

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 24, 2016

***Gathering Songs:** “Come we that love the Lord” #14 HWB
“Christ is arisen” #271 HWB

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship**
#684 HWB (based on Psalm 148)

***Hymn:** “O God who gives us life” #483 HWB

Scripture reading: Acts 11:1-18

Children’s Gathering Song: “Come and see” #20 HWB
Children’s Time: Guest ~ Erin Platt of MN Interfaith Power & Light

Hymn: “There’s a wideness” #145 HWB

Scripture reading: Revelation 21:1-6
Sermon: “The Difference Heaven Makes”
Hymn “New earth, heavens new” #299 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 / Introduction of Guests

***Sung benediction:** “Beyond a dying sun” #323 HWB

***Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time; please keep all food and beverages in the narthex.

11:00 Education classes for all ages

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book
**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

TODAY: 5th Sunday of Easter

Worship leader: Kristin Green

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Reader: Noelle Hendricks

Nursery: Andi Kuenning, Joel Cuffey

Kristin Green is a mentor to Noelle Hendricks through the FMC mentoring program. Youth can be paired with a mentor beginning in 5th grade. For more information, please contact coordinator Shelly Hendricks.

NEXT SUNDAY: 6th Sunday of Easter (Acts 16:9-15; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5)

Worship leader: Matthew Hendricks

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg

Reader: Noah Sundseth

Nursery: McCarthy, Hochstetler

Next Sunday we will celebrate with the Borntreger Ries family in the parent/child dedication for daughter Annelise and as David and Kristin are received as members. Doug Hostetter, Mennonite Central Committee liaison at the United Nations, will share some of his faith journey with us, including voluntary service in Vietnam during the war and his contribution to the eventual peace accord. He will also share during the education hour.

April 17: Attendance: 92

Local Budget: not recorded
Sharing the Peace grant match: \$595

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

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow

Deacons: Katie Cuffey, Glenn Geissinger

Kristin Green, Hermann Weinlick, Heather Wengerd

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FMC office hours: April 25-29

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 9-4

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon. Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

Adult Education classes:

Discussion of *Rewilding the Way* – Fellowship Hall

Video/discussion of *Surprised by Hope* – Library

Both classes welcome visitors or new participants.

Prayer request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for Des Moines Mennonite Church and Christ Community Church as they prepare to host us at Central Plains Annual Meeting 2016 in Des Moines June 16-19. **Joetta & Gerald Schlabach** are attending the annual CPMC Leadership Retreat in Schuyler, NE, this weekend. Pray for safe travels as they return today.

Come pray for our church and community! Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple “deacon” ribbon or the green “prayer” ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

If you would like to **participate in a noon potluck meal next Sunday, May 1, with Doug Hostetter**, MCC liaison at the United Nations, **please RSVP** by Thursday, April 28, to faithmc@faithmennonite.org so we can plan accordingly. (Depending on numbers we may go to a restaurant.)

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

April 25 – Worship Commission, 8:15 a.m., Dunn Bros., 3rd Ave., Mpls.

April 26 – Sunday text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

April 26 – Newsletter Deadline, items to G. Richardson by noon

April 28 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m. Kristin Green home

May 11 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

May 12 – Missions & Service, 6 p.m., FMC Chapel

May 14 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m., FMC Library

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

From Glenn Geissinger, deacon – Meals for the Peters-Franzen Family!

In celebration of the birth of George Pascal and to assist in their transition from one temporary location to another, we are inviting those who are able, to prepare and share a meal with Leigh, Joel and their children. Given the distance to their home for many of us, those who sign up to prepare meals can bring them to church on Sunday morning and leave them in the kitchen refrigerator, well-marked with their name. There are no dietary restrictions. Thanks!

From John Hershey: As a Faith trustee, I am seeking volunteers to do occasional gardening on the church grounds and a couple of folks to assist with periodic stints of lawn mowing. Please let me know if you are interested, by contacting me or talk to me in person at church. A little help will go a long way toward maintaining our grounds.

From Donna Minter: Pack the Riverview for Peacebuilding! **Wednesday, April 27, 7-9 p.m., is LUNAFEST: Minneapolis.** An evening of 6 internationally-acclaimed short films by, for, & about women. The VIP After Party is graciously being hosted by the Birchwood Cafe. Peacebuilding men love these films too! This fundraiser for the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute supports scholarships for low-income participants in the trainings. Tickets are \$25 for the Films and Festivities at the Riverview and \$40 for the Films, Festivities, and VIP After Party! Bring your friends and colleagues! You can purchase tickets online at www.lunafest.org/minneapolis0427.

Doug Hostetter, who served in Vietnam with Mennonite Central Committee during the Vietnam War and who currently serves as the MCC liaison at the United Nations, will be a participant in the **April 28-30 Symposium on the Vietnam Antiwar Movement**, sponsored by Macalester College. Hostetter played a key role in the People’s Peace Treaty of 1970 that helped end the Vietnam War and is featured in a new book, *The People Make the Peace: Lessons from the Vietnam Antiwar Movement*, edited by Macalester professor Karin Aguilar-San Juan who has organized the weekend symposium. Please visit www.macalester.edu for more information. **Hostetter will speak at FMC during the worship and education hours on Sunday, May 1.**