

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 12, 2017

***Gathering Songs:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #37 HWB
“Many and great, O God” #35 HWB

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

L: Who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

P: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

P: The Lord watches over the strangers; she upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked she brings to ruin.

L: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord! Amen.

***Hymn:** “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing” #110 HWB

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

Children’s Time: ~ Kristi Zabriskie

Song: “Som’landela / We will follow” (in back of hymnal HWB)

Scripture reading: Luke 7:18-35

Sermon: “Are you the one who is to come?”

Hymn: “Here I am, Lord” #395 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

Announcements

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

Offering and Offertory

***Sung benediction:** “God of the earth, the sky, the sea” #53 HWB

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages. Today we begin two book study classes for adults. *Written That You May Believe: Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel*, by Sandra Schneiders, and *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, by Drew Hart. Book sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

TODAY: Are you the one? (*Luke 7:18-35*)

Worship leader: Cynthia Miller

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader & piano: Miriam Augsburger

Ushers: S. Hendricks, S. Thornley

Nursery: M. Hendricks, T. Dirks

Fellowship: Ratigan Green, Richardson

NEXT SUNDAY: Forgiven at Jesus’ feet (*Luke 7:36-50*)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Shvonne Johnson

Song leader: Lea Graber

Organ: David Mayou

Nursery: Andrew Wright, Cynthia Miller

Fellowship: Hendricks

Next Sunday our guest speaker will be Shvonne Johnson, a member of Kwanza Presbyterian Church in North Minneapolis. Shvonne is a poet, teacher, and activist who speaks on race, education and society. Her deepest hope is that through every gift that God has given her she is able to offer strength, comfort, and hope in a season of challenge, strife, and fear.

Feb 5: Attendance: 104

Offering: Local budget \$6,440

Thanksgivings:

(Concerns on back)

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: February 13 – 17

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

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

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

Concerns:

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Ecuador as they seek new pastoral leadership for their congregation. Give thanks for the faithful leadership that Pastor Luis Tapia has provided this community in recent years.

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

Feb 22 – Octavia Butler Book Conversation, 7 p.m., Able Seedhouse

Feb 23 – FMC Men’s Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, Mpls.

Feb 25 – Missions & Service Commission Retreat, 9 a.m., FMC Chapel

Luke 7:18-35

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples

¹⁹and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ²⁰When the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’” ²¹Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” ²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ ²⁸I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” ²⁹(And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John’s baptism. ³⁰But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose for themselves.)³¹“To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.’ ³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon’; ³⁴the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’³⁵Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

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

TODAY - Celebrate Stories of Thin Places with Michael Bischoff: 1:30 p.m., Feb. 12, FMC Sanctuary - A gathering to share some good stories, support Michael's healing with brain cancer, and celebrate his birthday.

(Announcements cont. on back)

2016 giving statements are in your church mail folders. Thank you!

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*

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.

The FMC Men’s Breakfast is now recurring monthly on the last Thursday, at Curran’s Restaurant in Mpls., beginning at 7 a.m. Mark your calendars for Feb. 23!

Clothing exchange at Kristin Green's house on Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. Bring the clothes you want to get rid of or bring nothing and leave with a bunch of free clothes.

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

Invitation to Interfaith Seder at Temple Israel, March 26, 1-4 p.m. We have received an invitation for up to five persons to attend the annual Interfaith Seder that Temple Israel offers for learning and social exchange between Jews and people of other faith communities in Mpls. during the period preceding Passover. We need to RSVP by Feb. 27, so **please contact Joetta by Feb. 22 if you would like to attend.** This is for youth and adults.

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*

Book launch Thursday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. - Doug Mack, member of FMC, has a new book coming out on Valentine's Day. Launch party info and video on US history at this website: www.notquittestates.com