

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
“Growing together as children of God”
November 5, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Give thanks for life” # 108 STJ

Musical Interlude

Welcome and Call to Worship (based on Psalm 46) –

Leader: God is our refuge and strength

People: A very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

P: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord

P: She makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

L: She breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

P: She burns the shields with fire.

All: We praise you, Oh Lord, for you alone are exalted among the nations and over all the earth, and you alone are worthy of our praise.

***Hymn:** “Mothering God, you gave me birth” #482 HWB

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

Children’s Time: ~ Marcia Siggelkow

Song: “Hallelujah! We sing your praises!” #88 STJ

Scripture reading: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Sermon: “After the fire, the sound of sheer silence”

Hymn: “Open, Lord, my inward ear” #140 HWB

Communion: *All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. We will gather in circles at the front and back tables, as the ushers direct. After receiving the bread, you will dip it in the cup and partake. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. Children/unbaptized youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles. During this time, anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year may write their name on the memory cloth on the podium in their memory.*

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

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

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

***Sung Benediction:** “Shall we gather at the river” #615 HWB

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, Samir Saikali will speak about Islamic Economics & Financing.

TODAY: God Speaks to Elijah - 1 Kings 19:1-18

Worship Leader: Kristin Green, Noelle Hendricks **Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

Song Leader: Karen Wiebe

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Shelly Hendricks

Nursery: Matthew Hendricks, Andi Kuenning, Susan Weinlick

Fellowship: Leigh & Joel Peters-Fransen, Josh Miller

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

– Mission Sunday –

Worship Leader: TBD

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: David Mayou

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Ry Siggelkow

Fellowship: Gregg & Beth Richardson, Meg & Perry Troyer

Oct 29: Attendance: 95 Offering – Local Budget: \$2,358

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,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
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FMC office hours: November 6-10

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.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of Mennonite Mission Network visit Mennonite churches and youth groups throughout Colombia. Pray for safe travels, good listening skills, and discernment as they facilitate the national committee's decision-making process.

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.

Several print copies of the study guide *My Neighbor is Muslim* are available for \$2. Electronic copies can be downloaded at:
<http://www.lssmn.org/refugeeservices/study/>.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)

Nov. 7 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Nov. 8 - Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

Nov. 11 - Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

Nov. 11 - Hermann Weinlick's Birthday Party, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

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

1 Kings 19:1-18

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

You are invited to desserts in fellowship hall, Saturday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., to **help Hermann Weinlick celebrate his eightieth birthday**. No presents please. Childcare is available.

Interested in helping with the Christmas Program at FMC? Please join us for a lunch meeting at noon, Sunday Nov. 12th, in the Library.

Would you like to **share Thanksgiving dinner** with others from FMC? If so, please look for a sign-up in the narthex the next couple Sundays. 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.

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.

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.

We now have wi-fi in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Username: FMC Guest; password: peacefmc.

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!