

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
“Growing together as children of God”
October 1, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “We give thanks unto you” #161 HWB

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: Praise the One who hears the groans and cries of those who suffer.

People: Praise the Lord, the God of the Oppressed.

L: Praise the One whose liberating love delivered Israel out of Egypt.

P: Praise the Lord, the God of the Oppressed.

L: Praise the One who is always faithful to those who live in exile.

P: Praise the Lord, the God of the Oppressed.

L: Praise the One who called out Moses from among the people.

P: Praise the Lord, the God of the Oppressed.

L: Praise the One who gives speech to mortals.

P: Praise the Lord, the God of the Oppressed.

All: Praise the Lord, the God of the Exodus. We confess that you alone are worthy of our praise.

***Hymn:** “God of many names” #77 HWB

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

Children’s Time: Marcia Siggelkow

Song: “When Israel was in Egypt’s land” #164 HWB

Scripture reading: Exodus 3:1b-15; 4:10-13

Sermon “God of the Exodus, God of the Oppressed”

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.*

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. (*cont. on next pg.*)

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

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
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***Sung Benediction:** “Thuma mina (Send me, Jesus)” #434 HWB

Community Time

10:40: Fellowship time – Basement Fellowship Hall.

11:00: Christian Education for all ages. Today we begin an adult faith forum series “My neighbor is a Muslim.” We welcome Samir Saikaki, an Imam at Al-Salam Mosque in Maplewood to make his first presentation, on the subject of “Beliefs and Practices”

TODAY: God’s Name is Revealed

Worship Leaders: Thaine Dirks/Oliver Sundseth **Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

Song Leader: Joetta Schlabach

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Minke Sundseth

Nursery: Candace Lutt, Mark Kaufman

Fellowship: Barbara Beers, Heather Wengerd

NEXT SUNDAY: God provides manna (Exodus 16:1-18)

Worship Leaders: Matthew Hendricks/Oliver Sundseth

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Wendy Brunner

Ushers: Minke Sundseth, Travis Lusk

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery: Susan Weinlick, David Ries

Fellowship: David Ott, Shelly & Matthew Hendricks

Sept 17: Attendance: 103 Local budget: 2,831 MDS: \$2,800 MCC: \$100

Sept 24: Attendance: 81

Offering: not recorded

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 Wengerd,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
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FMC office hours: October 2-6

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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: We invite you to pray and fast for the Max and Gloria Villatoro family on Tuesday of this week. Pastor Max learned on Thursday that his visa request was denied.

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 a Muslim* are available for \$2. Electronic copies can be downloaded at:
<http://www.lssmn.org/refugeeservices/study/>.

1-3 p.m. TODAY - All men who like to sing are invited to join a **rehearsal of the Menn o' Sota Men's Choir** that will sing at the MCC Relief Sale event on Oct 7. The rehearsal will be in the FMC Sanctuary.

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

Oct 3 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Oct 4 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

Oct 7 – TC MCC Relief Sale Event, Valley Presbyterian, 5:30 p.m.

Oct 11 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

Oct 14 – Worship Commission meeting, 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Oct 14 – Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

Oct. 18 - Dinner & Book Conversation, 6 p.m., Siggelkow home

Exodus 3:1b-15; 4:10-13

3:1b Moses led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ⁵Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' ⁶He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' ¹¹But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' ¹²He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' ¹³But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' ¹⁴God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' ¹⁵God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and this is my title for all generations. ⁴ ¹⁰But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹²Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." ¹³But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else."

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

From Elaine Klaassen: I want to invite you to a recital of my own compositions, which I call "Piano Stories," **TODAY at 3 p.m.**, at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.). I'm grateful to be playing with wonderful musicians on four of the pieces: Rodin Ngando, congas and voice, Mary Preus, flute, Phil Stoltzfus, violin, and Michael Patrick Coyle, dumbek. Hope to see you there!

Cynthia Miller will be traveling to Haiti in October and is collecting children's vitamins to be distributed to families at mobile clinics. If you would like to donate vitamins, please bring them to church by Sunday, Oct. 8th. If it is simpler to donate cash, we would be happy to purchase the vitamins. The vitamins needed are Children's Chewable Multivitamins with Iron (*not* gummy style because those melt in the heat). Please contact Cynthia or Darrell if you have questions. millmart5@comcast.net. Thank you!!

Annual Twin Cities Benefit for Mennonite Central Committee's World Relief, Saturday, Oct. 7, 5 – 8:30 p.m. at the Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 3100 Lilac Way, Golden Valley. **Reservations are required and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please respond as soon as possible, as seating is limited to 120 people.** Call 763-522-3063 or email info@tcmccreliefsale.org.

Invitation to sign up for a triad! If you would like to meet with two other people on a regular basis, to get better acquainted and to support one another in your walk of faith, the Deacon Commission invites you to sign up for a triad. A sign-up sheet will be in the church narthex through October 8. You may sign up to be placed in a group, or you can create a group on your own. If you have questions, please speak with a pastor or one of the deacons (Katie Cuffey, Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Kristin Green, Dan Leisen, Hermann Weinlick, Heather Wengerd).

From Ry Siggelkow - Dinner & Book Conversation: Our book this fall will be 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. We will meet **twice** to discuss it. We will discuss **Part One (Chapters 1-7) on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. and Part Two (Chapters 8-13) on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.** Both gatherings will be at my house and I will serve dinner. If you are interested in joining me, please let me know ahead of time so I know how much food to prepare! *I will have copies of the book available in the narthex for \$15.*