

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 5, 2017

***Gathering Songs:** “We are people of God’s peace” #407 HWB
“You’ve got a place” #4 STJ

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you,
the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

L: We gather to worship you,
the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

P: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.

L: We gather to worship you, the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

P: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

L: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts.

All: We worship you -- our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

AMEN.

***Hymn:** “What is this place” #1 HWB

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

Children’s Time: “How can I keep from singing?” – Paula Okerstrom

Song: “Som’landela / We will follow” (insert)

Scripture reading: Luke 7:1-17

Sharing from our Communities

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. Please hold the elements until all are served. 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.*

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

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

Offering and Offertory

Announcements

***Sung benediction:** “Praise God from whom” #118 HWB

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages. Today we have an important session for adults that will meet in the sanctuary. We will present the updated guidelines for Keeping our Children/Youth Safe from Sexual Abuse, approved by the Church Council in their January 2017 meeting. Since this requires the involvement of *everyone*, we hope you’ll stay!

TODAY: Joint worship with Thirdway (Mennonite) Church / Communion

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow, Josias Hansen **Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

Song leaders: Phil Stoltzfus; John & Denay Murray

Reader: Matt Alexson

Ushers: Rhonda Martin, Cori Skogerboe

Nursery: Wendy Brunner, Katie Cuffey **Fellowship:** Shirley Leckie Reed

NEXT SUNDAY: Are you the one? (Luke 7:18-35)

Worship leader: Cynthia Miller

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader & piano: Miriam Augsburger

Nursery: Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Ratigan Green, Richardson

Snow shoveling: volunteer needed

Jan 29: Attendance: 113

Offering: Local budget \$1,471

Jan. 22:

Offering: Local budget \$1,149

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: February 6 – 10

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tuesday, Wednesday 10-3

(Ry and Joetta will be out of the office on Tuesday from 10:30-1:30,
attending the regional Mennonite pastors meeting.)

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

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for the Villatoro family as we continue to ask God to open a door for Pastor Max to be reunited with his family and congregations. Also, consider joining Friends of Pastor Max to fast and pray on the first Tuesday of each month.

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.

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

Feb 8 – NO Church Council meeting

Feb 11 – STAR-Lite Training, 9 a.m., fellowship hall

Feb 11 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30, FMC library

Feb 12 – Michael Bischoff’s Celebration of Life, 1:30 p.m., sanctuary

Feb 25 – Missions & Service Commission retreat, 9 a.m., FMC chapel

Luke 7:1-17

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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.

SAVE the DATE: All Church Council and Commission Members are invited to the Annual Council & Commission retreat, Saturday, March 11, 9-noon.

Announcements

Upcoming Adult Christian Education Classes

February 12 - April 9: Two book study classes:

- *Written That You May Believe: Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel*, by Sandra Schneiders. In preparation for the first class next Sunday, participants are asked to read the entire Gospel of John to get a feel for this particular gospel.

- *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, by Drew Hart. In preparation for the first class next Sunday, participants are asked to read the first chapter. Contact Ry to get a copy of the first chapter.

Good News/Bad News: Preaching the Gospel and the Headlines

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, senior minister at Riverside Church, NYC, will give the Fosdick Lecture on Preaching at Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center, Augsburg College, next **Thursday, Feb. 9**. Coffee & registration-9:30 a.m.; lecture-10 a.m.; chapel-11:30 a.m. – *Greg Renstrom*

Celebrate Stories of Thin Places with Michael Bischoff: 1:30 p.m., Feb. 12 - A gathering to share some good stories, support Michael's healing with brain cancer, and celebrate his birthday. You're invited:
http://stories_of_thinplaces.eventbrite.com

We will finally gather for a **conversation about Octavia Butler's "The Parable of the Sower" on Wednesday, Feb. 22**, 7 p.m. at Able Seedhouse + Brewery (1121 Quincy St NE, Mpls, MN 55513). -*Ry Siggelkow*

Snow time! We ask for volunteers to please help keep our walkways clear for Sunday morning worship services. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
-*The Trustees*

JRLC Day on the Hill is Feb. 23rd - The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition of Minnesota (JRLC) offers a practical action in this time of political uncertainty: its annual "Day on the Hill." Each year the JRLC, an interfaith witness of Christians, Jews, and Muslims, adopts a state legislative agenda aimed at issues and legislation that serve the common good. This event features an invited speaker (this year's speaker is Lisa Sharon Harper, chief Church Engagement Officer at Sojourners in Washington, DC), issues briefings, strategy sessions with others from the same congressional district and meetings with legislators. **Registration Feb 1-14 - \$40.** Register at www.jrlc.org.