

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 11, 2017 ~ Pentecost

***Gathering Song:** “Come, let us all unite to sing” #12 HWB
Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship:** #120 STJ

***Hymn:** “You’ve got a place” #4 STJ

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, though we’re gathered as one, we sometimes believe our own uniqueness is sufficient.

People: Bind together all our individually different threads into your earthly tapestry.

God, we too often focus our minds on our own lives.

Bind us to the lives of all our sisters and brothers, through your Spirit.

God, our souls long to be with others, despite our fear of differences.

Bind us to all our neighbors in community, casting aside our fears.

God, we have often hardened our hearts toward our opponents.

Bind us to our enemies through your softening, in Christian love.

God, your kingdom reveals the ways you bind our lives together.

Bind us one to another. Bind us to your side in love. Amen.

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

Children’s Time: ~ Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Song: “Jesus is coming” (insert)

Scripture reading: Luke 12:32-40, 48

Sermon: “Bind us together: Setting up the loom”

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*

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

Offering and Offertory

Announcements

***Sung benediction:** “Come, walk with us” #2 STJ

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – Celebration of Summer potluck in Fellowship Hall

TODAY: Bind us Together (Luke 12:32-40)

Worship leader: Elizabeth Witmer

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Shelly Hendricks, Minke Sundseth

Reader: Travis Lusk

Nursery: Minke Sundseth, Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship: Shirley Leckie Reed, Wendy Brunner, Jim Kuebelbeck, Richardson’s, Jen Shirk

NEXT SUNDAY: Many bodies in one body (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Worship coordinators: Barb Beers and Leslie Minkler

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Jean Hendricks

Ushers: Stew Thornley, Dan Gerber

Fellowship: Barb Beers, Karen Zeug

Nursery: Heather Wengerd, Gregg Richardson

June 4:

Attendance: 90

Offering: \$2,046

May 28:

Offering: \$4,181

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.

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FMC office hours: June 12 - 16

Joetta: Tues, Wed 10-3 **Ry:** Tues 9-4

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: Pray for the persons from across our conference who will travel to Sioux Falls, SD, this Thursday for our Conference Annual Meeting, Thursday to Sunday. Delegates from FMC include Kathleen Harder, Sophia Kouay (youth), Shirley Leckie Reed, Joetta Schlabach, and Karen Wiebe. Orv & Cleta Gingerich, the Siggelkow family, Elizabeth Witmer, and Andrew Wright will also attend. Ry and Andrew will be involved in facilitating two MCC-sponsored workshops—on immigration and mass incarceration.

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.

Tomorrow, June 12, on the **one-year anniversary of the Orlando Nightclub shooting** that killed 49 people and wounded 53 others, most of them gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender persons, **FMC will join with other churches across the country and ring our bells in memory of these lives and the ongoing struggle for justice.**

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)

June 13 – NO Sunday Text Discussion

June 14 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

June 15-18 – CPMC Annual Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD

June 16 – Deacon Hosted Picnic, 6 p.m., Little Earth picnic area

June 20 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

June 27 – July newsletter items due to church office by noon

June 27 – MN Peacebuilding Film, 7 p.m., Chapel

July 4-8 – MCUSA National Assembly, Orlando, FL

Luke 12:32-40, 48

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

⁴⁸“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

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

This morning after worship while many in the congregation will enjoy a potluck meal together, any who would like, are invited to attend a special education Sunday worship service at **Impact Living Christian Center** on 26th Street at 36th Avenue South. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with another congregation in our neighborhood. The service will begin at 11 a.m. and could go until around 1 p.m. A reception will follow.

Rudy Okerlund will play in an end-of-season concert of music by French composers with the Prevailing Winds Woodwind Quintet **this afternoon** at 4:00 p.m. Saint Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., Saint Paul. All are welcome; no charge.

Howard Zehr, professor in the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, will speak at Minneapolis Central (300 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, 55401) on **Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.** Details and weblinks were included in June 7 FMC Midweek Update email.

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Deacon Hosted Picnic - Seward and Longfellow deacon groups invite any who wish to join us for our weekly **Friday night potluck picnics at 6:00.** We meet on the east side of 18th Ave., at 25th St., one block south of Holy Rosary Church. Please bring extra food & utensils for sharing.

Invitation to fast on Tuesdays in June: For the past year, the Friends of Pastor Max, have invited people in our conference to fast on the first Tuesday of the month as a remembrance of Max's deportation and a reminder to pray for him and his family. During the month of June, when our Muslim neighbors are fasting during Ramadan, I intend to fast from the noon meal each Tuesday. On Tuesday evenings, I welcome any others who would like to take part in a fast (of any kind) that day, to join at my home for a time of prayer and then a simple meal to break our fast at 6 p.m. Please note your interest on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. – Joetta Schlabach

Service/Conversation/Fellowship Time on June 25. We will have an extended fellowship time on Sunday, June 25, with intergenerational options for involvement. These will include:

- Discussion of the Israel/Palestine resolution with MCUSA Assembly delegates Ry Siggelkow and Leslie Minkler
- Out-door walk to pick up trash
- Cleaning/polishing church pews
- Taping hymnal bindings that are coming apart
- Cleaning/organizing Sunday School rooms, nursery, education wing kitchenette, and library

Delightful refreshments will be distributed to the service/discussion areas! Sign up today (and next Sunday) for your desired participation.

Elizabeth Witmer wants to meet you! Please sign up to invite Elizabeth to your home for a meal sometime this summer. She'd like to hear about your life, the things you do professionally and avocationally, and about your involvement at FMC. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex; online sign-up option coming soon!

Faith Mennonite Church will have a group outing at a St. Paul Saints game. We have reserved 25 tickets for the game on Monday, Aug. 21st, against the Wichita Wingnuts at 7:05 p.m. The tickets are \$14 ea. Anyone interested may speak with Richard Westby or Stew Thornley.