remembered for conducting their affairs with justice.
They have been generous and given freely to the poor.**

L: The wicked look at the righteous with anger,
but their anger comes to naught.

**P: The righteous are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are steady.**

All: The hearts of the righteous are firm and secure in the Lord.

*Hymn: “What does the Lord require” #409 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

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

Children’s Time

Hymn: “This little light of mine” #401 HWB

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: “Light of the world”

*Hymn: “You are salt for the earth” #226 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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** “Go now in peace” #429 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace**

***Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time – Narthex (Parents: please assist children in
keeping all food and drinks in the fellowship area.)

11:00 Christian education for all ages.

Adult classes will meet together this Sunday in the fellowship hall
to hear reports back from the FMC Mennonite Disaster Service
team that worked in Duluth this week.

TODAY: Light of the world (Psalm 112; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:13-16)

Worship leader: Donna Stuckey

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Reader: Dick Westby

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger, Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Adam Nafziger, Karen Wiebe

Sermon: Mark Van Steenwyk

Piano: Sandra Westby

Fellowship: Kuenning/Leisen

Snow: Noah Skogerboe

*This morning we welcome Mark Van Steenwyk, who will be giving the
sermon. Mark is co-founder of Mennonite Worker, which just opened the
Simone Weil House, a new hospitality house and peace center, in the Phillips
neighborhood.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-27

Worship leader: Kristi Zabriskie

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger, Darrell Martin

Nursery: Heather Wengerd, John Ratigan

Snow: *Volunteer needed*

Sermon: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Fellowship: Brunner/Minter

February 2:

Attendance: 77

Local Budget: \$1,656

Cedar-Riverside Fire Relief: \$375

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

*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

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FMC office hours: February 10-14

Ministry Staff: Mon 10-5, Wed 10-5, Thurs 12-4

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

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network praise God for the first three months of their business venture, an English-teaching academy in Spain. Pray that God would bless this endeavor to support the Fox family, and that it would provide opportunities to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

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 on the back table to order one of the books. –*Candace Lautt*

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. **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.

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

February 11 – 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

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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, March 7-9: A **planning meeting** for the upcoming FMC Women's Retreat will be held at Kristin Green's house, on **Feb. 20** at 7:30 p.m. Any women planning to go on the retreat are welcome to attend. Kristin is making dessert. Bring something to share only if you want to.

You are invited to an **Acoustic Rock and Roll House Concert, TODAY, 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.

Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership 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.

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