

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
February 17, 2013 ~ Lent ~ “Ashamed no more”

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship** based on Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say
“My Refuge and my Strength, my God in whom I trust.”
Because you have God for your refuge
and have made the Most High your stronghold, God says:
You shall call and I will answer,
I will be with you in times of trouble,
I will deliver you and glorify you and will show you my salvation.

***Hymns:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #37 HWB
“Over my head” #18 STJ

Old Testament reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Children’s gathering song: “Wait for the Lord” (insert)

Children’s time: “Temptation”

Hymn: “Just as I am, without one plea” #92 STJ

Gospel reading: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: “Tempted to be less than we are”

Confession: “Create in me a clean heart” – Men’s ensemble

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

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** “God be with you” #430 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 104/106

Parenting Class – Parent Resource Room

Church membership exploration – Balcony

See announcement section for descriptions.

TODAY: Lent 1: God will show us salvation

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Tyler Zabriskie

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Organ: David Mayou

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger & Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship: Geissingers

Nursery: Wendy Brunner & Melissa Hochstetler

Shoveling: Glenn Geissinger

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 2: We take courage & wait (Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 13:31-35)

Worship leader: Katie Cuffey

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Anna Gambucci

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger & Darrell Martin

Fellowship: Westbys

Nursery: Joan Wing & Matthew Hendricks

Shoveling: Andy Martinson

February 10:

Attendance: 74

Local Budget: \$2,185

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.

Thank you to the Lent worship planning committee: Katie Cuffey, Mike Okerstrom, Joetta Schlabach, Kristi Zabriskie. Mike Okerstrom is designing the visual effects and Gregg Richardson is creating the bulletin covers.

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FMC office hours: February 18-22

Pastor: Mon 10-5, Wed 10-5; Thurs 10-4. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus is out of town this week.

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

Prayer request from Central Plains Conference: Pray for Terry LeBlanc as he prepares to speak at our Central Plains Annual Meeting this summer in Ashland, Montana. Terry is a pastor and scholar who has served the Native community in a variety of leadership roles.

We are in the season of Lent:

- **Daily online Lenten reflections** are available 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.
- **Soup & Sabbath reflections for Lent:** “We shall be Peace— Conversations with local peacemakers.” Mondays, Feb 18 to March 25, Sabbath House, 3228 Portland Ave S, Mpls. 6:30-simple soup; 7-8 p.m. prayer & reflection.

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

February 19 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, St. Paul

February 20 – Wednesday community meal, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

February 20 – Church membership exploration, 6:45 p.m., library

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

February 23 – Mennonite Worker Benefit Dinner, 7 p.m., fellowship hall

February 27 – March newsletter deadline, noon to Gregg Richardson

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

March 5 – Deacon Commission, 10 a.m., Hendricks

March 6 – Ecumenical Community Taizé Service, sanctuary

April 12-14 – CPMC Invitational weekend

April 13 – Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, noon-4:30

Lent 2013



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, ... was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted. Luke 4:1

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Gifts Discernment Update: We are pleased to announce that Melissa Hochstetler has accepted a position as deacon. A copy of the deacon groups is in church mail folders.

Adult education classes:

- **The Gospel of John** – 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** – 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. One remaining book is available for \$16.50. A Kindle edition & used books available at amazon.com. –*Gerald Schlabach*

- **Parenting Class** –*Annette Semanchin Jones*

- **Church membership exploration** –The first of three sessions for persons who would like to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Mennonite church and consider membership at FMC. Today’s topic: “What brings us to church and why do we stay?” (repeated on Wed., Feb 20, following the community meal). Subsequent sessions will be March 24 (repeated April 3) and April 7 (repeated April 27). –*Joetta Schlabach and deacons*

February Birthday Brunch. If you have a birthday in February, you (and family or significant other) are invited to a brunch with Joetta and other FMC folks who share your birth month. **Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** at the Schlabach home. RSVP to Joetta.

“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.

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.

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*