

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 6, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Let’s sing unto the Lord” #55 HWB

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: Our God is the great God, mighty and awesome!

People: The Lord our God is God of gods and Lord of lords!

Our God shows no partiality and takes no bribes.

The Lord executes justice for the orphan and the widow.

Our God loves the immigrant, providing them food and clothing.

All: Let the Lord of immigrants prove this love through our hearts and actions!

***Hymn:** “Where Love and Justice Combine” p. 6, Hesla (vv. 1, 3, 4, 6)

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

Children’s Time: Prayerful Art

Hymn: “The peace of the earth be with you” #77 STJ

Scripture reading: Mateo 2:13-15

Sermon: Antonia Alvarez

Communion: *All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. We will gather in circles at the front and back tables, as the ushers direct. After receiving the bread you will dip it in the cup and partake. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. Children/unbaptized youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

Communion Hymn: “Lord, you have come to the lakeshore” #229 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*

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

**Please stand if you are able*

Offering and Offertory

Announcements

***Sending hymn:** “Rain down” #49 STJ

***Benediction**

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – *Donna Stucky’s children are going to serve refreshments during Fellowship in honor of her birthday. They will be served in the fellowship hall downstairs.*

TODAY: Bind Us Together: I am an immigrant

Worship leader: Donna Stucky

Sharing: Antonia Alvarez

Song leader: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Dan Gerber

Translator: Elizabeth Witmer

Nursery: Meg Goldsberry-Troyer & Perry Troyer

We welcome Antonia Alvarez, an organizer with Asamblea de Derechos Civiles (Human Rights Assembly) to share with us this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY: Bind Us Together: Fundamental Love

Worship leader: Tyler Zabriskie

Sharing: Hamse Warfa

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Elizabeth Witmer

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Stew Thornley

Fellowship: See Announcements

Nursery: Hayley Brooks & Volunteer Needed

Next Sunday our focus will be on the experience of Muslims in our community. We will 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.

July 30:

Attendance: 73

Offering: Not Recorded

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.

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FMC office hours: Aug 7 -11

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 Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the 30 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who are beginning assignments in nine locations – Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago; Elkhart, Indiana; Manhattan, New York; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

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 today. Thank you for your participation!

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!

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 9 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

Aug 12 – Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

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



Mateo 2:13-15

La huida a Egipto

¹³ Cuando ya se habían ido, un ángel del Señor se le apareció en sueños a José y le dijo: «Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto. Quédate allí hasta que yo te avise, porque Herodes va a buscar al niño para matarlo».

¹⁴ Así que se levantó cuando todavía era de noche, tomó al niño y a su madre, y partió para Egipto, ¹⁵ donde permaneció hasta la muerte de Herodes. De este modo se cumplió lo que el Señor había dicho por medio del profeta: «De Egipto llamé a mi hijo».

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

Elizabeth Witmer's internship ends soon... Please join in a **sendoff plus celebration of her 21st birthday on Sunday, August 13 after church.** This will be in place of fellowship.

Where: Joan Kreider's back yard, (church basement in case of rain)

What: light refreshments including cake, ice cream, watermelon

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.

Need for lodging: Carol Helmuth (Heather Wengerd's mother) is coming to Minneapolis as a volunteer with SOOP (Serving Opportunities for Older Persons-Mennonite Mission Network). She will be helping with *We Are Growing Hope* and *City Kid Farms*. She has lodging arranged for all but the week of **Aug 12-20**. If you need a house-sitter or would have room for a guest at that time, please contact Christine Lindell Detweiler from Emmanuel Mennonite Church.

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Announcements (cont.)

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.

From Leigh Peters-Fransen: Thank you for all your help in the nursery this year! It's time for a new nursery volunteer schedule and I want to try something new. I make a schedule with Sign Up Genius, and you can click on the link and choose which day you want to volunteer. If you don't choose I will randomly assign one. This system will email you three days before your scheduled Sunday, and it will also keep track of any swaps, as long as you enter them in. Please let me know if you have any questions or anything is not working correctly. Refer to the Midweek Update for the link.

From Kristin Green: The Longfellow Deacon group will be making and **servicing dinner at Our Saviors Housing**, on Oct. 21st. We need 5 to 8 people to help that night. Missions and Services will reimburse for food costs. We need to make the food at home, bring it to the shelter, and serve it there. Please contact me if you are able to help.