

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 10, 2013

**Prelude
Welcome**

***Call to Worship** based on Psalm 63

O God, you are my God.

I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands
and call on your name.**

***Hymns:** "Praise, I will praise" #76 HWB
"Many and great" #35 HWB

Gospel reading: Luke 9:28-36

Children's gathering song: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's time: "Going Camping" – Adam Nafziger

Hymn: "Christ upon the mountain peak" #232 HWB

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.
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

New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 3:17, 4:1-2, 5-12

Sermon: "Best laid plans"

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

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "Precious Lord, take my hand" #575 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship Time

11:00 Christian education for all ages. Adult class options:

Gospel of John - Chapel

Living the Sermon on the Mount – Education Wing, Rms 102/104

Parenting Class – Parent Resource Room

See announcement section for descriptions.

TODAY: Desiring God's Coming Kingdom – Part 4

Worship leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Rhonda Martin & Darrell Martin

Flute: Jennifer Wandersee

Nursery: Tyler Zabriskie & Candace Lutt

Shoveling: Petersons

Fellowship: Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Matthew Hendricks

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 1: "Ashamed No More: Temptation" Luke 4:1-13

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Tyler Zabriskie

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Organ: David Mayou

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger & Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship: Geissingers

Nursery: Wendy Brunner & Matthew Hendricks

Shoveling: Glenn Geissinger

February 3:

Attendance: 81

Local Budget: \$2,185

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
Deacons: Cleta Gingerich, Shelly Hendricks,
Donna Minter, Adam Nafziger, Neil Okerlund

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FMC office hours: February 11-15

Pastor: Mon 10-5, Wed 10-5; Thurs 10-2. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon, Wed 10:00-7:00.

Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening. Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the peace training program started by César Moya and Patricia Urueña to build leadership capacity for the Quito and Riobamba Mennonite churches in Ecuador. Ask God to provide for the cost of this training for 16 basic-level students and 17 in the university-level program.

Lent begins next Wednesday, Feb. 13:

• **Everyone is invited to an Ash Wednesday service in the style of Taizé Prayer,** at 7 p.m., following the Wednesday meal on Feb. 13

• **Daily online Lenten reflections** will be available beginning Feb. 13 (Ash Wednesday) from Goshen College. Poetry, personal stories, reflections and prayers based on lectionary passages and the theme “Ashamed No More.” Subscribe to received daily emails at www.goshen.edu/devotions.

• **Find ideas for observing Lent at home with children** in *Lent at Home Booklet: Ashamed No More* at www.resources.mennonitechurch.ca.

Invitation to Jewish Seder—RSVP by Wed, Feb 13. We have received an invitation to attend an Interfaith Seder at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave. S, Mpls. on Sunday, Mar. 10, 1-4 p.m. Notify FMC church office to RSVP.

Copies of the **new *Scattered Seeds*** (from Central Plains Conference) are available on the back shelf. See esp. the **article about FMC/Regional Meetings** on p. 4. Available online at www.centralplainsmc.org.

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

February 11 – Missions and Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

February 12 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotters

February 13 – Wednesday evening meal, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

February 13 – Ash Wednesday Taizé Service, 7 p.m., sanctuary

February 23 – Birthday brunch, 9:30-11 a.m., Schlabach home

February 27 – Peace & Justice Film Series, 7 p.m., chapel

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

2 Corinthians 3:17, 4:1-2, 5-12

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in 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

New adult education classes begin this Sunday:

- **The Gospel of John** – Chapel. Ready for a fresh look at John? Using a new translation to transport us back into John's world, we'll examine traditional as well as feminist, gay, non-Western & other perspectives—even the visual arts. John will never be the same again! –*Steve Wall & Jim Kuebelbeck*

- **Living the Sermon on the Mount** – Education Wing, Rms 102/104. Following Jesus' teachings is central to Mennonite faith. Yet, we sometimes experience his words as "hard sayings." Are they realistic and practical? Yes! Glen Stassen's breakthrough interpretation of the Sermon will show us why. Three books are available for \$16.50. A Kindle edition & used books available at amazon.com. –*Gerald Schlabach*

- **Parenting Class** – Parent Resource Room. Today's topic will be "Talking to Children about Race." –*Annette Semanchin Jones*

Deacons' Fund Update: In 2012 the Deacons' Fund provided \$2,645 in assistance to persons within the congregation who were facing special circumstances, and to several persons from the community. \$750 of this amount was covered through the Sharing Fund program of Everence, the financial stewardship organization of Mennonite Church USA. Already in 2013 we have distributed \$2,400 (including \$500 from the Everence Sharing Fund).

