

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 28, 2016

***Gathering Songs:** “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” #71 HWB
“Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire” #572 HWB, vv. 1, 2, 3

Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship** *based on Psalm 119*

Leader: My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

People: Your word, O God, endures forever; it stands firm as heaven.

L: Through all generation your truth endures; your truth gives me life.

P: Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light to my path.

L: Accept the willing praise of my mouth, O God, and teach me your ways.

P: Your decrees are my inheritance, the joy of my heart.

All: You are our refuge, our shield; we hope in your word.

***Hymn:** “Teach me, O Lord” #487 HWB

Gospel reading: Matthew 6:5-14; Luke 11:2-4

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

Children’s Time: Backpacks / school kits blessing ~ Hermann Weinlick

Hymn: “Your will be done” #57 STJ

Sermon: “The prayer of Jesus: a model for kingdom living”

Response: “Praying with the Lord’s Prayer” ~ Barbara Beers

Hymn: “Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire” #572 HWB, vv. 1, 4, 5

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

***Sending hymn:** “In lonely mountain ways” #560 HWB

***Benediction**

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

Community Time

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

TODAY: The Lord’s Prayer

Worship leader: Barbara Beers

Song leader: Lea Graber

Ushers: Glenn Geissing, Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Noah Skogerboe, Susan Weinlick

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Sandra Westby

Fellowship: Ratigan/Green

NEXT SUNDAY: Music Sunday, “Labor & Rest” / Communion

Worship & song leader: Joetta Schlabach

Ushers: Travis Lusk, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Shelly Hendricks, Joel Cuffey

Keyboard: Jim Kuebelbeck

Fellowship: Wandersee, Wiebe

August 21:

Attendance: 73

Offering: \$3,288

Amount needed each Sunday to meet annual budget: \$3,515

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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.

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
Deacons: Kristin Green, Glenn Geissinger
Katie Cuffey, Hermann Weinlick, Heather Wengerd

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FMC office hours: August 29-September 2

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 Joetta: Tues, Wed 9-3

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: The Argentina Mennonite Church, a Mennonite Mission Network partner, operates Life School and Little Seeds Preschool in Neuquén. Pray for Andrea Pineda, the new director of the high school, and others who contribute to the school administration, as they seek to improve the financial status of their institutions.

Brochures for the FMC Annual Fall Retreat – September 23-25 are in your mailboxes! Sarah Thompson, director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will be our resource person. This is a wonderful time of relaxed, intergenerational fellowship and getting acquainted at YMCA Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI.

Singers needed for next Sunday! We would like to form a choral ensemble to sing one or two songs during our Music Sunday worship service next Sunday, Sept. 4. If you will be here and like to sing, please speak with Joetta Schlabach or Jim Kuebelbeck today!

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

Aug 30 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Sept 1 – Missions & Service Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., Chapel

Sept 5 – Labor Day (FMC office closed)

Sept 8 – Racial Justice book discussion, 7 p.m., Kuenning-Leisen home

Sept 10 – July/Aug/Sept Birthday brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

Sept 11 – Christian Education program begins

Sept 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

Sept 15 – Racial Justice Group Soup & Chili Fundraiser, 5 p.m. FMC

Sept 23-25 – FMC Annual Fall Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

Sept 24 – STAR-Lite Training, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sept 27 – Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

Matthew 6:5-14

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.⁷“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.⁹“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Luke 11:1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.³Give us each day our daily bread.⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

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

Please sign up now for the ASDIC Circle/Anti-Racism Class at FMC this fall! In an effort to begin a scholarship fund to support this class, the Racial Justice Group is hosting a **Soup/Chili Cook-off fundraiser on Sept. 15th**. Please consider signing up to bring soup or chili, or help with set-up and clean-up. For more info regarding the ASDIC Circle/Anti-Racism Class, contact Ry Siggelkow (ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org)

The FMC Racial Justice Group will hold an evening of dialog about the book *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis. **Thursday, Sept 8, 7 p.m. at the Kuenning/Leisen home.** Reading the book is not required to attend.

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The **MCC Central States** office announces that our own **Andrew Wright** has been hired as **Director of Programs!** “Andrew will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all MCC Central States Programs. He will connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This is a new position for MCC Central States and we look forward to Andrew exploring ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Central States region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent groups. He will work from the Minneapolis, MN area.”
Congratulations, Andrew!

From Dick Westby: Join the **Inter-Faith Coalition for Immigration, MN** at the Ft. Snelling Light Rail station & Park & Ride walkways on **Aug. 31st, between 4:30 & 6 p.m.** to witness to the ironic presence and power of the Immigration Court in the Bishop Whipple Building, and to the Detention Centers at the Border, power over the lives of the 10s of thousands of increasingly vulnerable women, children & youth from Central America. We also witness to the lack of legal support for most of these immigrants, and unjust/unnecessary detention of immigrants daily in our country. We'll flyer, and inform through signs. We'll end with brief song and prayer. This will NOT be an obstructive witness. Meet between the 1st Park/Ride/North Lot & the station.

From Thaine Dirks: Everence® has released the fourth resource of its ongoing educational series, *7 steps to integrating faith and finances*. There is a poster at the back of the sanctuary with this month's topic, *Connect my faith to my protection plan*. It provides a biblical perspective on the topic of insurance, plus practical advice about when each type is appropriate. We encourage you to take a little time with this resource as a way of looking at your finances from a faith perspective.

The Carnival de Resistance is coming to town! Redeemer Lutheran Church will be hosting this traveling arts carnival, eco - village and unconventional school **September 13th - 25th** in North Minneapolis. Each Friday and Saturday night (Sept. 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th) the big top will come alive with theatrical performances bridging faith, art, and activism. **All events are Free and family friendly!** Come play with us as we enchant, embody and encourage a new future that listens to the past! Learn more about our programs, partners, and schedule at www.carnivalderesistance.com. The full realization of this project relies on a solid crew of volunteers who are willing to take on specific roles during our weekend productions. If you're interested in learning more about how you can play in, there is a volunteer form on the web site listed above.