

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 27, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Blest Are Those Who Trust” #2 Hesla

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Response: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

***Hymn:** “All creatures of our God and King” #48 HWB, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

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

Children’s Time: Backpack Blessing

Hymn: “God sends us the Spirit” #293 HWB

Scripture reading: Acts 10

Conversational Sermon “Diversity: Living into what we’ve learned”

Hymn: “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy” #145 HWB

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:** “You shall go out with joy” #427 HWB

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – Everyone is invited to the basement fellowship hall for a time of conversation and refreshments.

TODAY: Bind us Together: A Celebration of Diversity

Worship Leader: Travis Lusk

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Sandra Westby

Readers: Doug Addleman, Bob Mack, John Ratigan, Caitlin Smith

Ushers: Shelly Hendricks, Minke Sundseth

Fellowship: Kristin Green & John Ratigan

Nursery: Melissa Hochstetler, Shelly Hendricks

NEXT SUNDAY: Music Sunday / Communion

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martison **Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Travis Lusk

Fellowship: Jennifer Wandersee, Karen Wiebe

Nursery: Andy Martinson, Wendy Brunner

Aug 20:

Attendance: 75

Offering: 2,547

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Kristin Green, Dan Leisen, Katie Cuffey, Hermann
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FMC office hours: Aug 28-Sept 1

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed, Thurs 10-2

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

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

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

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.

Annual FMC **All Church Fall Retreat** is scheduled for **September 23-24** (Saturday to Sunday noon) at YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI.

Brochures with registration information are in mailboxes today. Please register by Sept. 10. ALL are welcome!

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

Aug 29 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

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

Sept 6 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

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

Sept 13 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

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

Bind Us Together

Faith Mennonite Church

Summer 2017



Acts 10 ~ Readers Theater

.....⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Congregation: While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said,

Peter: “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

Congregation: ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Questions for reflection

- 1) What initial activity began the process that brought Cornelius and Peter together?
- 2) Where were the factors that should have kept these two men apart?
- 3) What were the factors that brought them together?
- 4) What emerged from each man venturing into the world of the other?

Announcements

The School Kit Challenge: Let’s fill 100! Most of our school kit bags have been taken to be filled! Thank you! Please note that the content list in the bags listed an error, asking for 4 pencils instead of the required 8. 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

Seward deacon group will be serving dinner at Our Saviour’s Housing on Monday, Sept. 11th. All ages can help. This involves a commitment from about 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you would like to be involved, please let Hermann know (weinlicks@gmail.com).

Ten Thousand Villages store needs volunteers. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity that connects you with crafts persons all over the world, consider joining the sales volunteers at Ten Thousand Villages, 520 Selby Avenue, St. Paul. Volunteers greet guests, process sales, and help with other store activities. Daytime and evening shifts available on week days and weekends. Orientation provided. Contact the store for the next orientation opportunity: 651-225-1043.

Parents and families of middle and high school aged children: this year we will begin a series of monthly faith formation sessions for our middle and high school youth. **Today** after church we will have a potluck and informational presentation at 11a.m. about the programming we will implement beginning this fall. Please come with food to share, questions and thoughts for our program. Thanks!
- *Andy Martinson (education commission) Matthew Hendricks (youth sponsor) Ry Sigglekow (pastor) John Ratigan (parent)*

Housing need during the week of Oct. 29. Anna Geyer, from Iowa, will be in the Twin Cities, arriving Sunday evening, Oct. 29, and departing Friday, Nov. 3, 2017. She will be participating in the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) training, which takes place at Hamline University Minneapolis Campus at 1600 Utica Ave S. If you have a room and could host her that week, please contact her.

The **Okerstrom family** is extremely grateful for the meals that people have delivered the past two months. They are feeling that this need has been met for the time being, so we have discontinued the MealTrain sign-up. **Please check the lost-and-found table in the basement for food containers the Okerstroms have returned.**