The Deacon Commission invites contributions to the Deacons' Fund, which is separate from our annual church budget. (Checks can be written to FMC, with "Deacon Fund" in the memo line.) We are glad for this opportunity to practice mutual aid within our community of faith. If you have questions about Everence resources, please contact Teresa Wasick, our Everence advocate. For questions about the Deacons Fund, speak with any of the deacons: Thaine Dirks, Cleta Gingerich, Shelly Hendricks, Donna Minter, Adam Nafziger.

Hannah Okerstrom is selling Girl Scout cookies today at fellowship time.

I am organizing a **showing of Dakota 38 TODAY, Feb. 10**, 2:30 p.m. at the Weitz Center, Carleton College, Northfield. Free. Documents the annual 330-mile horseback ride from SD to Mankato, site of the largest execution in US history. Discussion led by Grace Horne, ride participant. –*Candace Lautt*

A call to action on **gun violence**. –*Anna Gambucci*

- **Write a letter** to your state legislator to urge committee members to support gun violence prevention, via the website: www.protectmn.org.

- **Attend** Protect Minnesota's **Community Meeting: Strategizing Peaceful Communities Free from Gun Violence, TOMORROW, Feb. 11**, 6-8 p.m., Washington High School, 1495 Rice St., SP. Children's activities.

Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality: "Christian Meditation: A Way of Living in the Modern World," **Monday, Feb. 11**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave., SP, \$30. "Teaching Christian Meditation to Children and Young People," **Tuesday, Feb. 12**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. Catherine University Music Recital Hall, \$30. Information and registration at: www.wisdomwayscenter.org.

"Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters and How to Think About it," an evening with MPR's **Krista Tippett, Tuesday, Feb. 19**, 7 p.m., Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., SP. Freewill offering to support scholarship fund. \$10 lasagna buffet, 5-6:30.

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition Day on the Hill, a day of advocacy and justice: **Thursday, Feb. 21**. Efforts will focus on affordable housing & health care, family economic security, human trafficking, payday lending, taxes & budget, and impartial judiciary. Register at: www.jrlc.org.

Greg Barrett, author of the new book **"The Gospel of Rutba: War, Peace and the Good Samaritan Story in Iraq,"** speaking about a **Christian Peacemaker Teams** delegation to Iraq involved in a serious car accident and treated at a hospital that had just been bombed by the U.S. **Thursday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.**, St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 3rd Ave. S, Mpls.

Mennonite Worker third annual benefit dinner, Saturday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., fellowship hall. Proceeds will help meet the goal of raising \$100K for a new hospitality house. Dinner will include moussaka, Greek salad, cheese-cake, and mint lemonade. Live music, poetry, & brief presentation. Child-care provided (email number and ages). \$10 suggested donation, but all are welcome! **RSVP by Feb. 16** at: www.mennoniteworker.eventbrite.com.

The **Nobel Peace Prize Forum** sponsored by Augsburg College and The Humphrey School, is coming up **March 8-10**. The program will feature two **Nobel Peace Laureates**, Muhammad Yunus and Tawakkol Karmen. Detailed information about the Forum program and registration can be found at: www.nobelpeaceprizeforum.org. –*Orv Gingerich*

FMC has **several quilts that need to be transported to Newton, KS**, for donation to MCC. If you're driving to Kansas, let the church office know.

Quarter-sheet **fliers** are available in the back **for handing out in the neighborhood** to advertise our Wednesday evening community meals.

An email went out to the church email list last Thursday about **hosting overnight guests** for our conference visitors' weekend coming up on April 12-14. **Please reply** to Arlene Geissinger **by this Friday, Feb. 15** with the number of people you would be willing to host.