

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

“Growing together as children of God”

October 15, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Come and give thanks to the Giver” #57 HWB

Musical Interlude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: God whispers in the night, gentle and patient.

People: Here I am Lord.

L: God calls, unexpected and unrecognized.

P: Your servant is listening.

L: God’s word speaks, careful and persistent.

P: Here we are Lord.

L: God’s word is a challenge for the young and the old.

P: Speak, your servants are listening.

L: God’s word makes our ears tingle and sets our hearts on fire.

All: May the visions of God be widespread among God’s people.

***Hymn:** “Lord, you sometimes speak” #594 HWB

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

Children’s Time: ~ John Ratigan

Song: “Listen, God is calling” #42 STJ – Joy Zabriskie

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Sermon: “Speak, your servant is listening”

Hymn: “Here I am, Lord” #395 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

***Sung Benediction/Recessional:** “Lord, speak to me” #499 HWB

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

**Please stand if you are able*

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 on the subject of “The Qur’an & Commandments”.

TODAY: God calls Samuel (*1 Samuel 3:1-21*)

Worship Leader: Joan Kreider, Phoebe Martinson **Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

Song Leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Karen Zeug

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Matthews Hendricks, Laurie Kaufman

Fellowship: David Reis & Kristin Bortrager Ries

NEXT SUNDAY: God calls David (*1 Samuel 16:1-13*)

Worship Leader: Ry Siggelkow

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Jean Hendricks

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Shelly Hendricks

Nursery: Marcia Siggelkow, Karen Wiebe

Fellowship: Melissa Falb, Alison Reist, Sam & Heather Reinert

Oct 8:

Attendance: 84

Offering: \$2,708

MCC: \$50

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education w.i.ng. 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 16-20

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues, 9:30-11:30; 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: Laura Schlabach of Mennonite Mission Network serves JCS, an umbrella organization for mission agencies in Mongolia, through administrative support. She is also a voice for people in the countryside. Pray that God would help her perfect her language skills for good communication.

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)

Oct 17 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

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

Oct 25 – Nov. Newsletter items due to Aimee by noon

Oct 25 – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., Ratigan Green home

Oct 26 – Men’s Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, Mpls.

Nov 1 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Englund-Helmeke home

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

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

Transition in the church nursery: This fall marks four years that Danika Zabertini has been our nursery staff person, providing a consistent presence on Sunday mornings with our toddlers and preschoolers. It is with sadness, but deep gratitude, that we receive the news that **Danika is ready to move on to other activities on Sunday mornings.** She will complete her formal work at the end of October. We will soon begin a search for her replacement.

Danika asked that we share this message with the entire church: *I have decided it's time for me to move on from coordinating the nursery at FMC. It's a time of transitions for me, and I have a few things I've long wanted to explore for myself on Sunday mornings. Including having the chance to actually hear a sermon at FMC! I will miss the sense of familiarity and care I get from this congregation. I have witnessed so much growth here over the last few years! I hope to continue to know, and get to know many of you. Also, I am very happy to provide occasional care for FMC families, so don't hesitate to seek me out as a sitter! - Danika*

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! *Copies of the book are available in the narthex for \$15.*

Leading Worship with Energy and Grace, Saturday, Nov 4, 9 am-4 pm
Our church will be the host venue for this worship-leading workshop led by Christopher Montgomery, pastor of the Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church, Sioux Falls. Christopher has developed **The Anabaptist School of Worship** which offers programs, online resources, and in-house apprenticing for congregations, pastors, and worship leaders to engage in worship that discerns the reign of God. **Watch for registration information in the Midweek Email Update.**

Brown bag lunch with Madeline! Madeline Kreider Carlson will make a brief visit to town next week. On Sunday, Oct 22. She will spend the noon hour with us, talking and showing photos of her work with MCC and Ten Thousand Villages in Haiti. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages provided. Madeline will also give a presentation at the Ten Thousand Villages store on Monday, Oct 23 (2 time options). This will be different from her presentation at FMC, so you're invited to both occasions. The Midweek Email Update includes a link to the store event.