

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 15, 2016

Prelude

***Gathering Hymn:** “Holy Spirit, come with power ” #26 HWB

***Processional/Proclamation:** “Veni Sancte Spiritus” #298 HWB
Acts 2:1-21

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you made them all;

People: the earth is full of your creatures.

L: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created;

P: And you renew the face of the ground.

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

All: May our meditation be pleasing to God in whom we rejoice!

***Hymn:** “Wind who makes all wind” #31 HWB

Scripture reading: Genesis 11:1-9

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

Children’s Time: ~ Aine McCarthy

Song: “God sends us the Spirit” #293 HWB

Sermon: “One Spirit, many voices”

Hymn: “Spirit working in creation” #10 STJ

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

***Sung benediction:** “Loving Spirit” #34 STJ

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

Community Time

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

11:00 Education classes for all ages. Today is the final day of classes for this education year. One adult class meets today: *Surprised by Hope*. All are invited to attend, even if you haven’t participated previously (library).

TODAY: Pentecost (*Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-2*)

Worship leader: Joan Kreider

Song leader: Lea Graber

Dance: Barb Beers, Joy Zabriskie,
Tona Ratigan Green

Reader: Sophia Harder Kouay

Nursery: A. Martinson, P. Eliason

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Sandra Westby

Violin: Phil Stoltzfus

Ushers: C. Skogerboe, T. Lusk

Fellowship: Adam Nafziger

Joan Kreider is a mentor to Sophia Kouay through the FMC mentoring program. Youth can be paired with a mentor beginning in 5th grade. For more information, please contact coordinator Shelly Hendricks.

NEXT SUNDAY: Children’s Day

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Ushers: D. Martin, G. Geissinger

Nursery: Shelly Hendricks, David Ott

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Fellowship: Children’s Day Brunch

Next Sunday following worship we will have a potluck brunch. Theme: foods that kids like (foods you liked as a child, food that kids like to eat with other kids, etc.). Hosting group: Glenn & Arlene Geissinger, Kristin Borntrager & David Ries, Rudy Okerlund, Annie Spiro, Melissa Falb & Bob Livingston.

May 8:

Attendance: 86

Local Budget: \$3,983

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: May 16-20

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4

Joetta: Wed 9-4. On Tuesday Joetta will attend the Minnesota Council of Churches Board meeting, representing Central Plains Mennonite Conference

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: With the help of some extraordinary efforts, including two anonymous donors providing a match, our conference was able to end the year in the black – thanks be to God! Income for April soared to \$50,411.25, while expenses for the month held steady at \$35,671.14. As a result, our final income total for the fiscal year was \$447,672.08. Despite this income total being \$38,000 less than the spending plan, we were able to cut expenses in order to achieve a positive cash balance for the year. We give thanks for all of the financial support, and we are energized to start the new fiscal year on this positive note. – Central Plains Stewardship Task Group

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)

May 17 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

May 19 – Exploring Church Membership, 7 p.m. Siggelkow home

May 21 – STAR-Lite Training, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

May 22 – Children’s Day & potluck meal

May 24 – June Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

May 29 – Service Sunday

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

⁵The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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

Urgent message from Mennonite Central Committee – MCC needs colored pencils (packages of 12) to complete school kits for shipment; and receiving blankets (30"-36" lightweight fleece or flannel) for infant care kits. If you shop online, you can simply purchase items and have them shipped to our Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117). Items for all other MCC kits are welcome, but the pressing needs are for colored pencils and receiving blankets at this time. Thank you for your generosity!

From Glenn Geissinger – “Singers in Accord,” the community chorale in which I sing is presenting our spring concert **Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, May 22 at 4 p.m.,** at the **Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, 5730 Grove St., Edina.** The program celebrates the rich body of choral literature by black composers that goes well beyond the popular spiritual and gospel genres. I’d like to invite everyone who is interested to see me after church **today** to purchase group tickets at \$15 each for either concert.

Teachers of FMC children: The Education Commission wants your feedback and input about Sunday School curriculum. Please plan to join us for conversation during our church potluck on **Sunday, May 22.**

May 29th will be another Service Sunday at FMC, during our regular worship time. We will gather for a brief time of prayer and singing, then embark on various service projects, including the creation of a rain garden onsite, beautifying the neighborhood, and creating hygiene kits. There will be something for everyone to do! **Later in the evening,** the Missions and Service Commission is signed up to **assist Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church at one of their community meals.** If you would like to join us, we encourage you to sign up fairly quickly at: www.hennepinchurch.org/community-meals/ or contact Minke Sundseth. There are many jobs to choose from, and supervised children are welcome. Most shifts are 4-7 p.m., but there are also some prep and clean-up shifts. Hennepin Ave. UMC is located at Groveland and Hennepin in the Loring Park Neighborhood, across from the Walker Art Center.

Calling all Runners/Walkers! Gerald and Joetta Schlabach have registered for the RunYourRace Scholarship 5K that will take place on **June 4 at Lake Calhoun.** This event is sponsored by Impact Christian Center, a Seward neighborhood church, which is committed to supporting youth in completing high school and enrolling in college. Join in the family-friendly non-competitive fun, support an important cause, and potentially win great raffle items. Individuals and teams are welcome. Register at www.imathlete.com/events/RunYourRaceScholarship5K.

Encore! Let's Pack Metro State University for Peacebuilding! **Friday, May 20, 7 – 9 p.m. is LUNAFEST: Saint Paul.** An evening of 6 internationally acclaimed short films by, for, and about women at the Film Space at Metropolitan State University. Men enjoy these films too! This film festival fundraiser for the MinnesotaPeacebuilding Leadership Institute supports low-income scholarship trainees to become trauma-informed, resilience-oriented, and restorative-focused for the empowerment of their communities. Tickets are \$25 for the Films and Festivities. Bring your friends and colleagues! You can purchase tickets online at www.lunafest.org/saintpaul, or with cash/check at Ten Thousand Villages stores. Also available through FMC member, Donna Minter.

Growing Hope Farm, a community supported agriculture and volunteer endeavor is beginning its 4th season. They invite people to **buy a vegetable share and/or contribute to shares for inner city families and food shelves.** For more information, visit www.growing-hope-farm.org.