

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
“Growing together as children of God”
November 12, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “My soul proclaims with wonder” #181 HWB

Musical Interlude

Welcome and Call to Worship— based on Amos 5

Leader: Seek good and not evil, that you may live!

People: So that the Lord, our God, will be with us!

L: Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate!

P: It may be that the Lord, our God, will be gracious!

L: It is not enough that we come to pray, listen and sing.

All: We must let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***Hymn:** “Lord of light, your name outshining” #410 HWB

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

Children’s Time: ~ Barbara Beers

Song: “God of peace and justice”

God of peace and justice, rain down upon us your peace.

God of peace and justice, let ev’ry heart be filled with peace.

Scripture reading: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Sermon: “The flow of justice: risk and hope”

Hymn: “O healing river” # 372 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 (*Please give any announcements in writing to the worship leader.*)

HWB: *Hymnal Worship Book* **STJ:** *Sing the Journey* **Hesla:** *River of Gladness*
**Please stand if you are able*

***Sung Benediction:** “Just a closer walk with thee” #106 STJ

Community Time

10:40: Fellowship time – Basement Fellowship Hall.

11:00: Christian Education for all ages. We continue with the adult faith forum series “My Neighbor is Muslim.” This week, Joetta Schlabach will lead a discussion about family and the role of women in Christian/Mennonite experience.

Noon: Sunday School teachers and Christmas Program planning meeting, Library

TODAY: Amos: Justice Rolls Down - Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Worship Leader: Andy Martinson & Eli Kaufman **Organ:** David Mayou

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Ry Siggelkow, Karen Wiebe

Fellowship: Gregg & Beth Richardson, Meg & Perry Troyer

NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah: A Child is Born (Isaiah 9:1-7)

Worship Leader: Glenn Geissinger & Tona Ratigan Green

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Bret Hesla

Ushers: Travis Lusk, Minke Sundseth

Piano: Gregg Richardson

Nursery: Joel Peters-Fransen, Perry Troyer

Fellowship: Pie social – Joan Kreider, Nate & Abby Meuser-Herr, Rachel Geissinger

Nov 5: Attendance: 92 Offering – Local Budget: \$1,530

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 Wenger,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
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FMC office hours: November 13-17

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues 2-5 p.m.; Wed 10-2 On Tuesday Joetta and Ry will meet with Twin Cities-area Mennonite pastors and chaplains.

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: Please pray for the pastoral team in Quito Mennonite Church as they continue to lead the congregation and as they move to the new building that they have purchased. Pray for Peter Wigginton as he starts teaching classes at an indigenous seminary in Riobamba.

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)

Nov. 14 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Nov. 15 - Book Conversation, 6 p.m., Siggelkow home

Nov. 19 – Annual Pie Social, noon, Fellowship Hall

Nov. 21 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Nov. 23 – December newsletter items to church office by noon

Nov. 30 – Men’s breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, Mpls.

Dec. 6 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Englund-Helmeke home

Dec. 6 – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., Reinert home (note date change)

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. ²And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Next Sunday (Nov. 19th), we will enjoy a Pie Potluck. Start thinking about whether you would like to bring a Breakfast Pie or a Dessert Pie. The Potluck team is headed by Joan Kreider, with the assistance of Rachel Geissinger and Nate and Abby Meuser-Herr. Each year, this is a highly anticipated event. More information will be available in the Midweek Update email on Wednesday, Nov. 15th. - *Fellowship Commission*

Would you like to **share Thanksgiving dinner** with others from FMC? If so, please look for a sign-up in the narthex THIS Sunday. You will be able to indicate if you'd like to be a guest (and bring something to contribute to the meal) or a host.

We now have wi-fi in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

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From Karen Wiebe - If you're looking for something to do Saturday night, Nov. 18th, I invite you to my orchestra concert. Also, on Sunday afternoon, Nov 19th we'll play a free and abbreviated concert with kid's craft activities beforehand starting at 3:30. <https://www.mnphil.org/> for more information or talk to me. Thanks!

FMC will host this year's **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.** The service is planned in collaboration with several neighboring congregations. "Praise and Thanks in Times Such as These" is the theme for the service, which will be followed by refreshments (everyone is invited to bring a finger-food item to share). One of the gifts of our shared traditions is gratitude and we will draw on this gift to give us strength in a year that has been filled with disaster and loss. Anyone who would like to participate in a **choral anthem in the service may arrive at 6:15 for practice.**

Hardy and Willing Snow Shovelers Needed! You have to love it. We are once again approaching that time of year in Minnesota when we need to start thinking about clearing our drives and sidewalks--and Faith Mennonite is no exception. If you are willing to help out with our sidewalks and drive (and we hope you are if you are able!), please contact John Hershey. Thanks for considering. We look forward to hearing from you soon. - *The Trustees*

From Ry Siggelkow - Book Conversation: Our book this fall is Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Discipleship*. Bonhoeffer was a leading figure in the Confessing Church, a group of congregations across Germany that stood in opposition to the German Reich Church during the 1930s and 40s. Originally published in 1937, *Discipleship* is Bonhoeffer's most famous work and is widely considered a Christian classic. The next time we meet, **on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.,** we will discuss **the chapter on The Sermon on the Mount.** We will gather at my house, and I will provide tea & cookies.

Asamblea De Derechos Civiles is planning another Ride for Emancipation. We will ride a bus together from Minneapolis to Washington, DC. **We will leave Nov. 27 and return Dec. 2.** We are planning a number of actions in DC, advocating for a Dream act for all immigrants. If you are interested in learning more, talk to Ry Siggelkow!