

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 8, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Christ, whose glory fills the skies” #216 HWB
“Bless’d be the God of Israel” #174 HWB

Lighting of the Epiphany Candles

***Welcome and Call to Worship:** #776 HWB

***Call and Response Song:** “Amen”

Song: “He came from the mountain” ~ Charlie & Ry

***Hymn:** “As with gladness men of old” #218 HWB

Children’s Gathering Song: “O Come all ye faithful” #212 HWB, v. 1

Children’s Time: ~ Barbara Beers

Song: “Gloria” #204 HWB

Scripture reading: Luke 3:1-22

***Call and Response Song:** “I Know I’ve Been Changed”

Song: “On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry” #183 HWB

Hymn: “How brightly beams the morning” #222 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

HWB: *Hymnal Worship Book*
**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: *Sing the Journey*

Announcements

***Sung Benediction:** “Now may the grace” ~ Charlie, Ry, and Lea

*Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And may the love of God, and may the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
Be with us all, be with us all, now and forevermore*

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

11:00 Christian Education Classes

TODAY: Epiphany / Music Sunday

Worship/music team: Ry and Charlie Siggelkow, Lea Graber, Melissa Falb

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe, Glenn Geissinger

Fellowship: S. James, Westbys **Nursery:** Andi Kuenning, Mark Kaufman

NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany II and MLK Sunday (*Luke 4:14-30*)

Worship leader: TBD

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Ushers: Rhonda Martin, Darrell Martin

Fellowship: C. Miller, D. Martin **Nursery:** Hayley Brooks, Katie Cuffey

Jan 1:

Attendance: 70

Local Budget: \$2,116

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: January 9-13

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tuesday, Wednesday 10-3
Joetta will be in Ecuador Jan 7-19 on a Central Plains Mennonite
Conference Learning & Fellowship Tour

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: Please pray for God's guidance for the Pastoral Leadership Committee as they meet Saturday, January 14. Also, on this first Tuesday of the month, you are invited to fast and pray that God would make a way for the Max and Gloria Villatoro Family to be reunited.

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)

Jan 10 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Jan 11 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

Jan 14 – Final ASDIC (make-up), 9 a.m., chapel

Jan 14 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., library

Jan 24 – February Newsletter items to G. Richardson by noon

Jan 29 – Brunch & Annual congregational meeting (no education classes)

Luke 3:1-22

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

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. Thanks to Melissa Hochstetler & Orv Gingerich for volunteering today!

2017 Sunday Fellowship and Monthly potluck hosting schedules are in your mailboxes. Please note your assigned date(s) and arrange a switch if you anticipate a conflict. Thank you for participating in this important part of our community life! – *Shirley Leckie Reed & Mary Friesen Seitz*

Looking Ahead: **Danika will be gone next Sunday, Jan. 15th.** Extra volunteer help in the nursery will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Adult Christian Education in January

TODAY - Final *Kairos Palestine* discussion – Please join us even if you haven’t come to previous discussions! We are looking at how Mennonites have been involved in the Palestine/Israel region for over 60 years.

- **January 15** - Council-led congregational review and discussion of a potential Everence/MCUSA matching grant which helps relieve pastoral student debt.

- **January 22** - Worship Committee led congregational discussion.

- **January 29** - FMC Annual Meeting (no Christian education)

MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) is seeking volunteers for a project in Texas this winter. If you are available and have interest, call Steph Shenk, in Lititz, PA (800) 241-8111 for scheduling. Glenn Geissinger, FMC MDS contact, will not be going to TX but will coordinate a group if there is interest!

Faith, Justice and Standing Rock: A Debriefing Dialogue—Native and Non-Native Voices/Listening. **Thursday, Jan. 12, 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Luther Seminary,** Olson Campus Center, Lecture Hall/Lower Level, 2481 Como Ave., St Paul. Revs. Robert Two Bulls (Oglala Lakota), Joann Conroy (Oglala Lakota) and Rebecca Voelkel (Scottish, MacKenzie) will lead off a dialogue moderated by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican) on the meaning and implications of Standing Rock—for Indigenous People seeking respect for their faith spirituality, culture, values, treaties, sovereignty, and for Non-Indigenous people waking to the injustices of the past / present and seeking to bring faith to restorative justice. The presentations will be followed by facilitated table dialogue, enriched by stories and reflections from Standing Rock experiences (preference given to Native voices) as we all seek clarity for the way ahead. Free, open to all. (Free will offering) **Doors open at 11:15 a.m.;** lunch is available in the cafeteria; bag lunches welcome.