

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 4, 2016 ~ Music Sunday

***Gathering Songs:** “Morning has broken” #648 HWB
“Joys are flowing” #301 HWB

Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: God greets us as we gather here.

People: House of prayer for many nations; home to all who come.

L: God welcomes all who gather here.

P: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner.

L: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst, all who long for rest and renewal.

All: Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your spirit. – From *Iona Abbey Worship Book*, Wild Goose Publications

***Hymn:** “O God, in restless living” #557 HWB

Scripture reading: Genesis 1

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

Children’s Time: Talking, walking, waiting with God”

Song: 1. To talk with God no breath is lost, talk on...
2. To walk with God no strength is lost, walk on...
3. To wait on God no time is lost, wait on...

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 29:4-7

Hymn: “Lord, you have come to the lakeshore” #229 HWB, vv. 1, 2, 3

Scripture reading: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Communion: *Participants may come to the front in two rows via the center aisle. You may eat the bread as you are served and move to receive the cup, returning to your seat by the side aisles. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children and youth may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

Communion hymns: “Come unto me” ~ Ensemble
“Taste and see” #86 STJ (congregation on refrain)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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. (*cont.*)

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 / Introduction of Guests

Sending scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Sung benediction: “I heard the voice of Jesus say” #493 HWB

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time; please keep all food and beverages in the narthex.

TODAY: “Labor & Rest” / Communion

Worship & song leader: Joetta Schlabach

Ushers: Travis Lusk, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Shelly Hendricks, Joel Cuffey

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Fellowship: Wandersee, Wiebe

NEXT SUNDAY:

Worship leader: TBA

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Ushers: Darrell Martin, Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Heather Wengerd, Rebecca Wright

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: David Mayou

August 28: Attendance: 107 Offering: \$4,731
Amount needed each Sunday to meet annual budget: \$3,515

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
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FMC office hours: September 5-9

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 9-3

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 for Central Plains congregations who are looking for pastors. Pray that God's will be done for the pastoral candidates and our sister congregations.

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.

Brochures for the FMC Annual Fall Retreat – September 23-25 are in your mailboxes! As the **registration deadline is next Sunday, Sept. 11th**, please sign up soon if you would like to attend. Sarah Thompson, director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will be our resource person. This is a wonderful time of relaxed, intergenerational fellowship and getting acquainted at YMCA Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI.

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

Sept 5 – Labor Day (FMC office closed)

Sept 6 – NO Sunday Text Discussion

Sept 8 – Racial Justice book discussion, 7 p.m., Kuenning-Leisen home

Sept 10 – Jul/Aug/Sept Birthday brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

Sept 11 – Christian Education program begins

Sept 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

Sept 15 – Racial Justice Group Soup & Chili Fundraiser, 5 p.m. FMC

Sept 21 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green's home

Sept 23-25 – FMC Annual Fall Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

Sept 24 – STAR-Lite Training, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sept 27 – Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

Genesis 1:1-3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 26, 31; 2:1-3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ...

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; ... So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them...

God saw everything that was made, and indeed, it was very good. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and rested on the seventh day. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that had been done in creation.

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; ... multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Announcements

Next Sunday, Sept. 11, we kick off our **Christian education program** and will share in a **noon potluck meal**. **Our meal theme will be “Garden Abundance.”** Try to include an ingredient from your garden, CSA share, or a local farmers market. Consider bringing one of the following, according to the initial of your last name:

A-H: dessert (cookies, bars or fruit)

J-O: salads or relish trays

P-Z: main dish

Hosting group: Weinlicks; Kaufman/Wengerd; Barb Beers; Lea Graber; Brunner/Minter.

Please sign up now for the **ASDIC Circle/Anti-Racism Class at FMC this fall!** The “priority” deadline for FMC member registration is **TODAY Sunday, Sept. 4**, after which point we will open registration to other local churches and the general public. In an effort to begin a scholarship fund to support this class, the Racial Justice Group is hosting a **Soup/Chili Cook-off fundraiser on Sept. 15th**. Please consider signing up to bring soup or chili, or help with set-up and clean-up. For more info regarding the ASDIC Circle/Anti-Racism Class, contact Ry Siggelkow (ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org), or Josh Miller

The FMC Racial Justice Group will hold an evening of dialog about the book *America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis. **Thursday, Sept 8, 7 p.m. at the Kuening/Leisen home, 3620 16th Ave South, Mpls.** Reading the book is not required to attend.

The Carnival de Resistance is coming to town! Redeemer Lutheran Church will be hosting this traveling arts carnival, eco - village and unconventional school **September 13 - 25** in North Minneapolis. Each Friday and Saturday night (Sept. 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th) the big top will come alive with theatrical performances bridging faith, art, and activism. **All events are Free and family friendly!** Come play with us as we enchant, embody and encourage a new future that listens to the past! Learn more about our programs, partners, and schedule at www.carnivalderesistance.com. The full realization of this project relies on a solid crew of volunteers who are willing to take on specific roles during our weekend productions. If you’re interested in learning more about how you can plug in, there is a volunteer form on the web site listed above.