

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 22, 2015

***Gathering Hymn:** “Come ye thankful people” #94 HWB

Musical interlude

*** Welcome & Call to Worship** based on Psalm 136

Response: Your love is everlasting!

***Sharing the sign of peace**

***Hymn:** “We plow the fields” #96 HWB

First reading: Psalm 106:1-6, 43-48

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

Children’s Time: “Psalm 100” ~Shelly Hendricks

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100

Second reading: Psalm 126

Sermon: “Dare we give thanks?”

Hymn: “God, whose giving” #383 HWB

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.
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 (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

***Sung benediction:** “Lord bless the hands” #93 HWB

***Dismissal / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time – narthex

11:00 Christian Education for all ages. Primary through middle school – education wing; youth – upper room. Adult classes: Psalms (fellowship hall); Black theology, black power (library)

Noon Pie Social & Raking Party! Following Sunday School we will gather in the fellowship hall for our annual pie social. When you’ve had your fill, grab a rake and help us get our church lawn ready for winter. We have invited members of the Oromo Kushite Seventh Day Adventist Church to join us for both. Hosting team: Kaufman/Wengerd, Weinlicks, Zabriskies, and Bob Mack. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven’t brought pie!

TODAY: Psalms: Prayers that Jesus Prayed—Thanksgiving

Worship leader: Travis Lusk

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Jennifer Wandersee; Karen Zeug

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Ushers: Darrell Martin, Glenn Geissinger

Reader: Noelle Hendricks

Nursery: Wendy Brunner, Matthew Hendricks

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Advent / Music Sunday

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Travis Lusk, Darrell Martin

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg

Nursery: Dan Leisen, Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship: Brunner/Minter

November 15:

Attendance: 87

Offering: \$1,530

At the congregational meeting on November 8, FMC members and associate members **voted to proceed with hiring Ry Sigglekow** as our new co-pastor. The details of his contract and start date are in process. - *Wendy Brunner, moderator*

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.

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FMC office hours: Nov. 23-27

Pastor: Monday & Tuesday 9:30-4:30, Wednesday 9-noon. Joetta & family will travel to Indiana for Thanksgiving and be gone from Wednesday afternoon through Saturday evening. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care or in case of an emergency during her absence.

Office coordinator: Mon-Wed 9:30-12:00

Email bulletin items by Wed. morning. Bulletin printed Wed morning. We welcome Aimee Weigle as our new office coordinator. Aimee began orientation this past week and will work in the FMC office in the mornings. Aimee lives in South Minneapolis and works afternoons and evenings at the front desk at Matthews Center.

Come pray for our church and community during this time of change and leadership transition. 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.

TODAY, 4 p.m., FMC sanctuary, ***Wind in the Willows performance*** by the Riverbank Players. Family-friendly one-hour program, followed by a fellowship time and an optional 5:30-6:30 discussion with Greg Renstrom about the importance of this literary work. Free and open to the public. Invite your friends for a heart-warming program on a cool fall evening.

TODAY, 5-7 p.m. Shirley Leckie Reed Welcome Back Open House for her son and daughter-in-law Mathew & Becky Swora. This will be an opportunity for members of FMC to mingle with members of Emmanuel Mennonite. 808 Berry St. Apts, 1st floor Events Room, SP. Refreshments will be served. **RSVP.**

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)
November 23 – December Newsletter deadline, noon to Gregg Richardson
November 24 – **NO** Sunday text discussion
November 24 – Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., Prospect Park UMC
December 5 – Environment Committee, 10 a.m., Karen Wiebe’s home
December 5-6 – Seward Art Crawl & Community Sing, fellowship hall
December 7 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m. Bardo-Martinson home
December 9 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel
December 13 – Christmas program, 4:30 p.m.

Psalm 106:1-6; 43-48

Alleluia! O, give thanks for God is good. God's faithful love endures forever!

Who can recount the mighty deeds of God, or proclaim adequate praise?
Blessed are they who maintain justice, who do what is right at all times!
Remember me, O faithful God, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity—we have acted wickedly.

Many times, O God, you delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes and were brought low through their iniquity.

Yet, you had regard for their distress upon hearing their cry.

You remembered the covenant for their sake and relented in the abundance of your great love.

You won compassion for your people from those who held them captive. Save us, O God, and gather us from among the nations that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in praising you.

Blessed be the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise Yahweh!

Psalm 126

When God brought back the captives from exile, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with rejoicing; then they said among the nations, "God has done great things for them."

God has done great things for us; we are truly glad.

Restore our fortunes, Lord, like the streams in the desert!

May those who sow in tears reap with songs of joy!

Those that go forth weeping, carrying the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing the sheaves with them.

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

TODAY we have a **sign-up sheet for ordering CDs of the music of Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg**, who shared their music in worship on November 8. The CDs are \$20 each and all proceeds go to Mennonite Central Committee. Payment will be made after the CDs arrive.

We're going to pull together a **FMC Christmas Choir** with the expectation of performing Dec. 20. This will require at least two rehearsals, with the first one being held **during the Sunday School hour on Dec. 13** followed by a run-through practice just before church on the 20th. This is an invitation to anyone out there who would like to sing just for the pure joy of being in a choir. We will be singing "Sing We All Noel," an arrangement filled with expectation and exhilaration. If you would like music ahead of time, I will have parts ready to hand out on the first Sunday of December. Rudy, the best dancer on a small platform, will be your conductor. —*Rudy Okerlund*

The newly formed **FMC Environment Committee** will meet on **Saturday, Dec. 5** at 10:00 a.m. at Karen Wiebe's. We will enjoy a potluck brunch, review feedback gathered at the fall retreat, and set an agenda for the coming year. All are welcome!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come celebrate with several nearby faith communities. There are various ways to participate:

- 1) submit a nature photo to have projected during the service; please email to Joetta by Monday, Nov. 23.
- 2) arrive at 6 p.m. (before the service) to rehearse for a "pick-up" choir.
- 3) bring non-perishable food items for a food shelf and/or a monetary gift to the Dakota Land Project.
- 4) bring a snack to share (baked goods, fruit, appetizers, etc) during a fellowship time after the service.

Ben Kreilkamp theater workshops at FMC! Learn basic performance skills of moving, speaking, and acting. The workshops are free and open to the public. This introductory series will be held on four Tuesday nights, **Nov. 24 – Dec. 15**, 7 to 9 p.m. in the FMC chapel. Contact the church office if you have any questions. Ben Kreilkamp has written, directed and acted in many plays for more than forty years in Minneapolis. His recent Fringe Play "By Moonlight" was set on the hill in Matthews Park and the Common Ground Peace Garden.

Critical need for Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers in Bastrop, Texas. Both short and long-term volunteers are needed **immediately through mid-Dec.** to help with repairs and rebuilding. In May heavy rain flooded a large area of Texas including Bastrop. In Oct. wildfires swept through the area damaging more homes. In early Nov. more heavy rain and flooding hit, creating the urgent need for repairs before cold weather sets in. Please call 800-241-8111 to schedule to serve. *I cannot go but would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested.* —*Glenn Geissing*