

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 16, 2014

## \*Gathering Songs

“You’ve got a place at the welcoming table” #4 STJ

“O healing river” #372 HWB

## Prelude

### Silence

## \*Call to Worship

*-based on II Cor. 5:18-20*

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

**Everything old has passed away;**

**See, everything has become new!**

All this is from God, who reconciled us

to Godself through Christ,

**And has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself,

not counting our sins against us,

**And entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

So we are ambassadors for Christ,

since God is making an appeal through us;

**We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

\*Hymn: “Lord I am fondly” #514 HWB vv. 1,3

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

## Children’s Time

Hymn: “There is more love” #109 STJ

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 5:1-2, 21-26

**Sermon:** “Choose Reconciliation”

\*Hymn: “When love is found” #623 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

*HWB: Hymnal Worship Book*

*STJ: Sing the Journey*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

## Introduction of Guests

\***Sending Hymn:** “Peace before us”

*Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.*

*Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.*

## \*Benediction

\***Passing the Peace**

\***Postlude**

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## 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. Everyone is welcome to join one of the new adult education classes which begin today:

- Parenting Class, in the parents’ resource room
- *Making Sense of Scripture* book study, in the fellowship hall
- *Sacred Pauses* book study, in the library

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## TODAY:

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Sermon:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Ushers:** Glenn Geissinger, Darrell Martin

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Nursery:** Heather Wengerd, John Ratigan

**Fellowship:** Brunner/Minter

**Snow:** Glenn Geissinger

## NEXT SUNDAY: Sharing the Road (Luke 24:13-35)

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Ushers:** Rhonda Martin, Cori Skogerboe

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Fellowship:** Alisa Bardo-Martinson

**Snow:** *Volunteer needed*

**Resource persons:** Wayne & Lois Hochstetler

**Nursery:** Cori Skogerboe, Gregg Richardson

*Next Sunday we welcome back Wayne & Lois Hochstetler. Our congregation supported them during their recently completed term with Mennonite Mission Network based in London, England.*

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**February 9:**

**Attendance:** 83

**Local Budget:** \$1,329

**Cedar-Riverside Fire Relief:** \$75

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**Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Caleb Yoder working with leadership development in Quito, Ecuador. Pray for wisdom, compassion, and spiritual strength as he accompanies a young congregation in Calderón where most of the members are Colombian refugees.

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*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 17-21**

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

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

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

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You are invited to “**What is this place?**” **Part Two, this Friday, Feb. 21**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rudy Okerlund’s home. Part two asks: 1) What is our mission and are we currently organized in a manner that effectively moves us forward in carrying out our mission? 2) What does our mission look like when it is acted out? 3) Is the current way we “do church” suitable to carrying out our mission? This series is mainly an effort to get the conversation going. It carries with it no expectation that a proposal will come forth out of our time together. We’ll simply enjoy each others’ company over a topic that all of us care about. And of course, good food will fuel the conversation. These sessions are open to anyone interested in participating. **RSVP.** –*Rudy Okerlund*

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**February 18** – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter’s

**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

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Matthew 5:1-2, 21-26**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>21</sup>”You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’

<sup>22</sup>”But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.

<sup>23</sup>”So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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

**Ted John will be performing in *Telling: Minnesota***, a theater performance created by veterans, on **Saturday, Feb. 22**, 2 p.m., in the Weitz Center Theater at Carleton College, Northfield, MN. Tickets are required, but free. Discussion/Q&A as well as a reception will follow the performance. Then you are invited to come over to Phil and Candace's house for dinner with Ted. Let us know if you are interested in coming for the performance and/or dinner.

We are continuing our "Men who..." gatherings with "**Men who drum.**" On **Friday, March 14**, 7-9 p.m. in the fellowship hall there will be a **drum-making session**. On **Saturday, March 15**, 10 a.m. - noon, there will be a **drumming workshop** in the chapel directed by an accomplished drum teacher. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another. **A sheet with registration information is available on the back table.** Contact Rudy or Mike for more information.

**Women's Retreat, March 7-9:** Any women not yet registered for the women's retreat who are interested in going should contact Kristin Green. **There is room for more women to attend.** Women planning to attend should pay Kristin directly, preferably before the retreat. Cost is \$60 or what you are able to pay—donations above \$60 are welcome so that the entire amount is covered. Women just attending for the day should pay \$15 or \$20. Pay Kristin at church or send a check to Kristin. A **planning meeting** for the retreat will be held at Kristin's house on **Feb. 20** at 7:30 p.m., for whoever is planning to attend. Kristin is making dessert. Bring something to share only if you want to.

Anise Bates will be **selling Girl Scout Cookies** for her Brownie Troop **today** during the fellowship time after worship. Cookies are \$4.00 a box and cash is preferred. —*Tonya Boschmann*

**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.

**Jerry Janzen**, his brother Jack, and **Wolf Bartel** are singing in the **South Metro Chorale's** Cabaret fundraiser at the Lakeville Area Arts Center. The Chorale director is Russell Adrian (attends Emmanuel MC). The first hour will be a time of food, games, and a silent auction. **Saturday, March 1**, 6:30 p.m. (7:30 music); and Sunday, March 2, 2 p.m., (3 p.m. music). Tickets \$20/person. [http://www.southmetrochorale.org/SMC\\_Cabaret.php](http://www.southmetrochorale.org/SMC_Cabaret.php)