

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 3, 2016

***Gathering Songs:** “If you believe and I believe” #32 STJ
“Jesus calls us here to meet him” #3 STJ

Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 30)

Leader: I will extol you, O GOD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

L: Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

P: God’s anger is but for a moment; God’s favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

L: Hear, O GOD, and be gracious to me! O GOD, be my helper!”

P: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

All: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

***Hymn:** “We sing to you, O God” #1 STJ

Prayer of Confession: #128 STJ

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

Children’s Time: Andi Kuenning

Hymn: “In your sickness” #585 HWB

Epistle reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Story of Faith: Donna Stucky

Hymn: “Put peace into each other’s hand” #87 STJ

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/youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

HWB: *Hymnal Worship Book*

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: *Sing the Journey*

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

***Sending hymn:** “Heart with loving heart united” #420 HWB

***Benediction**

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

Community Time

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

TODAY: Stories of faith / Communion

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Lea Graber

Ushers: G. Geissinger, T. Lusk

Nursery: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

This Sunday we begin a six-week worship series that will feature the faith stories of some of our Faith Mennonite participants.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship in Matthews Park (2 Corinthians 2:1-10)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Miriam Augsburger

Ushers: Stew Thornley, Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Rebecca Wright

Following worship service, the church family is invited to the Westby garden for fellowship, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

June 26:

Attendance: 68

Offering: \$2,987

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

Thanksgivings:

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: July 4-8

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

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

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

Concerns:

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Kelly McPhail, along with 1-year-old Elsie, are completing three years of ministry in China with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they say goodbyes to friends, colleagues and students, and as they re-adjust to life in the United States.

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)

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

July 23 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., FMC library

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

July 26 – Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. ⁸We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. ⁹Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, ¹¹as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

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

Richard and Sandra Westby will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this summer! On **Sunday July 10th the church family is invited to the Westby garden for fellowship** hour immediately following the morning **service in Matthews Park**. The site is across the street from the park. No gifts or cards please; there will be an opportunity to make a donation to a homeless shelter. Event co-hosts: The Reinert family and July potluck group.

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Invitation to Eau Claire: Once a quarter, representatives of the congregations in covenant with the new Mennonite congregation, Shalom in Eau Claire, gather for worship, potluck lunch, and a time of discussion of the life of the congregation. As Faith's representative, I am going to Eau Claire on **Sunday, July 17**. I plan to leave at about 7:30 a.m. and be home between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. If you would like to come along, please get in touch with me. – *Hermann Weinlick*

Registration for the 2016 Mennonite-Catholic Bridgefolk conference is open! The theme is "'I Desire Mercy': Practicing the Works of Mercy." Inspired in part by Pope Francis'. Keynote speakers will be Fr. Columba Stewart, OSB, and Dawn Ruth Nelson. Nelson is a pastor and spiritual director who has served as a peace worker in Ireland and a chaplain among people with disabilities. **July 28-31 at St. Benedict's College and Monastery, St. Joseph, MN.** Register at: <http://www.bridgefolk.net/conferences/bridgefolk-2016/>

Request for Housing in August: Lucy Karambu is a woman from Nairobi who will be visiting Minneapolis in August. She will be attending MN Peacebuilding's STAR training and will remain in the city to build connections for her new organization, Resilient Women (they work to provide transitional services to women leaving prison by way of pre-release trauma management and post-release mentorship). She has connected with our church and would like to worship with us during August, as well as to stay with someone from our church. Her travel dates are approximately August 6 to August 30. **If you are able to host her for any of that time,** please let me know. Thank you! Marcia Siggelkow

Save the date and sign-up to attend the **St. Paul Saints baseball game on Monday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14.** We are not collecting money now. We only need your name if you are thinking about attending. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet which will be in the narthex during worship this Sunday, so we can get an approximation of numbers. If you have any questions talk to Stew Thornley or Dick Westby.