

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 13, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Here in this place” #6 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us return to Love, in this act of gathering here.

People: Let us return to Love.

In this season of terror and fear,

Let us return to Love.

In our search for understanding and truth,

Let us return to love.

In our surest and least moments of knowing the One who is Love,

All: Let us return to love.

- Adapted from Along the Art: Worship and Ritual for Welcoming Communities.

***Hymn:** “All people that on earth do dwell” #42 HWB

Prayer of Confession: See insert

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

Children’s Time: “Praying by hand” ~ Andy Martinson

Hymn: “Make me a channel of your peace” #56 STJ

Scripture reading: Philippians 2:1-8; 12-13/Quran: chapter 49, verse 13

A conversation with Hamse Warfa

Hymn: “Will you let me be your servant” #307 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

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

***Sung Benediction:** “Go now in peace” #429 HWB

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey Hesla: River of Gladness

**Please stand if you are able*

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – Elizabeth Witmer concludes her Ministry Inquiry Program internship this week. As a sendoff and celebration of her 21st birthday, Joan Kreider will host fellowship time in her back yard **today after church.** church basement in case of rain. Come enjoy cake, ice cream, and watermelon!

TODAY: Bind Us Together: Fundamental Love

Worship leader: Tyler Zabriskie

Sharing: Hamse Warfa

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Elizabeth Witmer

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Stew Thornley

Reader: Sophia Kouay

Nursery: Hayley Brooks & Volunteer Needed

We welcome Somali community leader Hamse Warfa, the founder and principal of TAYO Consulting Group LLC, which provides comprehensive services to improve human development and help alleviate poverty.

NEXT SUNDAY: Bind us Together: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sharing: Kristi Zabriskie

Song leader: Wendy Brunner

Piano: Jean Hendricks

Ushers: Travis Lusk, Minke Sundseth

Fellowship: Shirley Leckie Reed

Nursery: Pat Eliason, Arlene Geissinger

Aug 6:

Attendance: 89

Offering: \$2,604

July 30:

Offering: \$2,467

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
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FMC office hours: Aug 14 -18

Ry: on vacation **Joetta:** Tues, Wed, Thurs 10-3

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

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

Prayer Concerns (cont):

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: This week, conference minister Tim Detweiler attends a board meeting for Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Pray for Tim as he travels and the board as they meet.

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.

The FMC photo directories have arrived! Everyone that has a photo in the directory will find one in their mail folder. Thank you for your participation!

Mark your calendars! The Annual FMC All Church Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 23-24 (Saturday to Sunday noon) at YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI. More information forthcoming.

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

Aug 15 – Fall Retreat Planning Committee, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

Aug 22 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

Aug 25 – September Newsletter items due to church office by noon

Aug 31 – Men’s Breakfast, Curran’s Restaurant, 7 a.m., Mpls.

Sept 10 – FMC New Year Kick-Off; Sunday School begins

Sept 23-24 – FMC Fall Retreat, YMCA Camp St. Croix

Bind Us Together

Faith Mennonite Church

Summer 2017



Prayer of Confession

Leader: We confess that we often are blinded by hate and prejudice.

We measure other people according to our own standards, and not by the standards of Creator God who made us all.

People: God forgive us, for we don't know what we're doing.

L: We confess that we are part of a system that does violence against our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

We confess that we contribute to that institution of violence, when we are silent and choose to stand by quietly.

P: God forgive us, for we don't know what we're doing.

L: We confess that we want to do better. We acknowledge and repent of our shortcomings, and declare that today is the day for new beginnings!

P: Forgive us our shortcomings, so that we may start anew.

L: Grant us your fundamental love, that asks us to break boundaries and widen our circle.

All: Let it be so.

Philippians 2:1-8, 12-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Quran chapter 49, verse 13

O mankind, indeed we have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.

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 Ry Siggelkow: The **MealTrain** account for the **Okerstrom family** has been updated to include August. They have requested a meal to be dropped off every other day because a daily meal feels like too much at this point. Refer to the Midweek Update for the link. Thank you!

Everyone is invited to sign a letter of care and concern for Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center. The letter and signature page can be found on the table in the narthex.

Invitation to sign a petition to ban nuclear weapons. Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) is sponsoring a petition drive and postcard-writing campaign to encourage MN US Senators to publicly support the United Nations ban on nuclear weapons, adopted on July 7, 2017. It needs to be signed and ratified by 50 nations to take effect. The petition and postcards are on the table in the narthex.

The School Kit Challenge: Let's fill 100! The end of summer approaches and school shopping begins! Whether or not we have children/youth for whom we purchase supplies, let us consider the many children around the world who have so little. The FMC Sewing Group asks that you generously purchase supplies for Mennonite Central Committee school kits for these children. Let's break all records and send 100 kits to MCC! Think and pray individually and as families about how you could set goals for your household, e.g.:

- one per adult
- one per child
- one per grandchild (or niece/nephew)
- one per adult child who is on their own

Visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school> for the list of items contained in a school kit. Thank you for your generosity! - *FMC Sewing Group*

Male Voices Needed! We are aiming to form a Menno' Sota men's chorus to sing at the **Twin Cities MCC Annual Benefit for World Relief on Saturday, Oct. 7** at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Golden Valley. For 50 years the 300+ voice Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus has "sung that others may live." California's West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus just celebrated its 40th anniversary. We want to join that enjoyable tradition here. Men from Faith should speak with Glenn Geissinger if interested in joining the group. We will distribute music and rehearsal CDs in advance so that only one or two full-group rehearsals will be required.