

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

March 12, 2017

***Gathering Songs:** “Lord, our Lord, your glorious name” #157 HWB
“God, whose purpose is to kindle” #135 HWB

***Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: Let us go to the house of the LORD.

Our feet have been standing within the gates of God’s city—

A city built firmly, to receive all the tribes of the LORD.

Pray for the peace of God’s city; may all be secure who love you.

Peace and security be in your walls and towers!

For my brothers, my sisters, and companion’s sake I say:

Peace be within you!

*All: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
we will seek your good.*

***Hymn:** “O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns” #404 HWB

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

Children’s Time: Pat Eliason

Song: “He came down” #31 STJ

Scripture reading: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Sermon: “The time and place for repentance”

Silent reflection

Hymn: “O God of mystery and might” #130 HWB

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

***Sending song:** “Move in our midst” #418 HWB

***Benediction**

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages

TODAY: Lent 2: Lament over Jerusalem

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Karen Zeug

Readers: Linda Benton and Richard Benton Jr.

Ushers: D. Gerber, S. Hendricks **Fellowship:** J. Kreider, M. Augsburg

Nursery: A. Bardo-Martinson, volunteer needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 3: Lost Sheep, Coin, Son (Luke 15:1-32)

Worship leader: Katie Cuffey

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: S. Thornley, T. Dirks

Fellowship: Dirks / Stucky / Christoph

Nursery: Haley Brooks, Leigh Peters-Fransen

Mar 5:

Attendance: 91

Offering: Not yet recorded

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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 13-17

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: Oscar Siwali and Mennonite Mission Network's Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen are working through Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to train peer mediators for mediation and peace clubs this month. Pray for the students who are using their school holidays for this training.

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.

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.

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

Mar 14 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Mar 17 – Ecumenical Taizé Prayer, Cabrini Catholic Church, 6 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. prayer

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

Mar 30 – Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran's Restaurant

Apr 13 – Maundy Thursday meal & service, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

April 16 – Easter breakfast and worship (no education classes)

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

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.

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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, by **TOMORROW, Mar. 13**. Expenses are covered according to FMC guidelines: delegate pays 1/3; church pays 1/3; delegate may fund-raise for 1/3.

We will also send delegates to the Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls, SD, June 15-18. Please contact Rudy Okerlund or Joetta Schlabach if you would like to serve in this way.

Overnight hosts and contributions to the pre-concert meal are still needed as Faith Mennonite Church will host a **concert by the Bethel (KS) 50-voice choir on Wednesday, Mar. 22**. The concert will be a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee. Overnight hosts will provide a sack lunch for the following day and can return the student to FMC between 7:30-9 a.m. on Thursday. A separate sign up for volunteers to help with meal set-up (3:30 p.m. or so) and clean-up (5:45) is in the fellowship area at church.

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).

Everence Webinars in March - Basics of investing: Tuesday, Mar. 21 (1 or 7 p.m.). In this webinar, we'll discuss how investing can help you meet your financial goals, go over different types of investments and help you determine your appropriate level of risk.
Narrative budgeting: Making numbers come alive: Thursday, Mar. 23 (1 or 7 p.m.). In this webinar, designed for pastors and church leaders, we'll discuss how a church budget can go beyond numbers to present an inspiring vision of the living spirit working in your church.