

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 9, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Sing the Day” #3 Hesla v. 1-4, 8

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: Lord, you have made your home on earth and dwell among us.

**People: You, who are highest in all creation,
journey among the least, and welcome the weary.**

L: You give to all who thirst the water of life,

P: and fill with good things all who hunger.

L: You welcome us home with open arms, and every new day

All: you warm us in the fire of your amazing love.

***Hymn:** “I sing the mighty power of God” #46 HWB

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

Children’s Time: “Praying by hand” ~ Andi Kuenning

Hymn: “Lord, listen to your children” #353 HWB

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:43-48

Faith Story: Meg and Perry Troyer

Hymn: “Slowly turning, ever turning” #23 STJ

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

Announcements

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey Hesla: River of Gladness
**Please stand if you are able*

***Sung benediction:** “Blest Are Those Who Trust” #2 Hesla v. 1-3

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

Community Time

10:40 – Potluck fellowship meal – Fellowship Hall. Everyone is warmly welcome to share this meal together, whether or not you brought something to share. There is always enough!

TODAY: Bind us Together: Bridging rural and urban experience

Worship leader: Pat Eliason

Sharing: Mag & Perry Troyer

Song leader: Lea Graber

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Stew Thornley, Travis Lusk

Nursery: Volunteers Needed

Potluck following worship The hosting team is Joel & Katie Cuffey, Karen Zeug, Rhonda Martin, Candace Lauth & Phil Stoltzfus

NEXT SUNDAY: Bind us Together: We are not ashamed of the image of God

Worship leader: Elizabeth Witmer

Sharing: Stew Thornley

Song leader: Wendy Brunner

Piano: Jean Hendricks

Ushers: Minke Sundseth, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Volunteers Needed

Fellowship: Okerlund, Hershey

July 2:

Attendance: 68

Offering: Not Recorded

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.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
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FMC office hours: July 10-14

Ry: Tues 9-4 **Joetta** will be away during the month of July
Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon 9:30-12:30 Out of office 7/11-7/17
Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon. Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

Concerns:

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are beginning the North American portion of their assignment with Mennonite Mission Network and Goshen (Ind.) College. Pray for this two-way mission and for the family as they adapt to living in the United States for the next six months.

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](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

July 11 – NO Sunday Text Discussion **in July**

July 14 – Deacon Hosted Picnic, 6 p.m. Little Earth

July 11-17 – Aimee W. out of the office

July 26 – Deacon Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

Aug 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m.

Bind Us Together

Faith Mennonite Church

Summer 2017



Matthew 5: 43-48

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

Stand up against racist police and corporate violence this Tuesday, July 11th at 6 p.m. March begins at Lowry Grove (2501 Lowry Ave. NE). We will march to the St. Anthony City Council Meeting which begins at 7 p.m., at 3301 Silver Lake Rd. For more information, call 651-208-7896 or 651-207-9260.

Join the Eco-Justice Committee and Melissa Hochstetler for a work day at Gale Woods Farm on Saturday, July 22nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon! We will help with tasks in the gardens, eat a picnic lunch together, and then go to Big Stone Mini-golf for some fun together. We can even stop for donuts on the way! Please talk to Melissa Hochstetler or Dick Westby if you have questions. We will carpool from the church, leaving at 9:00. Children are welcome as long as an adult is keeping an eye on them. Please, come join us!

From Rachel Hoskins: Please join us for a **Garden Party Birthday Celebration for Arlene Geissinger**, who is turning 70! July 23rd, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Geissingers home. No gifts please. No RSVP needed.

(Announcements continued on back)

Announcements (cont.)

Excited to buy MCC school kit supplies when all the back-to-school supplies show up in stores? **Consider helping refugee families in Jordan and Ukraine meet their basic hygiene needs** with an MCC relief kit instead! Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help! Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720 with questions or to schedule a kit packing event!

Save the Date! Twin Cities MCC Annual Benefit for World Relief will be on Saturday, Oct. 7th at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Golden Valley. Join us for an evening of music and story-telling, aiming to raise \$40k for the Mennonite Central Committee programs of relief, development, and peacebuilding in the name of Christ. We seek your help in assembling an appealing set of opportunities and activities for the evening's silent and live auctions. Highlights will include a week's stay in vacation homes in Wisconsin and Colorado and a variety of local how-to quilt, bake zwieback, make sausage, etc. participatory celebrations. If you have ideas ranging from catered meals, to tickets for a concert or theater performance from a season package that you hold, hosting a bike ride or canoe trip, etc. please contact david.klaassen@gmail.com.