

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 28, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “For mornings bright” #113 STJ, v. 3-*Easter Musical Interlude*

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: God of love, light a flame of love in our hearts to you,

Piano side: a flame of love to our families and friends,

Organ side: a flame of love to our neighbors

All: a flame of love to our enemies.

Light a flame of love in our hearts to all,

From the lowliest thing that lives,

To the Name that is highest of all. AMEN.

***Hymn:** “Come and be light for our eyes” #5 STJ

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

Children’s Time: “Different Friends” ~ Hermann Weinlick

Song: “For God so loved us” #167 HWB

Scripture reading: Galatians 2:20; 3:1-9; 23-29; 5:1, 13-14, 22-25

Sermon: “Putting on Christ and living by faith”

Silent reflection

Hymn: “We are one in the Spirit” -lyrics by Peter Scholte, adapted

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. (2x)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
Chorus: And they’ll know we are Christians [by our love] (2x)
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. (2x)
And together we’ll spread the news: the Kingdom is at hand.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. (2x)
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity, and save each one’s pride.
4. We praise you, Creator, from whom all things come; We praise you,
Christ Jesus, God’s only Son; We praise Holy Spirit, who makes us one.

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. (cont.)

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: Noelle Hendricks, “Funny Puppy”

Announcements

***Sung benediction:** “God be with you” #430 HWB

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – Please keep all food and drink in the narthex. Thanks!

No Education classes until Fall 2017

TODAY: 7th Sunday of Easter: One in Christ

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

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

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks **Fellowship:** B Brunner & D Minter

Nursery: Cynthia Miller, Joel Peters-Fransen

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost / Communion (Acts 2:1-4; Gal 4:1-7)

Worship leader: Joan Kreider **Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Joetta Schlabach **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Ushers: Minke Sundseth, Travis Lusk **Fellowship:** Cuffey, Minkler

Nursery: Marcia Siggelkow, Candace Wright

May 21:	Attendance: 96	Local Budget: \$861
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Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book **STJ:** Sing the Journey **Hesla:** River of Gladness

**Please stand if you are able*

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
Katie Cuffey, Hermann Weinlick, Heather Wengerd

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FMC office hours: May 29-June 2

FMC Office Closed on May 29

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

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

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for Ramiro Hernandez, coordinator of Hispanic ministries for Central Plains, and for our Hispanic sister churches in Muscatine, Iowa City, Washington, Davenport and Moline.

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 30 – Sunday text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

May 30 - Ministry Inquiry Program participant Elizabeth Witmer arrives

June 2 – Longfellow/Seward Deacon Gps picnic, Little Earth park, 6 pm

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

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

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

June 11 – Visit to Impact Living Christian Center, 11 a.m.

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

Galatians 2:20; 3:1-9; 23-29; 5:1, 13-14, 22-25

It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing? —if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

⁶Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” ⁷so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” ⁹For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. [...] ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

²²[T]he fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Enthusiastic, Occasionally Motivated Gardeners Wanted! We'd really, really like to recruit a handful of gardeners to volunteer about once a month over the summer, basically to keep the weeds down and to give our gardens that "our-church-cares-about-our-gardens" look. There's no need to buy or plant anything, just to keep what we have looking decent. Gardens in need of special care include all four on the 22nd street side of the buildings. You can help by volunteering to keep up just one of them. That would be a HUGE help to our faithful, but understaffed, yard crew. If you are interested, please send an email to John Hershey.

From Cynthia Miller: Several members of Faith have traveled to Haiti with **Haiti Companions**, a local non-profit that provides mobile health clinics in three under-served communities in Haiti. Members of our congregation have also supported the clinics with generous donations of children’s vitamins. Haiti Companions has now transitioned to supporting monthly mobile clinics that are staffed by Haitian doctors, dentists and nurses. To help raise funds to support this vital work, **Haiti Companions is holding a fundraiser** on Saturday, Jun. 3, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church. Suggested donation is \$20, payable at the door or you can RSVP to 612-730-4810. More information can be found on the flyer in the FMC foyer.

Please help! The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, KS 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 or katemast@mcc.org. 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.