

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
“Growing together as children of God”  
November 19, 2017

**\*Gathering Songs:** “Where Love and Justice Combine” p. 6 Hesla  
“In God’s Embrace” (insert)

**Musical Interlude**

**Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Isaiah 9

Leader: There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.

**People: No gloom? Can it be?**

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...

**P: We walk in darkness...where is this light?**

L: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

**P: For the yoke of our burden, and the bar across our shoulders,  
the rod of our oppressor, God has broken!**

L: A child has been born for us, one with authority, one who is named:

**P: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince  
of Peace.**

*All: This one will lead us to endless peace in a kingdom of justice and  
righteousness. Let us worship!*

**\*Hymn:** “Mercy, we abide”

Refrain: Mercy, we abide in you; Stir in us, we pray.

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

**Children’s Time:** ~ Middle School Sunday School Class

**Song:** “For justice, love and peace” (insert)

**Scripture reading:** Isaiah 9:1-7

**Sermon:** “Hope in unexpected places”

**Hymn:** “When the storms of life are raging” #558 HWB, vv. 1-4

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can  
be a time for guest introductions.*)  
~ *Moment for Mission*

**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*

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

**Offering and Offertory**

**Announcements**

**\*Sung Benediction:** “In God’s Embrace” (insert)

Community Time

**10:40: Fellowship time** (no refreshments will be served today)

**11:00: Christian Education for all ages.** Today we conclude the adult faith forum series “My Neighbor is Muslim.” Jaylani Hussein, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) will speak on problems facing Somali immigrants.

**Noon: Annual Pie Social** - Please come to the fellowship hall for an extended time of fellowship and a feast of main dish and dessert pies.

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**TODAY:** Isaiah: A Child is Born

**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, Rachel Geissinger, Karla Hovde, Leslie Minkler, Bruce Brunner & Donna Minter, Darrell Martin.

*We welcome Bret Hesla as guest song leader this morning. Bret is a friend who uses office space in our building on a barter basis. He composed our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collection, River of Gladness: Hymns from the Heart of the City.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Jeremiah’s Letter to Exiles (Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14)

**Worship & Song Leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Sermon:** Adam Nussbaum

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Stew Thornley, Thaine Dirks

**Nursery:** TBD

**Fellowship:** Andi Kuenning & Dan Leisen, Wendy Brunner

*Next Sunday Ry Siggelkow will do a pulpit exchange with Adam Nussbaum, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Eau Claire, WI.*

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**Nov 12: Attendance: 104 Offering – Local Budget: \$3,372**

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**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

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*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 Wengerd,**  
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***FMC office hours: November 20-25***

**Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 Joetta: Tues, 9:30-1:00; Wed 10-2**

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon.-Fri. 9:30-12:30**

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

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for Keith Slater as he prepares to lead final webinar of the "Open the Book" Bible study series offered for free to Central Plains members.

**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](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**Nov 21** – No text discussion group this week

**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** – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., Reinert home

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

**Dec. 17** – FMC Christmas Program, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

## Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Our “change offering” last Sunday totaled \$200. **Thank you to Elena Vidas and Kristin Green and families for using the money to purchase items for new refugees who are arriving in Minnesota this fall.** Karla Hovde will deliver the items to the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement office this week.

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.**

*(Announcements cont. on back)*

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**SAVE THE DATE! The FMC Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 17th at 4 p.m.** Children are planning and preparing in Sunday School classes in the upcoming weeks. The candle-light service will be followed by a cookie social--everyone please bring a plate to share. (Fruit, veggies, cheese & crackers also welcome.)

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!

**Nurture children’s faith at home this Advent and Christmas** through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). For use between Dec. 3 and Jan. 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

### MDS Urgent Project Crew Opportunities:

<b>Greenbrier, WV- 2016 Flooding</b>	Nov 26-Dec 2: up to 6 people
<b>Lafayette, LA-2016 Flooding</b>	Nov 19-25: up to 3 people Dec 3-9: up to 11 people
<b>Lake County, CA - 2015 Wildfires</b>	Nov 26- Dec 2: up to 10 people Dec 3-9: up to 8 people Dec 10-16; up to 5 people
<b>Princeville, NC- Hurricane Matthew</b> (bring a cook with you to these dates)	Nov 19-25: up to 6 people Nov 26-Dec 2: up to 15 people Dec 10-16: up to 15 people

**Planning continues on the long-term response in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Keep watching the biweekly newsletter and MDS website for more information on volunteer opportunities.** Contact Glenn Geissinger at 952-297-4081 (talk or text) if you’re interested in volunteering for one of these opportunities. Thank you