

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 10, 2017

Gathering music: Adam Nafziger

***Gathering Song:** “Come, we that love the Lord” #14 HWB

Musical Interlude

*Welcome and Call to Worship:

Leader: Seekers of God, you are here and God is here. Open your eyes to see anew, for we are growing together

People: as children of God!

Leader: Lovers of God, you are here and God is here. Open your heart to be touched, for we are growing together

People: as children of God!

Leader: Followers of God, you are here and God is here. Open your mind to learn anew, for we are growing together

People: as children of God!

Leader: People of God, you are here and God is here. Open yourselves to be filled anew, for we are growing together

People: as children of God!

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***Hymn:** “Jubilate deo omnis terra” #103 HWB

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

Children’s Time: School kit dedication ~ Barbara Beers

Song: “God of peace and justice” (insert)

Scripture reading: Genesis 1

Sermon “Getting started: And we’re off!”

Hymn: “In the bulb there is a flower” #614 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*

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

**Please stand if you are able*

Offering and Offertory

Announcements

***Sung Benediction:** “Sing hosanna” (insert)

Community Time

11:00: Christian Education for all ages. Adults will meet in the sanctuary for a discussion about our theme for the year: “Growing Together as Children of God.”

Noon: Please join us in the basement Fellowship Hall for a **potluck meal** to celebrate the beginning of a new Christian education year. Hosting team is: Cleta & Orv Gingerich, Barbara Beers, Donna Stucky, Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Andy Martinson.

TODAY: A New Year Begins! Growing together as children of God

Worship Leader: Orv Gingerich

Song Leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach and Ry Siggelkow

Piano: Melissa Falb

Musicians: Adam Nafziger, Sophia Kouay, Lucy & Mimi Reinert, Noelle Hendricks, Owen Siggelkow, Karen Wiebe, Rudy Okerlund, Ry Siggelkow

Readers: Noelle Hendricks, Tona Ratigan Green, Dick Westby

Ushers: Shelly Hendricks, Thaine Dirks

Nursery: Thaine Dirks, Wendy Brunner

NEXT SUNDAY: Binding of Isaac (Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14)

Worship Leader: TBD

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Karen Zeug

Ushers: Stew Thornley, Dan Gerber

Nursery: Beth Richardson, Miriam Augsburg

Sept 3:

Attendance: 67

Offering: \$961

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,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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FMC office hours: September 11-15

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 Joetta: Tues, 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: MMN requests prayer for Mennonite Church Nigeria's youth who will begin gathering Wednesday for their five-day national camp. Pray for Psalmist Ekpedeme Jackson, their president, as he leads the young people in worship, Bible study, training in peacebuilding and reconciliation, and in business development principles.

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.

Annual FMC **All Church Fall Retreat** is scheduled for **September 23-24** (Saturday to Sunday noon) at YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI.

Brochures with registration information are in mailboxes; registration deadline is TODAY! ALL are welcome!

The first Central Plains Bible Study Webinar is coming soon! Join us at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, for Don't Mourn or Weep: Goals and problems. We'll start with how leaders can contribute to a good study and move on to addressing the biggest challenges leaders encounter. These free webinars are especially for Sunday School teachers of youth and adults or facilitators of small groups, but everyone is welcome. **RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars 2017 page at www.centralplainsmc.org by Thursday, Sept. 21.**

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

Sept 12 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Sept 13 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

Sept 23-24 – FMC Fall Retreat, YMCA Camp St. Croix

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

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

God of peace and justice

Give us oil in our lamps

1. Give us oil in our lamps, keep them burning, burning, burning.
Give us oil in our lamps, we pray.
Give us oil in our lamps, keep them burning, burning, burning.
Keep them burning till the break of day.

Chorus:

Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna till the break of day!
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna to the day.

2. Give us truth as our guide, keep us seeking, seeking, seeking.
3. Give us joy in our souls, keep us shining, shining, shining.
4. Give us love for our church, keep us growing, growing, growing.
5. Give us courage as a church, keep us standing up for justice.

-Adapted by Rudy Okerlund from "Give my oil in my lamp"
by A. Sevison and C. Barny Robertson

Announcements

We are excited about a new year of learning together in our **Christian Education** program. Many thanks to the persons who have volunteered to serve as teachers. Following is a list of classes, teachers, and locations.

Nursery (Parent Resource Room under narthex):

Danika Zabertini

Pre-School (Nursery)

Andi Kuenning
Rebecca Wright

K-2nd Grade (Room across from Nursery)

Hayley Brooks
Karla Hovde

3rd-5th Grade (Library) Middle School (Chapel)

Marcia Sigglekow
Andy Martinson
Meg Troyer

Matthew Hendricks
Casey Englund-Helmeke
Rachel Geissing

High School (Upper Level behind front of Sanctuary)

Rhonda Martin
Caitlin Smith

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. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 for the Mennonite Central Committee programs of relief, development, and peace building in the name of Christ. For information go to <http://tcmccreliefsale.org>. **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. We will direct the first \$30,000 we raise to MCC. Anything beyond that (after expenses are paid) would go to Mennonite Disaster Service for Hurricane Harvey disaster relief.

Opportunity Saint Paul is harnessing the transformative work of **volunteers to both relieve the effects of poverty and address its root causes**. This first-of-its-kind interfaith program matches volunteers with pre-selected nonprofits that have proven records of effectively addressing poverty. **Learn more and sign up by September 11 here:**
<http://interfaithaction.org/opportunity>

From Elaine Klaassen: I want to invite you to a recital of my own compositions, which I call "**Piano Stories**", on **Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 1 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!