

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

July 24, 2016

**\*Gathering Songs:** “You are salt for the earth” #226 HWB  
“Through our fragmentary prayers” #347 HWB

**Interlude**

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 138)

Leader: I give you thanks, O GOD, with my whole heart, and sing your praises.

**People: We bow down and give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

L: All the leaders of the earth shall praise you, O GOD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**P: They shall sing of the ways of God, for great is God’s glory.**

*All: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.*

**\*Hymn:** “When the morning stars together” #34 HWB

**Prayer of Confession:** #699 HWB

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

**Children’s Time:** Heather Wengerd

**Hymn:** “Like a mother who has borne us” #91 STJ

**Epistle reading:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

**Story of Faith:** Tyler Zabriskie

**Hymn:** “I bind my heart this tide” #411 HWB

**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**

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*HWB: Hymnal Worship Book*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*STJ: Sing the Journey*

**\*Sung benediction:** “Lord, you give the great commission” #63 STJ

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

Community Time

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

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**TODAY:** Stories of faith: Generosity (2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Faith Story:** Tyler Zabriskie

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Reader:** Doug Addleman

**Ushers:** Travis Lusk, Stew Thornley

**Fellowship:** Pat Eliason & Tom Peterson

**Nursery:** Candace Lutt

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Stories of faith: Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:11-21)

**Worship leader:** Ry Siggelkow

**Faith Story:** Lea Graber

**Song leader:** Lea Graber

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Children’s time:** Andi Kuenning

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe, Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** A Geissinger **Fellowship:** Leah Otto, Laurie Kaufman, Phil Fuller

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**July 17:**

**Attendance: 78**

**Offering: \$3,363**

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

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**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

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*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: July 25-29***

**Ry:** On vacation/leave July 4-Aug 7 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-3

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

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

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**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for the courage of the persecuted Christians in Sidi, Burkina Faso, who overcame violence with acts of love. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that the crops they planted this year will produce a plentiful harvest, as their seeds of faith help grow the church.

**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.

**Lost & found items** (water bottles, dishes, clothing, etc.) are on the table under the FMC photo directory, across from the bathrooms. Items not claimed by the end of every month will be donated.

**Save the date! FMC Annual Fall Retreat – September 23-25!**

YMCA Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI. Sarah Thompson, director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will be our resource person. This is a wonderful time of relaxed, intergenerational fellowship and getting acquainted.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**Tuesday morning text discussion** on a summer break until August 9.

**July 24** – Eco-Justice meeting, 11:30 a.m., FMC Fellowship Hall

**July 26** – Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

**July 26** – Deacon Commission, Geissinger home, 7:15 p.m. (carpool from church at 6:30)

**Aug 10** – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

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

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup>for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— <sup>5</sup>and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup>so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— <sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

***From Dick and Sandra Westby:*** Thanks to the Faith Mennonite family for joining us in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Gratitude to Heather Reinert for coordinating the special fellowship hour (July 10) and to Joan Kreider and Wendy Brunner who provided fruit. Through the generosity of family, neighbors, and FMC friends we delivered over twelve hundred dollars in checks and cash to St. Stephens Human Services to benefit the homeless.

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## Announcements (continued)

Come join your local community for the monthly **MN Peacebuilding Film Series Wednesday, July 27, 7-9 p.m., Birchwood Café Community Room**, 3311 E. 25th St. July's feature film: *Shared History* – While independently researching their families' histories, three descendants of those enslaved and slave-owners meet and uncover the mythologies about their old connection. The film reveals their intimate encounters and conversations as they come together in South Carolina at Woodlands Plantation to explore the realities of their 260-year-old relationship. Reserve your seat at: [www.mnpeacefilm.eventbrite.com](http://www.mnpeacefilm.eventbrite.com)

### Learning Tour Opportunities:

Mennonite Central Committee invites you on a **Learning Tour to Haiti Oct 31-Nov 8, 2016**. On this “Soil to Table” MCC Learning Tour, participants will meet Haitian farmers, marketers and cooks, and learn the importance of food in everyday life, from the soil up. Contact Anna Yoder at [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org) or at 316.283.2720 for more information.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference invites you on an **Ecuador Partnership Learning & Fellowship Tour with an emphasis on the Amazon Rain Forest, Jan 7-19, 2017**. For information and/or to confirm your participation, contact Joetta Schlabach at [jschlabach@faithmennonite.org](mailto:jschlabach@faithmennonite.org). Fliers are available on foyer bulletin board.

**Thank you to Francis Hendricks, Ken Holdeman, and Del Seitz**, who spent several days during this hot week painting in the narthex.

***From Heidi Vardeman:*** A young woman starting veterinary school at the U of M will be living in our upstairs apartment to provide Frank some help. The problem is, school starts Sept. 6 and the apartment is not available until exactly that day. Our apartment is too small for a guest. Does anyone living in the neighborhood have an extra bed she could use for a day or two? She will have a German shepherd service-dog-in-training with her.

### From the MN Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program:

Some of our shelves are bare! We are in desperate need of the following items: blankets (twin and full sized), lightly scented or unscented soap, pots and pans, serving platters, cookie sheets, laundry detergent (50 oz. or less), light bulbs, toilet paper. **Note: Items can be brought to FMC and placed in a box in the foyer for delivery.**