

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 2, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “In the morning when I rise” #45 STJ
Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship:** #821 HWB

***Hymn:** “Crown him with many crowns” #116 HWB

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of all people, created in your image,

People: we thank you for seeing us as one, all equal in your sight.

As your eternal justice calls out to us—

help us accept one another and to witness to your justice and peace.

Teach us, Lord, to stand in solidarity with those facing injustice. Open
our eyes to your vision of the world,

where people are not defined by margins,

where the table is fully extended,

All: where all God’s people join together in one beloved community.

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

Children’s Time: “Prayer in dance: Break Every Chain” ~ Sa’Nah Britt

Song: “When Israel was in Egypt’s land” #164 HWB

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 1:1-9; 2:11-17

Sermon: “Original sins and founding sins”

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.*

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:** “Guide my feet” #546 HWB

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

Community Time

10:40 – Fellowship

TODAY: Bind Us Together: African Americans & Mennonites

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Dennis Edwards

Song leader: Miriam Augsburg

Piano: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

Nursery: Dan Leisen, Hayley Brooks

Fellowship: Joan Kreider, Rhonda Martin

We welcome Pastor Dennis Edwards from Sanctuary Covenant Church in North Minneapolis to preach this morning. Pastor Dennis was the founding pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Washington, DC, before coming to serve the Sanctuary congregation.

NEXT SUNDAY: Bind us Together: Bridging rural and urban experience

Worship leader: Pat Eliason

Sharing: Mag & Perry Troyer

Song leader: Lea Graber

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Stew Thornley, Travis Lusk

Nursery: Volunteers needed

Potluck following worship The hosting team is Joel & Katie Cuffey, Karen Zeug, Rhonda Martin, Candace Lutt & Phil Stoltzfus

June 25:

Attendance: 72

Offering: Not Recorded

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: Kristin Green, Glenn Geissinger

Katie Cuffey, Hermann Weinlick, Heather Wengerd

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FMC office hours: July 3 - 7

Ry, Lelise Minkler, and Elizabeth Witmer will be at the MCUSA Convention in Orlando July 4-8.

Joetta will be away during the month of July. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs when the pastors are both out of town.

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

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

We pray for Ry Siggelkow, Leslie Minkler, Elizabeth Witmer, and Sophia Kouay who will be traveling to Orlando, FL this week for the Mennonite Church USA biennial convention. Ry and Leslie are the official delegates from our congregation. Ry, Leslie, and Elizabeth will participate in the “Future Church Summit,” which will be a time of visioning the future of our church, following the departure of several regional conferences. Sophia will participate in the youth convention along with the youth from Emmanuel Mennonite Church and Shalom Mennonite Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Trinity Baptist Church in Ukraine is hosting a summer camp for adults with disabilities. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for this ministry as participants don’t get opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. “War has made life even more difficult for people with disabilities and their families,” she said.

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.

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

July 4 – NO Sunday Text Discussion **in July**

July 4-8 – MCUSA National Assembly, Orlando, FL

July 7 – Deacon Hosted Picnic, 6 p.m. Little Earth

July 8 – NO FMC Sewing Group in July

July 11-17 – Aimee W. out of the office

July 26 – Deacon Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

Aug 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m.

Bind Us Together

Faith Mennonite Church

Summer 2017



1 Peter 1:1-9; 2:11-17

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹²Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

¹³For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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

Many thanks to all who participated in the service activities last Sunday. We accomplished a lot and have some cleaner shelves, closets, screens and windows to prove it! Many hands make light work!

Next Sunday, July 9th, is potluck Sunday! Dish suggestions are: Last initial A-G: fruit or veggie-based dish; H-R: main dish or sandwiches; S-Z: dessert. Thanks to our hosting team: Joel & Katie Cuffey, Karen Zeug, Rhonda Martin, Candace Lutt & Phil Stoltzfus.

Save the Date! Twin Cities MCC Annual Benefit for World Relief will be on Saturday, Oct. 7th at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Golden Valley. Join us for an evening of music and story-telling, aiming to raise \$40k for the Mennonite Central Committee programs of relief, development, and peacebuilding in the name of Christ. We seek your help in assembling an appealing set of opportunities and activities for the evening's silent and live auctions. Highlights will include a week's stay in vacation homes in Wisconsin and Colorado and a variety of local how-to quilt, bake zwieback, make sausage, etc. participatory celebrations. If you have ideas ranging from catered meals, to tickets for a concert or theater performance from a season package that you hold, hosting a bike ride or canoe trip, etc. please contact David Klaassen.

Towels & Cloth Diapers Needed! The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is currently running very low on towels for MCC relief kits and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed at this time. Donations can be brought to 121 E. 30th in North Newton, or you can purchase items from Amazon Smile or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Please contact Kate Mast with questions, katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.

From Rachel Hoskins: Please join us for a **Garden Party Birthday Celebration for Arlene Geissinger**, who is turning 70! July 23rd, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Geissingers home. No gifts please. No RSVP needed.