

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 21, 2017 ~ Children's Day

***Gathering Song:** "Sing the Day" p. 3 Hesla

Musical Interlude: Siobhan Ratigan Green, "Pumpkin Boogie"

Welcome: Tona Ratigan Green and Noelle Hendricks

***Call to Worship:** ~ Psalm 113:1-3 ~ 3rd-5th Grade Class

Praise the Lord! (*Clap hands as you raise them upward.*)

Praise, O servants of the Lord; (*Push hands apart and lower arms.*)

praise the name of the Lord. (*Clap hands as you raise them upward.*)

Blessed be the name of the Lord (*Stretch arms upward in praise.*)

from this time on (*touch fingers to shoulders.*)

and forevermore. (*Sweep hands down, palms facing upward.*)

From the rising of the sun (*Stretch arms out to the left.*)

to its setting (*Sweep arms overhead from left to right.*)

the name of the Lord is to be praised. (*Clap and raise hands.*)

***Hymn:** "Rain down" #49 STJ

Song: Preschool class

Song: Micaiah Hendricks, "Chattanooga Cha Cha"

Skit: "Harry Potter & Friends" by Phoebe Martinson ~ 2nd grade class

Bible presentation to 2nd graders: Micaiah Hendricks, Phoebe Martinson, James Peters-Fransen, Siobhan Ratigan Green, Luke Zabriskie

Song: Phoebe Martinson, "Hedwig's Theme"

Scripture Skit: "The Prodigal Son" ~ Middle School Class

Scripture in Song: "Blessed are they" (Matthew 5:3-10) 3rd-8th Grades

Refrain: We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all;
that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Song: Noelle Hendricks, "Funny Puppy"

Teacher Recognition ~ Andy Martinson and Dick Westby

***Hymn:** "This little light of mine" #401 HWB (*traditional melody*)

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

Hesla: River of Gladness

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: Oliver Sundseth, "Blue Danube Waltz"

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***Sung benediction:** "You shall go out with joy"

Community Time

10:40 Potluck brunch – Fellowship Hall Hosting group: Glenn & Arlene Geissing, Kristin Borntreger & David Ries, Rudy Okerlund, Tonya Boschmann

11:15 End-of-year meeting for Children/Youth Sunday School Teachers, library

No Education classes until Fall 2017

TODAY: Children's Day

Worship leader: Andy Martinson

Song leader: Joetta Schlabach

Ushers: Minke Sundseth, Travis Lusk

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery: Laurie Kaufman, Karen Wiebe

NEXT SUNDAY: 7th Sunday of Easter: One in Christ (Gal 3:1-9; 23-29)

Worship leader: Matthew Hendricks **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg **Piano:** Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks **Fellowship:** Bruce Brunner & Donna

Nursery: Cynthia Miller, Joel Peters-Fransen Minter

May 14:

Attendance: 91

Local Budget: \$3,078

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
Deacons: Kristin Green, Glenn Geissinger
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FMC office hours: May 22-26

Joetta: Tues & Wed 10-3 **Ry:** On vacation this week.

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

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

Prayer Concerns:

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Central Plains Partner in Mission Ted Lewis requests that we pray for his new ministry initiative, the Agape Peace Center, in Duluth. Pray that the right people will be drawn to the peace education events and be moved not only at the head level but the heart level. Learn more at: www.agapepeacecenter.com.

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 23 – Sunday text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

May 24 – Missions & Service Open Forum, 6:30 p.m., chapel

May 25 – June newsletter items to FMC office by noon

May 25 – Taizé Prayer, 6 p.m. Meal; 7 p.m. Prayer, Prospect Park Church

May 30 – Ministry Inquiry Program participant Elizabeth Witmer arrives

June 7 – Deacon Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

June 10 – Worship Commission, 8:30 a.m., chapel

June 10 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30-11:30, library

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

June 15-18 – Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting, Sioux Falls

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Peacebuilding Film Series: inspiring & thought-provoking films. This month's film is **"She's Beautiful When She's Angry"**. This film resurrects the buried history of the outrageous, often brilliant women who founded the modern women's movement from 1966 to 1971. She's Beautiful takes us from the founding of NOW, with ladies in hats and gloves, to the emergence of more radical factions of women's liberation; from intellectuals like Kate Millett to the street theatrics of W.I.T.C.H. (Women's International Conspiracy from Hell!). Artfully combining dramatizations, performance and archival imagery, the film recounts the stories of women who fought for their own equality, and in the process created a world-wide revolution. **May 23rd, 7-9 p.m. in the Birchwood Cafe community room.** Space is limited, please reserve your seat at <http://www.mnpeace.org/events.html>.

Missions & Service Commission Open Forum: The Missions and Service Commission would like to hear what service activities you are involved in or interested in starting, and how M&S can help you in your service to the community and the world. To that end, **the Commission invites anyone interested to an open forum on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.**

Veni Sancte Spiritus – Come Holy Spirit! The concluding ecumenical Taizé Prayer evening for this season will be **Thursday, May 25, 6 p.m. simple potluck meal, 7 p.m. prayer, at Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Ave. SE, Minneapolis.** As we look to the Feast of Pentecost and know we are sent to live in the life of the Spirit, we pray together with our sisters and brothers from nearby churches. This community prayer gathering includes brief sung chants in English and a variety of languages (we are more diverse than we might think...), Scripture, shared prayers, and silence in a candlelit environment. Everyone is invited to bring finger food to share...or just come hungry!

Attention, Seward and Longfellow Deacon Groups! A few years ago, members of FMC gathered at about six o'clock on Friday evenings during the summertime for picnics, with anywhere from four to fifteen people, including children. Seward and Longfellow deacon groups plan to revive the picnics this summer, and we hope to meet some neighbors by gathering in Little Earth community at 24th and Cedar. Please plan to bring some extra food to share with children or adults we may meet. Our first gathering will be **Friday, May 26th**. More details will be coming, so put it on your calendar. - Hermann and Kristin

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Announcements (cont.)

Rosabeth Koehn, from St Louis, will be in the Twin Cities for Montessori training this summer from **Jun. 16-Aug. 20**. The housing arrangements she thought were in place are now tentative and she is wondering if anyone at Faith might know of a **summer sublet** that might be available in Minneapolis or St. Paul. If so, please contact her as soon as possible at rosabethbk@gmail.com. Thank you!

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.

From Kristin Green and John Ratigan: Our two adult nieces are looking for a duplex or an apartment to rent. If you are aware of an available rental in south Minneapolis please let us know.

The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is running particularly low on the following items: bottles of shampoo (13-24 oz.), bars of infant friendly/mild soap, infant sleepers/onesies (sizes 3-9 months), men's crew socks (white). Without these items, various kits cannot be completed so we need your help! Kit items can be dropped off at 121 E. 30th in North Newton or purchased online (Amazon Smile or other online retailers) and shipped directly to MCC. Questions? Please contact Kate Mast 316-283-2720, katemast@mcc.org.

Ramadan is the month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset; in 2017, it falls between the dates of May 26 – June 25. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the "five pillars" of Islam, and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity. **Taking Heart Open Houses** is a long-running program coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) to bring Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Minnesota mosques and Islamic community centers welcome their non-Muslim neighbors for a traditional Iftar, inviting a time of encounter and learning. **Please visit mnchurches.org to learn more about Taking Heart and to register for one or more events.** Bring a friend and learn more about your Muslim neighbors! These events are free and open to the public.