

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

March 5, 2017

***Gathering Songs:** “I will sing of my Redeemer” #344 HWB
“Lead on, O cloud of Presence” #419 HWB

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather as pilgrims
on a journey of faith

**People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence
as we travel the way.**

**We come seeking your pillar of fire
To light our darkness.**

**All: Shine in our hearts, O God,
with the light of your love.**

**Make your presence known
through Jesus the Christ. AMEN.**

***Hymn:** “For we are strangers no more” #322 HWB

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

Children’s Time

Song: “Brothers and sisters of mine” #142 HWB

Scripture reading: Luke 10:25-42

Sermon: “The Cost of Discipleship”

Hymn: “If all you want, Lord” #512 HWB

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

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

***Please stand if you are able**

STJ: Sing the Journey

Offering and Offertory

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***Sending song:** “All who love and serve your city” #417 HWB (v. 1, 2, 5)

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages

Noon Potluck meal in Fellowship Hall – *Thank you to Hermann & Susan Weinlick, Kristin Green & John Ratigan, & Casey & Shawn Englund-Helmeke for hosting.*

TODAY: First Sunday of Lent / Communion

Worship leader: Barbara Beers

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Minke Sundseth, Travis Lusk

Nursery: S. Hendricks, volunteer needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 2: Lament over Jerusalem (Luke 13:1-9, 31-35)

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Karen Zeug

Ushers: D. Gerber, S. Hendricks

Fellowship: J. Kreider, M. Augsburg

Nursery: A. Bardo-Martinson, volunteer needed

Feb 26:

Attendance: 101

Offering: \$1,503.5

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
Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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FMC office hours: March 6 - 10

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

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

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

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: A Mennonite Mission Network family with two young children is serving in Turkey. Pray that this family may hold the light and hope of Jesus in an uncertain political environment, and that they may find friends and other believers to encourage them in difficult times.

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.

From the FMC Sanctuary Church Coalition: We invite you to participate in the upcoming "**Rescue Brigade Training**" led by the local faith-based organization, La Asamblea de Derechos Civiles (<https://asamblea-mn.org/>). The training will prepare people to effectively respond to crisis situations involving threats to our neighbors and help us to become a stronger network of support for immigrants. The training will take place on **Saturday, Mar. 25, 9 a.m.-12 noon**, in the Fellowship Hall. We have room for a maximum of 20 people from FMC. Registration details coming soon. To join the FMC Sanctuary Church Coalition, contact Ry Siggelkow (ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org).

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

Mar 7 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Mar 8 – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

Mar 11 – Council & Commissions Retreat, 9-noon, chapel

Mar 11 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30-11:30, library

Mar 18 – Eco-justice Committee, 10 a.m., Seward Co-op Café

Mar 22 – Bethel College Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Mar 25 – Rescue Brigade Training, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Mar 28 – April Newsletter items to G. Richardson by noon

Luke 10:25-42

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

On Saturday, **March 11, 9-noon**, the **Church Council & Commission members** will meet for their **annual retreat**. Debbie Okerlund will be a guest presenter.

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Would you like to serve as an FMC delegate to the Mennonite Church USA Assembly in Orlando, FL in July? Faith Mennonite may send two delegates to the MC USA Assembly in Orlando, Jul. 4-8. Delegates must be members of the church. Interested persons should contact Rudy Okerlund, neildeb@bitstream.net by **TOMORROW, Mar. 6th**. Expenses are covered according to FMC guidelines: delegate pays 1/3; church pays 1/3; delegate may fund-raise for 1/3.

TODAY, Mar. 5th from 4 to 6 p.m. Heather Wengerd, Minke Sundseth Holt and Jen Shirk are organizing a **post card writing time**. **There is much to write to legislators and other elected officials about!!** We will have stamps and post cards. Bring your own messages and ideas. We will talk about local events, actions and plans for future events. Kids are welcome to attend! Call Heather if you have questions.

Faith Mennonite Church will host a concert by the Bethel (KS) 50-voice choir on Wednesday, Mar. 22nd. The concert will be a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee. **We need the help of many** to assist with **providing a meal** for the choir (at 5 p.m.) and **overnight hosting**. We will also need volunteers to help with meal set-up/serving (3:30 p.m.) and clean-up/sack lunch preparation (5:45); a sign-up sheet is in the fellowship area.

Youth and families of youth: Explore what God is doing around the world through Youth Venture, a short-term service and learning program of Mennonite Mission Network. Teams of youth and adult leaders will join local ministries in Belfast, Benin, Detroit, and Perú for 2-3 three weeks this summer. These formational experiences are geared for ages 14 – 22. They are often the stepping stones to a lifetime of service and church leadership. Space is filling up fast so apply today! For more information visit www.mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture.

A second shipment of immigrant welcome signs has finally arrived! The sign reads, in English, Spanish and Arabic, “No matter where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbor.” They are in the back of the church for pickup today.