

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Kristin Green, Dan Leisen, Katie Cuffey, Hermann
Weinlick, Heather Wengerd, Shawn Englund-Helmeke
2720 East 22nd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406 Ph: 612-375-9483
E: faithmc@faithmennonite.org Web: www.faithmennonite.org

FMC office hours: Sept. 4 - 8

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 10-2

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Tues.-Fri. 9:30-12:30

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray that God will make a way for the Max and Gloria Villatoro family to be reunited. We invite you to fast and pray for the Villatoros on Tuesday of this week.

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 **Sept. 23-24** (Saturday to Sunday noon) at YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI. **Brochures with registration information are in mailboxes.** Please register by Sept. 10. ALL are welcome!

If you plan to attend Next Sunday’s potluck, (Sept. 10) following worship, please bring a main dish AND a salad or dessert. Thank you!

The School Kit Challenge: Let’s fill 100! Most of our school kit bags have been taken to be filled! Thank you! Please note that the content list in the bags listed an error, asking for 4 pencils instead of the required 8. Visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school> for the list of items contained in a school kit. Thank you for your generosity! - FMC Sewing Group

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

Sept 5 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Sept 6 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

Sept 9 – Tomato Canning Event, 9 a.m., FMC kitchen

Sept 9 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., FMC Library

Sept 10 – FMC New Year Kick-Off; Sunday School begins

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

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

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 3, 2017

Music Sunday / Communion

***Gathering Songs:** “Here in this place” #6 HWB
“Come, let us all unite to sing” #12 HWB
“We are people of God’s peace” #407 HWB

***Welcome**

I. CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: O God, your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

People: The light and peace of Christ be with us.

***Hymn:** “Praise God from whom” #118 HWB

***Psalm 34:12-19**

L: Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

**P: Who are those who long for life
and many days, to enjoy their prosperity?**

L: Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

P: Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace.

L: The eyes of the Lord are toward the just,
and [God’s] ears toward their appeal.

**P: The face of the Lord rebuffs the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.**

L: They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

**P: The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed God will save.**

***Thanksgiving**

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.**

***Hymns:** “Joyful, joyful we adore thee” #71 HWB
“Praise, I will praise you, Lord” #76 HWB

Children’s Time ~ Miriam Augsburger

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

**Please stand if you are able*

Confession

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

All: according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

(silence)

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

Hymn: “I sought the Lord” #506 HWB

II. CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

L: Jesus said, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

All: Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

John 14:25-27

Isaiah 32:15-18

***Hymns:** “Healer of our every ill” #377 HWB

“New earth, heavens new” #299 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.*

Communion Hymn: “Taste and see” #86 STJ

III. CALL TO INTERCESSION

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

L: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

P: The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

L: God, breaker of dividing walls, we bring our prayers to you with confidence, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

P: In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

(Continued on next page)

L: You are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us. (silence)

You bless the peacemakers;

P: they will be called your children.

L: Your generosity is impartial. We pray for our community and for our neighbors. (silence)

You bless the peacemakers;

P: they will be called your children.

L: You proclaim peace to those who turn to you in their hearts. We pray for the church in all places, that we may speak boldly for Christ. (silence)

You bless the peacemakers;

P: they will be called your children.

L: Your justice will march, and peace will follow the way. We pray for the world, for peace-makers and for all who serve in the name of Christ.

(silence)

P: they will be called your children.

L: We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts. (silence)

You bless the peacemakers;

P: they will be called your children.

God of compassion and joy, you bless all who hunger for your righteousness. Give us grace to endure testing and be true to your kingdom, that we may enjoy the life you bless. Through Jesus, who taught us to do so, we pray for the coming of your reign:

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

***Sending hymn:** “Go now in peace” #429 HWB

***Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – Everyone is invited to the basement fellowship hall for a time of conversation and refreshments.

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.

TODAY: Music Sunday / Communion - *Take Our Moments and Our Days:*

An Anabaptist Prayer Book, 2007, Herald Press

Worship Leader: Alisa Bardo-Martison

Readers: Rachel Geissinger, Micaiah Hendricks, John Hershey, Dan Leisen

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Musicians: Miriam Augsburg, Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Jennifer Wandersee

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Travis Lusk

Fellowship: John Hershey, Rudy Okerlund

Nursery: Andy Martinson, Shelly Hendricks

NEXT SUNDAY: Church year kick-off: Growing together as children of God

Worship leader: TBD

Song leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Shelly Hendricks, Thaine Dirks

Nursery: Wendy Brunner, Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Following the education hour we will *join in the basement*

Fellowship Hall for a potluck to celebrate the beginning of a new church and Christian education year. Hosting team is: Cleta & Orv Gingerich, Barbara Beers, Donna Stucky, Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Andy Martinson.

Aug 27:

Attendance: 90

Offering: 2,928

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

John 14:25-27

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.

Isaiah 32:15-18

A spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Announcements

FMC eco- justice committee will hold a Tomato Canning event on Saturday, Sept. 9th at 9 a.m. in the church kitchen. This opportunity is for people with little skill or much experience. We will create a congenial and fun atmosphere over a hot stove. The necessary equipment will be provided. However, each person should bring their own jars, lids and tomatoes. Joetta Schlabach will be buying tomatoes that Saturday morning at St Paul's farmers market and she could buy for others if she is informed. Therefore, it is important to sign up on a sheet that will be in the narthex at church this Sunday. If you will not be in church, you can contact Dick Westby with questions.

Seward deacon group will be serving dinner at Our Saviour's Housing on Monday, Sept. 11th. All ages can help. This involves a commitment from about 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you would like to be involved, please let Hermann know.

The unprecedented flooding in South Texas caused by Hurricane Harvey has impacted millions of lives. Please pray for the survivors as they return to their communities and rebuild. Mennonite Disaster Service will be there with them and you can participate by making a donation or volunteering to work in the cleanup and rebuilding. Your gifts bring hope home to South Texas. RESPOND. REBUILD. RESTORE. mds.mennonite.net